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Altersriege

The year of 1960 started out very promising. The attendance of our first gym classes was better than fair. The busiest item in our lockerroom was of course the scale. Most of them wanted to find out to what extent the damage was, after all those holiday celebrations. Some came to the conclusion that the condition they are in is the result of good living, lack of exercise and some of them blamed it on middle age. You know you reached middle age when you are grounded for several days after flying high for one night. Or when you are sitting at home on Saturday night and the phone rings and you hope it isn't for you. You also have reached middle age when all you exercise is caution. Lucky for the Altersriege we have so few that have reached middle age.

As soon as the smoke cleared on our election eve, the nominating committee came up with the following results. Eddy Privitzer as Vorsitzender, Joe Spiegel 1st Turnwart, Thom. Koschyk 2nd Turnwart. Theo. Hetzel as Schriftwart, Louis Fleischman, der schwarze Mann. C. Sheahan as Birthday Secretary and F. Beinert as Eulen Redakteur. E. Hundrieser as Fahnenträger. Looking over these names, you'll find that

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these are our brand of Turners, not one brand X among them, and I'm confident that they guide the A. R. to a successful year. Outgoing officers are Walter Hoof, who faithfully held the post as Vorsitzender for six years. We all regret to see him bow out and only hope after a rest, to see him right back on the job. Our ex Turnwart C. Marquardsen can be admired for taking a job and sticking right along with it, to prove this, he is the proud owner of a "perfect attendance Medal."

The next to leave his post is the former Schriftwart on again-off again Otto Mittendorf. He is in a sense like a battery, he needs re-charging once in a while. They all did a splendid job and we are grateful they have served the A. R. so well.

I myself compare the A. R. with a big Symphony Orchestra, in which the Vorsitzender is the leader. The orchestra itself is divided into different sections. The string section or the melody, such

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A HARMONIOUS ELECTION.

Near unanimity was again attained at the annual election held on Dec. 21st. Sixty six ballots were cast which has been the approximate turnout in recent years. The attendance would probably have been higher were it not that this night saw the beginning of the worst snowstorm of the season, in fact the only one that could be dignified with the title heavy snow, so far this year in this area.

Turner Milton First was reelected First Speaker by unanimous vote and so began his sixth consecutive year holding this important office. Turner Louis Fleischman was also honored by receiving all of the 66 votes cast, for Second Speaker.

The only change in the Board of Officers (Vorstand) was the retirement from his post of the Chairman of Physical Activities (First Turnwart) of Turner Kesper who had served ably and well in this capacity on more than one occasion. He declined renomination and an interesting choice of a successor was made in the person of Vincent Buehler, Jr., of the famous "100% Turner family". So far as the memory of any member goes or any historical records he is the youngest member ever to be selected for this vital post.

The other officers who were reelected, with three exceptions by unanimous vote) were:

CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Vincent Buehler, Sr.

FIRST ZEUGWART:
Ronald Straka

CHAIRM. OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:
Vera Hall

CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:
Theodore Koschyk

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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RECORDING SECRETARIES:
Rita Mastie & Theresa Waldmann.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
Gustav A. Pfuhmann

FIRST FECHTWART:
Siegfried Recknagel

TRUSTEE:
Oscar Straka

A separate ballot was provided for those officers who are not a member of the Vorstand and for the New York District delegates. Two of these ballots were voided due to failure to strike one of the Delegates, leaving 64 valid ballots. Turner Theodore Hetzel was re-elected Librarian and Turner Carl Marquardsen a member of the School Board for a 3 year term, in both cases with 63 out of 64 votes.

Six candidates were put in nomination for the five District Delegates posts which necessarily resulted in a contest. The results were that Louis L. Fleischman and Henry W. Schroeder were re-elected with 64 votes each, Edward Privitzer and Adolph Zink elected as new members with 63 and 60 votes, respectively. Carl H. Marquardsen elected with 51 votes and Rita Mastie re-elected with 49 votes. Turner Ursula Holl was the defeated candidate although some confusion afterward existed as to whether or not Turner Marquardsen was actually a candidate. Here the classic statement of the late General Sherman in our national political life comes to mind when, on being mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidency, he announced "if nominated I will not run, - if elected I will not serve".

At the enthusiastic meeting which accompanied the election, both the second Speaker, Fleischman, and the last preceding First Speaker, Sammer, paid tribute to the wonderful work done by Speaker First and expressed gratification that he would continue to steer the ship of the society's welfare for at least another year. These sentiments were strongly applauded by all present.

On Friday, January 15, the customary Board of Officers dinner was held at the Jager House Restaurant and a splendid dinner it was indeed! The Turner Club columnist almost invariably gives

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the menu of various dinners and suppers served at Club affairs by their amiable and highly respected steward. We would be justified in doing the same thing, in this account, but will refrain and confine ourselves to the hackneyed statement that "it was out of this world". Bravo Jager House! - A really fine job. Lest anyone suspect that this forbearance on our part was brought about by our not being able to realize what we were eating I beg to point out that an outstanding feature of this event was that your editor did NOT fall asleep, receiving commendation for this fact from the First Speaker. Speeches and the other usual features for this affair were at least "par for the course" if not better. The unfortunate illness of Turner Revisor, Frank Waldmann, which developed the next morning, had absolutely no relationship to this happy affair as he first suspected. We are all happy to know of his rapid operation.

FRITZ HOERING SPEAKS.

The New Years Eve party at the Club was a happy and hilarious affair. It was well attended and showed a nice profit on the credit side of the book, thanks to our Entertainment Chairman Hans Sammer, Jr. and his helpers, Ronnie Straka and Carl Buttenweiler, Jr. The decorations were an excellent job. Ronnie is our champion and master blower upper; he can blow up more ballrooms in such a short time than anyone I know. He is not a bragger but brother can he blow.

So happy New Year and for the Club it's going to be just that, as we are assured of continued peace and harmony in our ranks due primarily to the termination of a feud between two of our outstanding members, Louis Fleischman and Joseph Knoll whose conduct to each other has been most deplorable. These two cantankerous old boys have been scraping for years, but on New Year's Eve they made a resolution, they resolved, they swore, they crossed their hearts and they hoped to die, if they ever fight again, it was a pitiful sight as they dried their tears. Have they really buried the hatchet? I wouldn't bet on it. I wonder, As for you Fleischman, why pick on the insignificant?

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On Saturday, Jan. 9th our Ladies Auxiliary had their Annual Dinner and Dance. It was a bigger affair than usual and the star of this event was the President, Mrs. Betty Troll and it was apparent that everyone enjoyed themselves plus the meal and the music. After the main course was served, Mrs. Troll addressed the members and friends and thanked them for their attendance and added an admiring word of appreciation for the big help she received from her officers whom she introduced individually, especially her sidekick, the Vice President Mrs. T. (Micky) Cody. Special mention was made also of Mrs. Minnie Sammer and Mrs. Dorothy Steiner and one more, who is not an officer, Mrs. Emma Weingert, for their untiring help and assistance. All got a big hand of applause.

Thanks were also expressed to our stewards Karl and Francis for their lovely table decorations, especially the fruit cocktail served in the hull of a grapefruit like a basket with a cute ribbon on it; it was quite a novelty and really too nice to eat. Then came the big moment when President Sammer was asked to step up and receive the proceeds of the surplus of the Ladies treasury in the form of a check to the

Turner Club in the amount of — well let's say it will keep us out of the dog house with the landlord for about 2½ months. Hans was appreciative as to the amount and thanked all the Ladies most graciously and wished them a still bigger success next year. Hans your good wishes did sound a little foxy.

On Feb. 8th to 22nd our Steward will go on his vacation, which means that our Sunday Dinner customers will have to undergo a change of diet. May I suggest some nearby hash house or bean wagon where the main dishes are meat balls, spaghetti, pizza pies or maybe a hot dog. Tough break, fellows. (Not necessarily. We beg to point out that we carry the ad of a very fine restaurant in these columns every month, The Jager House. Editors note. (Our next

OUR NEXT MEETINGS.

Monday, Feb. 29th at 8:30 P. M.

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monthly meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 28th and that is the annual joint meeting with the Ladies Auxilliary. I hope to have our 1960 list of the social functions in the club in the next issue

At this time I annex a complete list of the Board of Officers of the Turner Club as a result of the last annual election. Spring is just around a couple of corners and Easter not long after.

Wiedersehen!

Fritz Hoering.

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NEW YORK DISTRICT.

On Saturday, January 9th, the annual election of officers was held at the quarterly meeting of the New York District - this time held at the Mt. Vernon Turners. The meeting was well attended with all societies represented, except Bridgeport, Conn. Sessions were held in the afternoon and at night with an intermission for supper.

Annual reports were rendered and more or less routine business transacted. Turner Louis L. Fleischman was re-elected First Speaker of the District without any opposition, and by acclamation. This also applied to most of the other officers such as Carl Tullner of Schenectady, Second Speaker, Bob Stahl of Brooklyn - Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Crost, - Recording Secretary and John E. Crost, Treasurer. The latter two are from Mt. Vernon. Our own Henry Schroeder was unanimously re-elected District Turnwart.

There was a small contest for the office of Assitant Turnwart requiring two written ballots. Omar Gagnon of Mt. Vernon was re-elected over Turner Alex Diamant of Brooklyn. An interesting change was the selection of our own Turner Rita Mastie as District Chairman for Cultural Activities succeeding Turner Frederick Schaeffer of Brooklyn. Turner Oscar Rexer of Brooklyn was re-elected as a trustee.

herzlichsten Dank und hiess alle willkommen.

Der Kassenbestand wurde von Fr. Washbourne vorgelesen, und das Protokoll von Frau Weindl. Beide wurden dankend angenommen und für gut befunden.

Geburtstag hatten die Damen Ames, Widman, Kirchner, Humbert, Schmidt, Straka und Wallichs, und wurde denselben, wie üblich, mit dem Geburtstagslied gratuliert.

Unser Mitglied, Frau Tilla Wallichs, ist auf dem Wege der Besserung. Sie hatte anfangs Dezember einen schweren Auto-Unfall und ist seitdem im Hospital. Wir alle wünschen ihr baldige Genesung.

Auch teilte uns unsere Präsidentin mit, dass unsere Mitglieder, Frau Elsie Yoekel und Frau Anna Hasslinger, uns durch den Tod entrissen wurden, und unsere Präsidentin, Frau Schall, bat uns für beide ein stilles Gebet zu sagen. Dieselben sind langjährige Mitglieder und wir werden sie sehr vermissen.

Briefe wurden verlesen von Frau Waldman und Frau Kessler für die Weihnachtsgeschenke vom Verein, und für die Beileidskarten und Blumen für die Verstorbenen.

Unser Stiftungsfest wurde besprochen, welches im März stattfindet. Weiteres darüber später.

Dann gab es die übliche Stärkung, die immer sehr willkommen ist. Die Verlosung fand dann statt und man hatte sich viel zu erzählen was alles während der Feiertage geschah.

Die nächste Versammlung findet am Mittwoch, den 10. Februar statt um 1 Uhr nachmittags, in der Turnhalle.

Anna Weindl, Prot.-Skr.

Damen

Der Damen Verein hatte seine erste Versammlung im Neuen Jahr, am Mittwoch den 13. Januar.

Das Wetter war sehr schlecht, Regen und Schnee, und der Besuch war nicht sehr gross, aber unsere Präsidentin, Frau Schall, sagte allen, die sich bei dem Wetter heraus gewagt hatten, Ihren

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HELP WANTED - MALE.

It is a long while indeed since the Actives have honored Bahn Frei! with even a temporary reporter or columnist. The Ladies Class reports on its activities with considerable regularity but nothing comes in from the Actives. This produces a sort of imbalance in reporting on the gymnastic and physical activities which is not in the best interests of the society nor of Bahn Frei! The Actives should be in a better position than most to report on gymnastic meets and competition and besides we would like an expression of their viewpoint on other society matters.

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OUR CULTURAL PRIZE WINNERS**AT THE HALLENFEST.**

As to the Hallenfest held on Sunday, Dec. 6th at our Hall we have not been able to find the space in our last issue to report on this in any detail. Our Physical Director, Henry W. Schroeder presided over the affair as District Turnwart assisted by Regional Director Bob Stahl as Advisory Consultant. Well the customary program sheet gave the names of four other Assistant Directors of the Meet, a Chief Scorer (Vincent Buehler) and 7 Scorers, 18 Judges, 9 Honorary Officials and Regional and District Cultural Officials quite an elaborate setup altho the truth must be told that a number of those high officials were not even present.

The entries for the Physical Competition were: New York Turn Verein, 59, Mt. Vernon Turners 30, Long Island City Turn Verein 16 and Schenectady Turn Verein 6. Total 111. This was a fairly good participation with all District societies represented except Brooklyn and Bridgeport. It was recognized that under existing circumstances Brooklyn could hardly take part in this end of the meet tho it did have a few

entries in the cultural competition. The complete absence and silence of Bridgeport, Conn., one of our newer societies did however give us concern. On the other hand, as has been mentioned on several occasions, the representation of Long Island City with 16 entries was most gratifying. This society is the latest accession, not only to the New York District but to the American Turners and it has evidenced in several ways that it is really an up and coming society with a good future in the Turner movement.

The spectator attendance was also good and a net profit ensued to the District. The good attendance, plus the fact that almost all the physical events were held in the gymnasium, gave the appearance of a crowded and packed house which, however, was to be the grounds for some complaint. In former years it was the practise to hold the greater part of the physical competition in the ballroom with only the flying rings and possibly the horizontal bar events held in the gym. This time it was exactly reversed and except for some of the free calisthenics, all of the events were held in the gym. That this produced an uncomfortable crowded condition is manifest. The awarding of prizes, the model drill or show numbers and the dancing also was confined to the gym.

The difficulties in moving apparatus and of setting up suitable horizontal bars and particularly flying rings in the ballroom as well as the desire to give the appearance of a fuller house,

to produce a more intimate atmosphere and to enable all spectators to see all the physical competition at the same time was advanced as reasons for this change. There may also have been others. Erin Go Brah! In any event it appears that this arrangement will not prevail the next time.

A noble and pleasing feature of the meet was the first appearance of four trophies, probably the first in the history of the New York Bezirk. These are in the nature of "Wander Trophies" and are for the best all around individuals, the society winner of the meet on total points and the society whose picked team of five contestants secured the highest number of points of the total participation. This last trophy represents an effort to equalize, to a certain extent, the chances or proper recognition between a numerically small and a large society. Normally the society with the largest membership also has the largest number of entries almost assuring the society prize for the meet while the smaller society may actually have the best gymnasts in competition but a much smaller all around participation. The generous donors of these handsome trophies were Turners Milton First, Louis Fleischmann, Alfred Horn and Alex Diamant.

As to the physical competition results New York won the meet, as was to be expected. In the last issue the Ladies columnist, Mrs. Rauh, gave several paragraphs to the event referred to the fine work of the upper grade ladies and actives and mentioned a number of the Ladies & Junior Ladies prize winners. She also wrote that the "individual scores are elsewhere in this issue." Unfortunately that was the case and is still not the case because they have not been furnished to us and, as will be explained below, we were in no position to make any personal ob-

servations on the physical competition at all. We may wind up this end of it by stating that our competitors did well and made a creditable showing.

THE STEPCHILD.

Cultural competition and exhibition at the Hallenfest has been so referred to by some of the exhibitors. The strongest representations have been made to us, as Editor, that in justice to those who made entries, the prize winners in this department should be published in Bahn Frei! even at this late date. We have complied therefor with this request and were in a position to do so since we had considerable to do with compiling these results and fortunately preserved our original notes altho here also no official copy has been furnished us for insertion in Bahn Frei! For this reason we have headed this account, Our Cultural Prize Winners. As long as we were doing so we felt we should make some observations on the Hallenfest as a whole, before listing the cultural winners.

Actually it was not intended that the cultural be added to the Hallenfest as a "stepchild" but rather to the contrary. Up to some years ago it was the practise in the New York District to have a separate day for the cultural exhibition and competition. Then it was suggested that by having it on the same day as the Hallenfest the participation and spectator interest would be greater than if it were held by itself. Thereafter and for the past five years or so it was combined with the Hallenfest. The District and in particular the new District Cultural Chairman should carefully consider which method is better.

The participation in the cultural competition this year was fairly good and compared favorably to that of recent

years. The exhibits were displayed in the room adjoining the ballroom. As it turned out it could just as well have been displayed in the ballroom itself which would have made the task of arranging the display easier altho to be sure the exhibits may have looked lost and scanty in the considerably larger room. More important however is the matter of preparation. There should have been a considerably larger number of entry blanks, rule books, tags, ribbons, etc. etc. on hand and a larger staff of workers should have been in attendance on Friday night, on Saturday and on Sunday morning. As it was volunteer workers were impressed into service on short notice and this resulted in considerable confusion and stress to meet the deadline. Judging should be done more leisurely and the Judges should be selected well in advance and be in a position to start the judging Sunday morning. An immediate difficulty in any effort to accomplish such a timetable is the distressing tendency of contestants to bring in entries as late as Sunday afternoon. It is understandable that under such circumstances the Cultural Chairman at both the local and district level is inclined to insist upon a much earlier deadline, possibly several days before the event. While this is understandable it must be pointed out that the instance on such a deadline will tend to greatly reduce the number of entries. The above

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described conditions are responsible for this reporters inability to pay any attention at all to the physical competition since he was too busily engaged with the other phase of the affair and only thanks to overtime work on the part of Mrs. Gretchen Schroeder of the scoring section was it possible to present the results in time for the prize distribution at 8 P.M. In any event Turner Hall the cultural Chairman desires to thank all those who assisted her in the listing, arrangements and judging of the exhibits and also the many members of N. Y. T. V. who entered numerous and worthwhile items in this competition: The complete list (we hope) of the N. Y. T. V. prize winners follows:

THE WINNERS

CHILDREN:

Loraine Fleischmann - 2nd prize in piano recital.

Gunther Gott wold - 2nd model making.

Donald Steiner - 2nd in oil painting.

JUNIORS:

Oswald Gottwald - 1st & 2nd prize in watercolors.

Wolfgang Gottwald - 1st in pastels

Wolfgang Gottwald - 1st in oil painting

Robert Steiner - 2nd in oil painting

ADULTS:

Play writing

Mrs. Fen Wright - 1st prize

Chas. F. Zenker - 2nd prize

Photography

Thomas Koschyk - 1st prize

HANDICRAFTS.

WOODCRAFTS:

Mrs. Edith Rauh 3rd prize

LEADED GLASS:

Peter Rohlf 1st prize

JEWELRY:

Mrs. Eleanor Giordano 1st prize

MILLINERY:

Mrs. Louise Horn 1st prize

COLLECTIONS:

POSTAGE STAMPS:

Alfred F. Kierschner 1st prize

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mrs. Louise Horn 3rd prize

SEWING:

Mrs. Theresa Waldmann 1st & 2nd prize

Mrs. Louise Horn 3rd prize

NEEDLEPOINT & PETITPOINT:

Mrs. Elfrieda Schaal 1st prize

Mrs. Dorothy Steiner 2nd prize

EMBROIDERY CUT WORK:

Mrs. Ethel Schoenborn 1st prize

Mrs. Theresa Waldmann 2nd prize

Mrs. Billie Horn 3rd prize

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WEARING APPAREL:

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Mrs. Vera Hall 2nd prize

Mrs. Ingrid Rheingold 3rd prize

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Mrs. Dorothy Steiner 1st prize

Mrs. Lyn Bravo 2nd prize

Mrs. Edith Rauh 3rd prize

CROCHETING:

Mrs. Elsie Waibel 1st & 2nd prize

PAINTING - OILS:

Mrs. Eleanor Giordano 2nd prize

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It will be remarked that we have given only the N. Y. T. V. winners and have not given the number of points, which each winner contributed to the society total. The final result in points, New York Turn-Verein 113, Mount Vernon 45, Long Island City 35, Brooklyn 10. We were therefore the winners both in the physical and the cultural competition. We admit that the meet is held at an advantage when the meet is held in your own society hall but even allowing for this our participation and showing was excellent. The list given above, for which we will seldom have room in Bahn Frei!, should by its variety and interest stimulate those who have not in the past entered in these events to the resolve to take part the next time.

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November 1926 - A regular Delegates meeting of the New York Turnbezirk was held at the Bloomingdale Turn Verein on West 124th Street. It was decided to agitate for the fullest participation in the German Turnfest to be held in Cologne in July, 1928. Resolutions were adopted, urging the American Turners to arrange for an American Team to enter into competition in Cologne to return the visit of the German Team at the recently concluded Turnfest at Louisville. It was assumed that the American Turners would charter an entire steamship to make the journey and the constituent societies of the District were urged to start travel banks and to encourage their members to make systematic contributions to the same to insure a mass participation.

A long debate took place over what attitude to adopt towards the German-American Federation for light athletics. It came to no conclusion other than to urge that German immigrants who were now entering the country in large

numbers and who showed a marked interest in light athletics. The District Speaker Mucke strongly urged that more competitive games, track and field and "Volksturnerarten" be introduced in the American Turner Movement.

November 13, 1926 - A District Turn Day for the Seniors (alten Herren) is held this Saturday at the Brooklyn E. D. Turnhall at Bushwick and Gates Aves.

October 24, 1926 - The Society participated in the German-Day Celebration held at Mecca Temple with First Speaker Weiler serving as Chairman of the celebration and with a delegation of our actives and ladies giving a brilliant exhibition that brought forth tremendous applause from the great audience. Among prominent persons speaking or appearing at this affair were, the Mayor of the City, James J. Walker, Count Felix von Luckner, his wife and the officers of his famous ship, Der See Adler, Miss Gertrude Ederle, who had recently been the first woman to swim the English Channel, Rear Admiral C. P. Plunket, Commander Brooklyn Navy Yard, Major General Chas. P. Summerall, Commanding General of the local Army District, etc.

Nov. 13, 1926 - The N. Y. T. V. team won in a gymnastic - track and field meet held by the Norwegian Turn Society at Naval Battalion Armory in Brooklyn. Besides the Norwegian and N. Y. T. V. the Brooklyn T. V. competed.

Nov. 18th, 1926 - As a cultural evening Turner Bernhard Strauss (Straub) lectured on the subject - "How one traveled in the good old days."

Dec. 5, 1926 - On this Sunday morning, afternoon and evening the Bezirks Hallenfest was held at the Labor Lyseum the home of the Brooklyn-Vorwarts T. V. N. Y. T. V. won the meet with 184 points. First place in the all-around went to Curt Rottmann in the Upper Grade, Hans Humbert in the Middle Grade, Fred Meyer in the Lower Grade. Other prize winners, below first, in the various grades and groups included Theodore Niggemann, Ernest Henninger, Wm. Reber, Oscar Straka, Herbert Darsch, Ludwig Boehm, Henry Zink, Richard Boehm, Wilhelmina Mey, Marjorie Hayn, Ellen Orris.

Jan. 1927 - Bernard W. Weiler begins his 11th consecutive term as First Speaker of the Society.

Jan. 23rd, 1927 - An interstate or intercity Turn Gymnastic competition was held at the hall of the Philadelphia Turn Gemeinde. This is not to be confused with the Kreis or Circuit competition which was held in addition. The N. Y. T. V., the Philadelphia Turngemeinde and the Passaic, N. J. Turn Verein competed in this meet. Each team was made up of 8 Actives and 6 Ladies with the point score of the 6 best Active and the 4 best Ladies making up the team score. Altho the Philadelphia Team had won the Louisville Turnfest, the N. Y. T. V. team, in a very close competition won this meet and again secured the wander trophy for the society.

To be continued.

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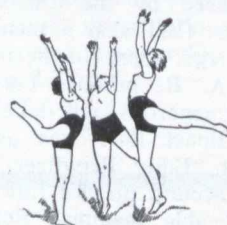
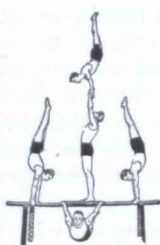
Adhering strictly to tradition, the A. R. will march each winter to some point, selected by the committee. This time it was Orchard Beach and Hunt's Point.

Fourteen rugged Turners started out to indulge in the simplest form of exercise, walking. What a stimulating walk in the fresh out-door will do to you, can be illustrated better with this story. An old Altersriegler of 75 or so, went to a physician and requested a general cheking-up as to the state of his health. After looking him over thoroughly, the doctor smilingly reported that everything was fine and shipshape. "Tell me," he asked as he paid his fee, "have you followed any regular regimen which would account for your excellent condition?" "Well, it's this way," his patient replied, "When I was married some 50 years ago, I entered into an agreement with my wife to the effect that whenever I lost my temper and began to blow-off steam, she was to remain silent. When she on the other hand, lost her temper I agreed to leave the house. Well, for over 50 years I have enjoyed a fine outdoor life, which no doubt

accounts for my present condition."

Our selfstyled leader, Henry Stolz, was supposed to have a reputation of knowing every inch of this territory. Right in the beginning he drove us in a wall to wall mudfield and the wanderer looked kind of short to me, for they were standing ankle deep in mud. After a victorious retreat we came to a more passable road.

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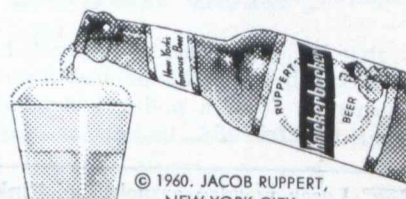
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It was a sunny cold day and the wanderers really had a ball, I mean a rubber ball which has been kicked around from the beginning of the march till it wound-up on the dining-room table in the Club.

About mid-way of the march the wanderers experienced a great shock. The bodywarmers, especially donated by Turner Hundrieser and Marquardsen

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were forgotten and left in the lockers. Personally, I didn't mind it at all, because I look good in blue anyhow, but for preventing us to turn blue we still had that ball to kick around and this is how a simple rubber-ball took the place of two quarts of snakebites medicine.

On the way back we couldn't resist to accept the invitation of the Steiners. The red carpet was rolled out, cocktails were served the way only Frank can make them. Delicious canapies were served the way only Dotty can make them and again the Wanderers extend their thanks to Dotty and Frank for a most enjoyable moment.

Back to the Club awaited us a dinner prepared by the Club's steward Carl Kraus. Carl also a member of the Altersriege, must have a soft spot for the A. R., because the portions were very generous and delicious, especially the Roast Beef was as big as Carl's heart. Eddy Priwitzer, our Vorsitzender, wound up the indoor affair in a very able manner. Bottles of cheer, donated by Turner Fleischman and reporter, were to be raffled off, while Ferdinand Beinert pleased the ladies by donating some Eau de Cologne to be disposed of via the lucky number.

The male members withdrew to their cozy corner reminiscing what great marches they attended and gave a dozen excuses why they couldn't march this time, the ladies participated in a bingo game. Turner Koschyk showing movies of past Turner activities, which finished this successful affair.

DID YOU KNOW DEPARTMENT.

Did you know - that Joe Spiegel and our newest member Hank Lucken winter marched for the first time. -that Hans Humbert and his spouse are sunning themselves in Bermuda while our back aches from shoveling snow. -that Dr. Schoenborn took a trip - one flight of stairs flat on his face, which required 7 stitches.

- that Dr. John Herfort celebrated his birthday in our Kneipe and lectured Turnerism from a political standpoint. -that the friendly undertaker Arthur

Scharfenberg also celebrated his birthday, a great believer in "Everything that goes up, must go down."

-that our Eulen Redacteur F. Beinert is coming up pretty steady. Looking for some effective laxative for his Eule. -that this is the end of the column.

Ted Koschyk.

Club

The Board of Directors had their annual dinner and cocktail hour on Saturday, Feb. 6th accompanied by their wives and the younger set with their girl friends and sweethearts. After the so-called cocktail hour, which actually lasted maybe two hours, everybody was in a spirited frame of mind and all set for that steak dinner with all the trimmings. After a few well chosen words by our President Hans Sammer the master of ceremonies took over the remainder of the evening. He was our amiable and genial Turner Julius Cherytree who conducted the affair in the height of eloquence. Highly amusing were his witticisms as he introduced each member individually who in turn, in a few words, expressed their happiness at serving on the Board.

There were three members who were especially honored for the outstanding performance of their duties and rewarded with an appropriate gift. These were, Joe Jones our outgoing house and grounds chairman who received a clock suitable for a boat owner, Joe Knoll, our head bartender (who incidentally has held this post for 17 years) who also received a clock fitting for a guy that follows the horses (and I don't mean with a broom and shovel) and finally Mrs. Anna Steffen for her seven day a week job in connection with the records and fee collecting of the bath lockers and the beach chair lockers; she received some imported Swedish crystal glass which will beautify her crystal cabinet. Another cocktail or two followed after the dinner and then for home. Nobody was mad at anybody and everyone was in a happy frame of mind with a fond memory of a pleasant evening and of our M.C. Julius.

The Club has given Joe Knoll a leave of absence for about 2½ months to make a trip to Europe and to visit his alte

Heimat, Wien. He will leave on the night of Friday, April 22nd and be back early in July. I won't say Bon Voyage Joe, for I may misspell "Bon". I will stick to my German, "Glückliche Reise und Wiedersehen."

Our yearly joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary was held on Sunday, February 28th, in the dining room of the Club with a full house. After a few opening words, Pres. Hans Sammer gave the gavel to Mrs. Betty Troll, the President of the Ladies Auxiliary who conducted their meeting in the usual manner; reading of the minutes, treasurers report, etc., celebrating the February birthdays and under new business agreeing, unanimously on running a jamboree this summer. After that the men took over and it was the usual procedure with the highlight of course, the reading of the financial report for the year 1959. Delivered by our Treasurer, Charles Ufferman it sounded like music to our ears resulting in a neat profit better than we enjoyed for many a year. That's what I call progress and at the Turner Club PROGRESS is our most important product and as for PLEASURE you can be sure it's enjoyed at the Club House.

We had our usual February birthday celebrities who seemed somewhat proud and snooty because they were born in the same month with two of our country's great Presidents. One in particular, one of our Secretaries, Robert Potter thought to compete with some of our poets of the past, perhaps Robert Burns, Edgar Guest or Schiller, who knows, but here is his contribution:

We thank you for your kindly wishes
And altho we are getting older
We hope we won't be thrown to the Fishes.
Before our blood runs colder.

We love the club as a second home
We do our bit with pleasure
We'd never leave the world to roam
And seek for hidden treasure.

No treasure could be found elsewhere
That could match this heavenly acre
And should we be offered a kingdom to share
You wouldn't find a taker.

R. P.

And so the joint meeting adjourned at 6:45 P. M.

Nothing good can be said about our February weather here in Throggs Neck but comparing it with upstate we can count our blessings. The Storm we had on the 18th was a humdinger. The winds clocked at 68 miles per hour which blew down three pillars supporting the roof of our front porch, tore down the railing, blew the shingles off the roof and blew down a shade tree. Thanks to the alertness of our house and grounds chairman, Louis Meurer and his efficient helpers such as H. Steffen, J. Jones and K. Horn and many others their quick action in temporarily repairing the damage saved us from much worse trouble. Luckily we are now covered with insurance against just such an eventuality.

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR FOR THE BALANCE of the 1960 SEASON.

April 17, Easter games.
April 23rd, Spring dance
May 8th, Mothers Day
May 15th, Opening of the Season
May 28th, Western evening and Square dance.
July 4th, Independence Day Weenie roast.
July 16th, Mid Summer nite dance.
Aug. 14th Club swim Fest.
Aug. 20th Beach combers dance.
Aug. 28th Inter club swimming competition.
Sept. 3rd, Collegiate Dance.
Sept. 11, Fall festival club closing
Oct. 22nd, Anniversary dinner dance
Nov. 6th (LYLCD) Dance.
Dec. 31st New Year's Eve party.
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LADIES NIGHT.

The Ladies Class this year, had their "NIGHT" Saturday February 20th. They presented an original sketch "Make Mine Manhattan" under the very capable direction and supervision of their president, Rita Mastic.

The show, very ably presented, and with a cast of almost fifty, ran about an hour and a half. They presented five dance numbers, all of which were ably put forth and all original numbers. There were three Vocaes. One by Eleanor Schneider, another by the Dilly sisters and Josephine Hubert, and the third by Edward Phelan. A novelty dance by a certain Little Egypt and a number by the Acropolis Brothers completed the program. The Indian Chief was portrayed by our Speaker, Milton First, who also doubled as M. C. and the Yankee Trader by Ed Privitzer.

The entire performance was very well received. The costumes were very original and they were all "home made". Dancing followed into the wee small hours.

While the attendance was fair, it left much to be desired. It is a shame to

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Today our Childrens Mask Ball is one of the few survivals of these festivities. Our scholars certainly enter into the spirit of the occasion with enthusiasm, vim and vigor.

On Saturday afternoon February 20th our grand ball-room was again filled with a lively throng of masqueraders, more girls than boys, in splendid costumes of many varieties.

Parents and friends sat around the hall and watched the antics of the frisky youngsters. As usual, between dances there were quite a few entertainment numbers by various talented scholars.

The most outstanding of these were: Abeautiful waltz from "Les Sylphides" danced by Mildred Fertsch and Erica Perz. The "Blue Danube" danced by Paula Merendino. A dance by Pat Cobart and Lucilla Iacono to a selection from "Helen of Troy". 5 year old Stephany Long did a most enjoyable "Char-das" dance.

After the grand march, prizes were awarded the 20 girls and boys wearing the most original or comic costumes. The judges were Turners Charles F. Ekholm, Henry Stolz and Franz Sayer. It proved a very ticklish job for the judges to pick out the most deserving from among so many beautiful, charming, striking costumes but the judges did their utmost to be fair.

As usual, Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder did a masterful job in directing this spectacular event, providing both the masqueraders and the onlookers with a most enjoyable afternoon.

Chas. F. Zenker, Corr. Sec'y.

The Schoolboard, N. Y. T. V.

The Second

SCHENECTADY RALLY

FRIDAY, MAY 6th, 1960

Joint-gym 8 P. M.

Dancing 10 P. M.

Rally 'round the team at this second warmup for the Schenectady Turnfest. Enjoy dancing, refreshments and an amateur contest in the gym. If you can hold a note, strike a chord or induce chuckles compete for prizes in our own amateur contest.

For details see your class leader.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

New Members

May 25, 1959 John E. Suwara from the Junior Class

Henry R. Sonderegger
Karl M. Oppelt from the Junior Class

Sept. 28, 1959 Peter A. Rohlf
Robert R. Rohlf

Miss Betty C. Boecklin from the Ladies Class

Oct. 26, 1959 Miss Eleanor M. Schneider from the Ladies Class
Ludwig H. Ullrich Jr.
Karl Knoblauch from the Junior Class
Konrad R. F. Stelling
Henry F. Wallace

Nov. 23, 1959 Miss Anna K. Weisz from the Ladies Class
Norbert B. Baron

Dec. 21, 1959 Paul G. Schmalz from the Junior Class
R. Gordon Hayes

Jan. 25, 1960 Odon Niederkirchner
Mrs. Emma Kaefer from the Ladies Class
William G. Taeger
Rudolph O. Suwara from the Junior Class

Feb. 29, 1960 Henry W. Lucken
Miklos Pinther
Gibor Geza Toth
Werner Hilpert, with Pass from Germany

Resignations:

July 13, 1959, Herman L. Goedrich
William Blades

Nov. 21, 1959 W. Terry Lewis
Dec. 21, 1959 Emery Fontos
Dropped for non-payment of dues:
July 13, 1959 Eli Snyder
Aug. 10, 1959 Kurt Krastin

Louis Viggiano

Oct. 5, 1959 Theodore Eichenlaub
Feb. 16, 1960 Richard Spahn
Stephen C. Greece

Deceased:

Aug. 13, 1959 Louis Schlesinger
Aug. 21, 1959 Erich E. Pohl
Oct. 3, 1959 Col. Edwin Emerson
Oct. 12, 1959 John Bolte
Nov. 3, 1959 Bernhard Straub
Made 25 year Members:
Sep. 28, 1959 William Kesper

Joseph Ernst
Ludwig Boehm

Made 40 year Honorary Members:
Oct. 26, 1959 Michael Priwitzter

Adolph Zink John H. Daniel
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NEW YORK TURN VEREIN**STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1959.**

Membership on January 1, 1959,	253
New Members	18
New Members from the Juniors	3
Re admitted	2
Resignations	10
Dropped	7
Deceased	7
Membership on January 1, 1960	252
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Regular	178
50 year Honorary	13
40 year Honorary	20
25 year Members	34
From C. T. V.	6
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Length of Membership

Over 50 years	13
26 to 49 years	48
5 to 25 years	100
Under 5 years	91

Birth place of members:

United States	137
Germany	82
Austria	28
Switzerland	1
Canada	1
Finland	1
Mexico	1
Yugoslavia	1

Residence of Members.:

Manhattan, 70 of these 43 in Yorkville.	
Bronx	66
Long Island	66
Staten Island	2
Westchester	12
New Jersey	16
Sundries	20

Age of Members:

Over 80 years	11
36 to 79 years	151
21 to 35 years	71
Under 21	19

EDITORS NOTE.

The above report rendered at the February meeting by our Financial and Statistical Secretary follows a form used in former years but not recently. Its reuse is, in our opinion, interesting and valuable.

It will be noted that there has been a net loss of one in the total membership for the year. This is not serious in itself, however, as we mentioned at the meeting, it is somewhat discouraging when one considers the tribulation and work that is involved with the addition of 23 new members to the list and still end up without any net gain. Let us sincerely hope that we can produce a net gain for 1960. It will be observed that 61 or nearly 25% of the total has been in continuous membership for over 25 years. This is the evidence of the faithfulness and loyalty of so many of our members and represents a higher proportion, we believe, than the average organization of this type. The remaining groups, exactly 40% between 5 & 25 and about 35% under 5 years are normal proportions generally speaking. The fact that 91 are members of less than 5 years only confirms what we knew, namely that we are throughout vigorously and steadily taking in new members. The turnover in this group is rather high, however, and explains our failure to show a net gain.

In the first 75 years of our history the overwhelming percentage of our members were foreign born. This has changed in later years and the impression may have prevailed that this is no longer a factor in our Vereins-leben especially with the general substitution of English for German in the bulk of our work. A small majority, about 50%, are now native born which is probably the first time that the statistics

A DATE TO REMEMBER!

OUR 110th ANNIVERSARY

November 19th, 1960

have revealed this. On the other hand 116 are foreign born which represents 46% of the total so a substantial factor still to be reckoned with. Notwithstanding that 7 foreign countries are listed at least 111 of the 115 are German speaking in their background due partly to the steady German migration of the past decade.

While not shown in the breakdown it may be stated that 9 of the total membership of 252 are women. Due to recent Constitutional changes an increase in percentage of the fair sex in our total membership is to be anticipated.

The table of residence of members is indeed most interesting and valuable. While Manhattan still shows the largest number of any borough and Yorkville the largest for any neighborhood they now definitely represent a majority of the membership in location. If we add the 66 whose residence is in the Bronx to the 70 in Manhattan we come to 136. Long Island is given as 66 but not broken down in to Brooklyn, Queens and out of the city limits. It may be fair to arbitrarily take $\frac{1}{2}$ or 22 as living in nearby sections of Brooklyn and Queens. That would give us 158 or 63% of the total. It is therefore fair to state that our Turnhall is still centrally located in the sense of nearness to place of residence of the majority.

The section dealing with the age of members reflects the growing life span of the general population but also emphasizes the benefits of the Turner system of health education and the proportion of our members over 70 and over 80 years of age is above the national average percentage. At the same time with 90 under 35 years of age, that is over 35% of the total, we are not by any means a society of elderly men but retain a healthy percentage of young men and youths in our ranks tho to be sure not as large as the percentage in the Turner Movement in America in the flush of its early youth and maturity.

110th ANNIVERSARY.

You all know that this is our Turn Vereins' 110th year. Now we let you know that the occasion will be commemorated with a Banquet (including cocktail hour) on Saturday November 19th, 1960.

We must also let you know that there will be a souvenir Journal for the occasion. This part of the programme requires extensive work and preparation. We urge each and everyone to get busy on this project at once. Rest assured it is far from being too early.

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Damen

Der Damen-Verein hatte seine "Valentine's Party" am Mittwoch, den 10. Februar, in der Turnhalle.

Der Besuch war gut und die Tische waren alle mit roten Herzen geschmückt, zur Feier des Tages, und sah sehr einladend aus.

Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Elfriede Schall, eröffnete die Versammlung und hiess alle recht herzlich willkommen. Gäste waren: Frau Cecilie Strobel von den Rheinpfälzer Damen, welche uns einlud an deren 50. Jubiläum teilzunehmen, was wir mit Freuden tun werden. Ferner waren die Damen Frau Cross von den Freunden der Wohltätigkeit, und Frau Schnoor von den Edelweiss Damen und Frau Schuetz, Freundin von unserem Mitglied Frau Kopinski, anwesend.

Frau Weindl verlas das Protokoll und die Briefe, und dann wurde beschlossen eine Gabe für Frau Helga Koch zu senden und dafür wurden \$25.00 von den Mitgliedern gestiftet

Unsere Präsidentin teilte uns mit, dass unser Mitglied, Frau Juliet Staiger, nach langem, schwerem Leiden entschlafen ist. Sie war die Tochter des verstorbenen Turners Henry Heller. Sie war viele Jahre Mitglied und auch



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Präsidentin des Vereins, zog aber vor einigen Jahren nach Norwich, N. Y. Unsere Präsidentin bat uns, ein Gebet für sie zu sagen und da wir nicht nach Norwich gehen konnten ihr die letzte Ehre zu erweisen, sandten wir eine Geldspende an den "Cancer Fund" in New York.

Krank sind noch Frau Wallichs und Frau Betty Klein, beide Damen sind im Hospital und wir hoffen sie bald unter uns zu sehen und wünschen gute Besserung.

Geburtstag hatten die Damen Wimmer und Anders im Februar und wir sangen ihnen, trotz ihrer Abwesenheit, das Geburtstagslied.

Zuletzt wurde noch das Wahl-Komitee ernannt. Die Wahl findet im April statt.

Ein neues Mitglied wurde aufgenommen, Frl. Lulu Oestreich, ihre Schwester ist schon lange Mitglied und wir freuen uns, dass auch sie sich entschlossen hat, uns beizutreten.

Dann ging es zu dem 45. Stiftungsfest über, welches am Mittwoch, den 9. März stattfindet im Jager House Restaurant-saal, um 12:30 Uhr nachmittags. Der Preis ist \$4.00 pro Person. Es ist ein Luncheon.

Nachdem wir noch einige Zeit Gesellschaftsspiele machten, und uns mit Kaffee und belegten Brote und Kuchen, sowie Berlinern vom Verein, erfrischt hatten, wurden noch die schönen Geschenke verlost, die von unseren Mitgliedern gestiftet wurden, und alle gingen zufrieden nach Hause.

Anna Weindl, Prot.-Schr.

DAMEN VEREIN

Der Damen Verein feierte sein 45. Stiftungsfest am Mittwoch den 9. März in der Turn Halle.

Es war ein Dinner und schon früh kamen die Gäste und Freunde um mit uns zu feiern. Die Tische waren mit weissen Kerzen und Blumen geschmückt welche von unserem Mitglied Frau Knell

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und Ihrem Komitee arrangiert war; es sah sehr feierlich und einladend aus.

Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Elfriede Schall freute sich sehr über den guten Besuch, als die Gäste und Vereine ankamen, und sprach Ihren Dank in lieben Worten später aus. Den vielen Vereinen, die erschienen waren ganz besonders. Viele Tische mussten noch aufgestellt werden um für alle platz zu machen.

Von Vereinen waren anwesend, die Schwaben Frauen, Frau Hahn Pres. Badischen Frauen mit Frau Träger Pres. Freunde der Wohltätigkeit, Frau Cross Pres. Rheinpfälzer Damen, Frau Strobel, Präs. Weisenhilfe, Frau Barth, Präs. Edelweiss Damen, Frau Alice Paul neue Präs. Westphalen Damen, Emmy Paul, Präs. Gute Samariter, Frau Steuzel, Präs. Auch unsere Turner Club Auxiliary war mit einigen Damen vertreten.

Frau Träger von den Badischen Frauen eröffnete unsere Feier mit dem Star Spangled Banner, und dann sprach Frau Schall unsere Präsidentin, Ihren Gruss und dann ging es zum Essen.

Nach dem Essen, welches ausgezeichnet war, und von allen Seiten gelobt wurde, sprach unsere Vize Präsidentin Frau Emmy Weinreich ein paar Worte an unsere Präsidentin im namen des Vereins für Ihre fleissige Arbeit für den Verein. Frau Schall in lieben Worten dankte, und übergab den Beamten ein Geschenk des Vereins, für die alle recht herzlich dankten.

Dann stellte unsere Präsidentin Frau Henrietta Kessler vor, unsere Ehren Präsidentin die eine Rede hielt, über die Gründung des Vereins in 1915 von Turner Frauen und Männer, wobei Sie selbst eine davon war. Sie sprach sehr ausführlich und wurde mit Beifall belohnt.

Auch Frau Weindl wurde gebeten ein paar Worte zu sagen, und erzählte, dass der Verein gegründet wurde, um die Deutsche Schule finanziell zu unterstützen, und diese Deutsche Schule besteht heute noch, trotz zwei Welt-Kriege. So dass die Kinder Deutscher Eltern die Deutsche Sprache lernen können.

Eine gute Freundin unseres Vereins, die frühere Präsidentin des Press Club Damen Vereins, machte einen Vortrag über die Turn Vereine von früher, von dem Ihr Vater ein Turner war. Der Vortrag gefiel allen sehr, und wurde mit grossem Beifall belohnt.

Frau Träger erfreute uns mit Ihrer Kollegin, Rose Marie mit zwei Duetten welche sehr gefielen, auch eine Dame Frl. Kummer von den Schwaben Frauen sang zwei Mal, und hat eine herliche Stimme, und erntete dabei grossen Beifall.

Die Silbernen Mitglieds-Karten für 25 jährige Mitgliedschaft wurden dann von unserer Präsidentin an die folgenden Mitglieder ausgeteilt:

Lutz, Wimmer, Schall, Newray, Steffen und Widman. Dieselben wurden mit Stolz im Empfang genommen.

Im März hatten die folgenden Damen Geburtstag: Timmermann, Heidorn, Fuchs, Sammer und Lasch, und die Damen sangen Ihnen das Geburtstags-Lied.

Neue Mitglieder wurden aufgenommen; Frl. Betty und Wilma Fuchs, und wurden willkommen geheissen.

Grüsse kamen von Frau Voegeli die zur Zeit in Florida ist, und von Mitgliedern die auf der Kranken-Liste sind; Frau Kreutzer, Frau Wallichs, Frau Heidorn und Frau Kirchner.

Unsere Präsidentin dankte allen Beamte für Ihre fleissige Arbeit, auch dem Komitee, und den Stiftern der schönen Geschenke.

Unsere Vereins-Flagge zierte zum ersten Mal den Beamten-Tisch; dieselbe wurde von den Mitgliedern gestiftet und eine Amerikanische Flagge von Frl. Washburne; und wir freuen uns sehr darüber. Nach der Verlosung der schönen Geschenke machte man sich ungerne auf den Heimweg, und man ging mit dem Gefühl, dass wir Alle beim 50. Stiftungsfest anwesend sein können, und, dass es auch so feierlich sein wird wie das 45.

Nächste Versammlung ist die Beamten Wahl und Osterfest am Mittwoch den 13. April in der Turn Halle um ein Uhr nachmittags.

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Ladies

Hello, Everyone!

Here I am again, back on the job. Did you miss me? Or rather my lines? I hope so. - I travelled, to sunny Florida, and to South Carolina, visiting all my family.

Meanwhile I missed all the hustle and bustle of working for Ladies Night. I did not get back in time to even see the show, so I cannot report on it firsthand. From all I hear though, it seems to have been a very nice show, but not quite so successful financially as last year's. Rita Mastie complained at our last monthly meeting that the work was done again almost solely by the same old die-hards. We do need the participation of each and everyone to make a success of a show like that. Schauturnen is scheduled for April 23rd, and Teacher is working hard on it. Also the yearly Randall's Island affair is approaching, May 1st this year. Please attend in droves.

And of course, the District competition in Schenectady will be this year again. Work has already begun on that too, and I do hope that we will have a big crowd going. These Turnfests are the nicest things, and most of us look forward to them from year to year. I understand, it will be a tent affair again, and I admonish everyone to make sure they take TWO blankets along this time. It gets mighty cold there at night, and we all slept next to nothing last time to keep from freezing "to death". One blanket is certainly not going to do it.

This is all I have to say for this month. No one seems to be expecting a baby, nor does Cupid seem to be on the job. Maybe I am just out of touch for having been away too long.
More next month! Edith Rauh.

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A CORRECTION.

Our attention has properly been drawn to an unfortunate omission in the article in the last issue entitled "A Harmonious Election". In this article we describe the annual meeting and election held on Dec. 21st and afterwards the Vorstand Dinner of Jan. 15th. The way this article is written the impression is given that First Speaker First was Chairman of the meeting. The account does not specifically say so, but by not mentioning that he was absent we committed a sin of omission.

Actually we were well aware that he was forced to be absent because of ill health but in writing this article rather hurriedly we overlooked it and so make amends by printing this correction. Turner First rarely misses a meeting and would certainly not miss the annual election, under any circumstances, unless forced to do so by ill health which was the case that night, in his absence the Second Speaker Fleischmann presided in a capable manner.

At the end of the article in question there is another blunder which must however be attributed to the famous "printers devil". Speaking of the illness of Turner Frank Waldmann, the last line reads - "We are all happy to know of his rapid operation." Of course in this case somehow, who knows how, we lost a line. In the original we wrote that we were happy to know of his rapid recovery from an urgent and serious operation. Naturally we were not happy about his operation, only at his recovery.

VEREINS und BEZIRKS KALENDER. MONDAY, APRIL 11th

Vorstand Meeting, 8:30 P. M.

MONDAY, APRIL 25th

Membership Meeting, at 8:30 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 2nd

Cultural Evening, at 9 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 9th

Vorstand Meeting at 8:30 P. M.

MONDAY, MAY 23rd

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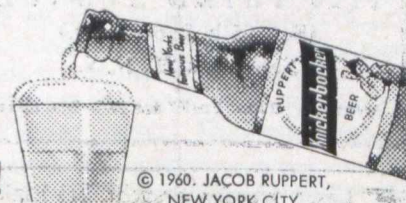
....With deep sorrow Bahn Frei! repeats the announcement of the death, on April 22nd of Turner Louis L. Fleischman, Honorary Member of the American Turners and the highly esteemed Second Speaker of the New York Turn Verein. With all the membership we shared the feeling of shock and dismay that

spread.. throughout.. our.. organization when this sad intelligence reached us,

This issue of Bahn Frei! was fairly well set up and partly in print during the time of the funeral and there was was not sufficient time nor proper space to do full justice to this truly outstanding member's memory. His long career in our Society and in the Turner Movement, the tremendous services he

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rendered to our society, and the great affection in which he was held by so many of our readers and friends, required that more time and thought be given to the preparation of his obituary than would have been possible if it were included in this issue. Accordingly the obituary article will appear in the next issue. We feel confident that in the light of this explanation such an appearance will not be viewed as anticlimatic and will be appreciated and understood by the relatives and mourners.

Editor.

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Hi, Everyone!

It seems incredible that one month can pass so quickly and that so little can happen in one month, which means that I have next to nothing to report.

Perhaps some of you remember tall, redheaded Ruth Nagel who went back to Germany about a year ago. Well, she came back again and visited me for an hour before going to California.

She asked about the Ladies Section, said it was the only thing she missed badly, and she sends her best to teacher and all the ladies who knew her.

While I am in the gossip line, the stork is going to visit a former well-known member, Doris Finckel (nee Kress), and also her sister in law, Inge Kress (nee Redle) who is in Japan right now. Both ladies are expecting their second babies sometime in October.

Well, Schhauturnen is almost upon us, so is the Randalls Island affair. I hope and wish that both will have great success and large attendance. Schenectady competitors are working out regularly, and I know everybody will enjoy the trip as much as we have enjoyed all the past trips. I can only admonish you all to make up your minds and attend this Turnfest, some of you don't even know what you would be missing.

I am absolutely void of news this time, so I'll close. More next month.

Edith Rauh.

CONDOLENCES.

Mrs. Wanda Macher.

Bahn Frei! desires to express heartfelt condolences to Dr. Hugo Macher, Honorary Member of the American Turners and member of the New York Turn Verein since 1916, on the recent passing of his dear wife, Wanda. Mrs. Macher had been a member of our Damen Verein almost since its founding and for very many years faithfully served as financial Secretary of the same. She was held in high regard by all who knew her and we trust Turner Macher will accept this expression of our sincere sympathy in tribute to her memory.

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Eight Actives and their Turnlehrer flew on April 7th to the American Turner Volley Ball Championship in Chicago. The members of our team were: - Heinz Schaal, Hans Sammer Jr., John and Rudy Suwara, Rupert Horn, Ronald Straka and our Turnwart Vincent Buehler Jr. The families of Schaal, Buehler and Straka came to see us off at the La Guardia Airport. For some of the boys it was the first trip by Airplane. All of them confessed that there was nothing to it, even though they had the paper bags handy at all times. After three hours and twenty minutes we landed at Chicago Internal Airport. Turnwart Buehler had made arrangements for a Station wagon with the Hertz people. It was there waiting for us, a 1960 Chevrolet, wow. The Turnwarts eyes were sparkling when he saw the car, which told me I had better sit right next to him. And sure enough I did not go to sleep. We arrived safely at the North West Chicago Turnhall where we registered and found out where our Motel was. After a bite to eat the President Turner Marthaler, showed us the beautiful new Turnhall with its 20 Lane Bowling Alley. Surely a Model Turnhall for many Turn Vereins to see.

Seven o'clock Saturday morning we all got up to be on time for the Preliminary play-offs at Lane Technical High School. The Ladies used the two courts, at the new Turnhall. 14 Men's and 12 Women's teams were represented from all parts of the country. These were: - Detroit Turners, Concordia St. Louis, Cleveland East Side, Eiche Chicago, Fort Wayne, Ind. Madison, Wisc. Louisville, Ky., Monessen, Pa. South Bend, Ind., North St. Louis, Northwest Chicago, S. T. V. Cleveland, Lincoln Chicago, and our New York Turn Verein. The 14 teams were split into two Divisions A & B. 7 teams in each. Each division played a Round Robin tournament, single game. The four top teams continued in the tournament. Little after 9 A. M. we played our first game against the host Society the Northwest Chicago Turners and the score was 15 - 5 in our favor. Next we played North St.

Louis and won 15-3. Our third game was against the Lincoln Turners of Chicago which won easily 15-1. The next game was the test of the entire tournament for our Actives, the Monessen, Pa. Turners the defending champions. The score of 16-14 in our favor gives you some idea of the game. After this game we were reasonably sure that our team would go to the semi-finals if not the finals. South Bend, Ind. was our next single game and it ended in our favor 15-3. The last game of this Round Robin Play - off was against S. T. V. Cleveland and that too ended in our favor 15 - 7.

The top four teams after this play-off in Division A were Detroit Turners, Louisville Turners, Fort Wayne Turners and Madison, Wisc. Turner. In the B. Division it was, New York Turn Verein, Monessen Turners, Northwest Chicago and Cleveland East Side. The play-off now in Matches instead of single games between the two divisions. For an example the 1st team in division A met the 4th place team of division B. etc. This meant New York Turn Verein against Madison Wisc. We won this match 15-4, 15-5. Our second last match was against the Louisville Turners, the scores were close, in our favor 16-14, 15-8.

It is now Saturday night 8 P. M. with four teams remaining to finish the tournament Sunday morning at the Turnhall. Detroit and Louisville a single game for third and fourth place. New York Turn Verein and Monessen for second and first place in a match game. Hurry, hurry, was the cry, let's get back to the Motel and change. There is a dance at the Turnhall! Here they were playing all day long, had nothing to eat other than a paper cup of coffee and a sandwich, and the talk is let's go to that dance. That's youth for you. After piling into the Station wagon to go to the dance it was agreed upon to go to bed at 1 A. M. I couldn't understand that everybody agreed. But later found out that the dance continued at the Motel.

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Some 200 to 250 Spectators had gathered at the Turnhall to witness the final games of this wonderful tournament. The first game was for third and fourth place between Detroit and Louisville which ended in 15 for Detroit and 13 for Louisville. Our boys are all here now, Monessen who never showed up for the dance got there just in time and well rested. The stage is set for the final. Referee Brown from the Volley Ball Association blows the whistle for the two teams to line up. Heinz Schaal whom they elected their captain, calls for the toss-up. He loses the call and picks the court. Monessen, the defending champion, was really determined to make this the third time and take the large traveling trophy home for good. But as the speaker at the Banquet said, when New York Turn Verein comes, we know that they are up to something. And so the first game ended in our favor 15-8, in the second game Monessen gave our boys a hard time and we lost it 15-8. (the only game we lost). Now the last game and last chance, this is it. The spectators are excited, throughout the hall you hear, who do you think will win? If there was ever attention and quietness this all our members should have seen. We have the ball to start the game, Rudi serves, makes three fantastic hard hit serves, it is now three nothing New York and rotate. Monessen evens the

score and again rotate. This went on and on when finally our boys clicked and won the game 15-11. This victory deserves every imaginable credit. The boys were determined to send a team. They ran dances, conducted a raffle and with the help of the Turn Verein, made it possible to represent the New York Turn Verein in a true Turner fashion. I was very proud to be with a team which have been in our gym classes since they were knee high. At the Banquet each member of the team received a trophy, our Captain Heinz Schaal received a permanent trophy for the Verein and I was given the honor to accept the traveling trophy which has to be won three times before anyone can keep it.

Henry W. Schroeder
Turnlehrer.

FLASH - FLASH - FLASH

Our active FRED ORLOFSKI wins the National A. A. U. Gymnastic Championship All Round.

Fred is attending the University of Southern Illinois. Congratulation Freddie and lots of luck at the Olympics in Rome.

Altersriege

Lately there is a decline in the attendance in our kneipe, which our Vorsitzender Eddy Privitzer is concerned about, and therefor is trying to find some way to increase the attendance. Well, a certain Mr. Holt, the proprietor of a cigar store, was worried. His Competitor was attracting crowds to his window by employing a vivacious Spanish girl to sit and roll cigars, meanwhile "giving the eye" to the boys outside. Mr. Holt hit upon an idea. Next morning a blond was rolling cigars in his window, but with her back to the street. There soon was a crowd - inside the store. Of course this method could not be applied in our Kneipe because most of our Altersriege smoke cigarettes. But - L & M has found the secret that unlocks the door to our Kneipe. L & M naturally means Louis & Milton, and the secret is - free corned beef

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and cabbage. But, seriously, the noise and laughter that came from the Kneipe room were not technically augmented, it was real and alive. These two Kingspins of our society, the First and Second Speaker Milton First and Louis Fleischman simultaneously celebrated their birthday on March 16th, in a St. Patrick's atmosphere, and the massive turnout is due to the popularity of these Turners and the want to pay tribute to our outstanding officers. A delicious corned beef and cabbage was served for which the birthday children picked up the tab. The beer was flowing like in any other Irish party. The A. R. presented Milton & Louis each with a bottle of Irish tranquilizer. Even Alfred Horn loosened up and presented these two birthday children with a personal package, probably marked "Top Secret" - because nobody ever saw the contents. A high spot on anybody's birthday is a poem from our birthday secretary, C. Sheahan, and I feel it should'n't be restricted to the few that attend our Kneipe, and should be extended to the reader of the Bahn Frei. According to our custom. "Wir Feiern, wie sie fallen." Louis Fleischman was the first to receive his poem and here it is.

TO LOUIS FLEISCHMAN

Here's another distinguished Gent a
Bulwark in the Verein

Here in our place and in the District
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He's a very peaceful citizen as all of
us no doubt know

That is, unless someone makes a mo-
tion to tap the Altersriege dough

Not that he's unreasonably sure for
chance books he'll spend ten dollars

But twenty five, a Heart attack you
want to give me he hollers.

Yet with his own money he's generous
he's not afraid to shell it out

Look at what he and Milton did, giv-
ing with the Corned Beef and Kraut.

Louie goes back a long time in Turn
Verein history, and he's done a lot of
good things too in addition to blowing
up the armory.

So it all adds up to a Birthday Trib-
ute to a regular guy, and a Turner true
Louis may you enjoy it as we with
the sa'lutes let fly.

C. G. Sheahan.

TO MILTON FIRST.

They say you can tell an Irishman
but you can't tell him much

But here's a St. Patrick's day kid that's
the pride of the Dutch

It was'n't in Deutschland that he first
saw the light of day, it was over the
River in Newark, New Jersey.

To extol Milton's work for the Verein
I could talk for about a week

But if it was'n't for guys like him
this outfit would be up the creek

Aside from a strong disposition which
sometimes has a low boiling point

He has a nifty sense of humor which
livens up the joint

So to pay tribute to him on his birth-
day it's a pleasure for one and all

He's getting up there in his birth-
days the number he'd rather not recall

We wish him the best and its nice to
have a parade on his birthday to re-
member, but don't forget you guys to
take in the Choiman Day Parade in
September.

C. G. Sheahan.

A noisy salamander, and a few words
from our tenant Turner Holmes, who left
his post to wish Louis and Milton well,
ended the celebration with only one
regret, that Louis and Milton have
birthdays but only once a year. In clo-
sing, a little thought, the Altersriege
Kneipe is like a wheelbarrow - it stands
still unless someone pushes it.

Ted Koschyk

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Damen

Der Damen Vereen hatte seine Osterfeier und Beamten-Wahl am 13. April, und war sehr gut besucht. Es sah sehr einladend aus, mit Osterschmuck, Blumen und Oster-Gedeck; und machte einen schönen Eindruck.

Frau Elfriede Schall, unsere Präsidentin dankte allen Anwesenden für ihr Erscheinen, und hiess alle recht herzlich willkommen; auch dankte Sie nochmals allen die bei unserem 45. Stiftungsfest so fleissig mithalfen.

Gäste waren Frau Schwalbe von den Murray Hill Schwaben Verein und Frau Schnoor von den Edelweis Damen. Frau Friedel, Tochter unseres verstorbenen Mitgliedes, Frau Kohl. Frau Schlüter und Frau Busch von der Goethe Loge.

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Der Finanz Bericht wurde verlesen von Frau Washbourne, und das Protokoll von Frau Weindl, und beide Berichte wurden dankend angenommen.

Briefe wurden verlesen von Frau Kessler, Frau Heidorn und Marsch und Ländner.

Unsere Präsidentin gab bekannt, dass unsere langjährige Finanz-Sekretärin, Frau Wanda Macher, nach langem Leiden, verschieden ist, und bat die Mitglieder ein stilles Gebet für Sie zu verrichten.

Geburtstag hatten die Damen im April: Frau Heinzen, Frau Eva Mayer, Frau Krell, und Frau Bühler. Allen wurde herzlichst mit dem Geburtstags-Lied gratuliert.

Da Frau Weinreich und Frau Zimmermann Ihren Posten als Vize Präsident und Schatzmeisterin nicht mehr annehmen wollten, (Sie hatten beide den Posten schon lange,) wurden 2 neue Beamten erwählt; und zwar Frau Widman als Vize Präsidentin und Frau Charlotte Mayer als Schatzmeisterin. Beide werden in der nächsten Versammlung eingeführt.

Es gab dann die übliche Stärkung, Kaffee und Kuchen, und belegte Brote, und als Zugabe Kuchen von unserer Präsidentin selbst gebacken. Alles schmeckte ausbezeichnet.

Die Verlosung ergab viele schöne Geschenke, alle von den Mitgliedern gestiftet, für welche unsere Präsidentin herzlich dankt.

Der Ausflug der im Juni stattfindet, wurde besprochen, muss aber noch ausgearbeitet werden. Näheres nächsten Monat.

Unsere nächste Versammlung wird eine "Card Party" sein, und zwar am Mittwoch den 11. Mai um 1 Uhr Nachmittags in der Turn-Halle.

Anna Weindl, Prot. Sek.

Club

As for the month of March, weather-wise, it was as wicked as could be, but calendar-wise, it had its good features. First of all, it brought Spring (again strictly according to the calendar only) and it also marked the passing, for a while, of the St. Patrick's day tunes. To be sure the German song still predominates at our club but when our Irish members start singing - "When Irish eyes are smiling" etc., we Germans sing along with gusto and why not? After all the song was written by a German (Dutchman) in the 1920s.

Easter Sunday was a gorgeous day and more than 300 persons visited the club. Our steward served more than 200 dinners. Our girls and ladies were not to be outclassed as to their head gear

(Easter bonnets) - they were the ritz. The membership supplied the colored eggs and the kids had quite a ball in search for them all over the grounds. Some parent member brought a dozen colored eggs uncooked and you can visualize the mess on those white dresses the little tots were wearing.

This is the time of the year when the dues are due and resignations are prevalent but up to now they were very few and for each resignation we picked up two new members. Of course we are praying for pie in the sky weather on Mother's Day, May 8th and for our official summer opening of the club on Sunday, May 15th.

Hans Sammer, Jr., our Entertainment Chairman is busy with the coming events, Louis Meurer on the house and grounds, painting and repairing, Robert Helbing, the man with the three green thumbs, on the grass, trees, shrubs and flowers, and all Committees are standing ready to serve for the season. Don't forget our Western Nite square dance on Saturday, May 28th, so let's go you rooten, tootem, straightshooters, let's shoot up the place.

Our steward, Turner Karl Kraus, is rapidly recovering from his eye operation and his vision improving day by day and the only spots he gets in front of his eyes are those on the pinochle cards and so Altersriege pinochle sharks, don't sell this guy short for he will pin your ears back.

As for the passing of Lou Fleischman, that was quite a shock, it is hard to find words of adequate appreciation for this fine Turner and how much he is going to be missed. All I can say is - "Farewell Lou with a silent "Gut Heil".

Until next month - Wiedersehen!

Fritz Hoering.

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March 6, 1927 - A Tri-City Team Meet (Drei - Städte - Wettkampf) was held in Passaic. It was again won by our Team and thereby the Wander-Trophy became the permanent property of the society.

March 19th - The proceeds of this annual gymnastic competition (Schau-turnen) were designated for the benefit of the team which was to represent the Society and/or District at the German Turnfest in Cologne in 1928. In all society and district activities in this year increasing emphasis is laid on the German Turnfest. Turner Otto Muller was designated as Reisemarschall of the N. Y. T. V. and Turner Koeglmeier as the actual tour manager. The Steamship Republik is selected as the official tour ship.

April, 1927 - The Dramatic Section, which was in a definite upswing, cele-

brated its 75th Anniversary. The principal feature was a historical performance in which three classic plays were offered each one of a different period in the historical development of the drama namely medieval or pre Shakesperian, Shakesperian, and early modern. Costumes and stage settings and properties were in accord with the dramatic usage of the period.

May 14th - Our team wins the first prize at the Turnerbund's National Apparatus Championships.

May 24th - Among the many appearances and demonstrations given by our Actives at various celebrations and functions a team of Actives and Ladies gave an exhibition on this day before the inmates of the State Insane Asylum at Wards Island. The First Turnwart Oscar Straka in his report for this very active and gymnastically memorable year of 1927 states that the inmates in the audience greatly enjoyed and loudly applauded the exhibition.

June 26th - At the District Turnday held at the Turner Club both the Actives and Ladies Teams won first place and innumerable medals and prizes were won by our competitors.

Dec. 11th, 1927 - At the District Hal-lenfest held in the Labor Lyceum in Brooklyn our Actives took only 2nd place with Brooklyn winning the meet and the Ladies Team placed only 3rd. The number of individual prize winners,

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however were high. Among them, Walter Meyer, Kurt Rottmann, Adolph Zink, Fred Meyer, Eberhard Noller, Julius Baader, Wilhelmina May and Mary Wright.

Dec. 15th - The annual election resulted in the selection of B. W. Weiler as First Speaker for the 12th time. Gustav Klose was elected as Second Speaker, Kurt Petzold, Third Speaker, First Turnwart, Adolph Zink. Trustees: Frank Kirchner, William Strobel and Max Eising.

Jan. 13th, 1928 - Early on this Friday morning, Kurt Rottmann died of pneumonia at the age of forty three. Probably the greatest all around gymnast in the history of the N. Y. T. V. up to then and since then his sudden passing at such an early age was a great blow to the membership and expressions of sympathy poured into the society office from many sources for some days to come. Presidents of other Turnvereins came from as far as Baltimore to attend the funeral service which was held the next night. Five eulogies were delivered that night and the following Sunday morning at the Crematorium by Turner Roy Moore, representing the National President of the A. A. U., by First Speaker Weiler, by the Honorary Speaker Dr. Scholer, by the District Speaker Martin Nolde and by the Past District Speaker Mucke. Some time later Rottmann's ashes were buried at the New York Turner Club where a tree was planted in his memory and an appropriate plaque placed on it.

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Jan. 15th, 1928 - The Dramatic Section presented the tragic drama - Zapfenstreich (Reville). The cast represented the leading figures in this section at that period namely, The Messrs: R. von Stuttersheim, Dirk Voss, Erwin Borst, Otto Knauerhase, Ludw. Birseck, Clemens Clostermann, Kurt Oppermann and Mrs. Edith Fast.

On the afternoon of this same Sunday, another Städte-Wettkampf was held this time at the Labor Lyceum in Brooklyn with Turnverein Vorwärts of Brooklyn as hosts and the contestants were the N. Y. T. V., Vorwärts, Philadelphia Turngemeinde and Passaic. Each society furnished a team of 8 Actives and 6 Ladies. New York T. V. won first team prize in a tense and hotly contested meet and tension packed meet. As this was the third consecutive annual victory for N. Y. T. V., it received the trophy as a permanent prize. In accepting the same the representative of the N. Y. T. V. stated that they were honored to accept this trophy in memory of their departed Turnbruder Kurt Rottmann to whom they had paid the last tribute only that morning and who was actually the originator of these meets.

Our Turner Theodore Niggemann won the first individual prize and our Walter Meyer the second, while Mrs. Wilhelmina Mey won the first individual prize for the women. A great triumph for the N. Y. T. V. and a fitting memorial for Kurt Rottmann.

It will be observed that a conscientious officer or member of the Society on that Sunday would have attended the Fresh Pond Crematorium in Long Island at ten in the morning, attended the meet in Brooklyn from 1 to 6 P. M. that afternoon and hastened to Manhattan in time for the curtain at the dramatic performance at 8:15 P. M. This should

be noted by those who today profess that too many demands are made on their time by the Turn-Verein.

January, 1928 - The District (Bezirks) Speaker Martin Nolde, in his annual report painted a glowing picture of the activity and progress of the Bezirk during the year 1927. The Bezirk consisted of the following societies: New York Turnverein, Deutsch-Amerikanischen T. V., Woodstock, Mt. Vernon, Vorwärts, Brooklyn Eastern District, Central, Columbia, and Long Island City and the membership had increased from 1,717 to 1,766. He particularly stressed the importance of the dedication of the fine new Turn Hall of the Long Island City T. V. on January 7th and the fact that, for the first time in its history, the Bezirk had chartered a ship to travel as a group to the German Turnfest in Munich. The ship was the Steamer Republic of the U. S. Lines.

The First Turnwart, Oscar Straka, in his lengthy and fully detailed report for the year 1927 stated that there were 75 class evenings for the Actives with a total attendance of 4,476 or an average of a shade over 59 per evening. Of the 75 he had attended 71 with second place going to Joe Spiegel with an attendance of 68. The Ladies had exactly the same number of sessions with a total attendance of 3,750 making an average class attendance exactly 50. Helen Gumermann attended 67 and Marjorie Hayn 62 times. The Altersriege had 40 evenings of turning with total attendance of 1,321 and an average per evening of 33.

The outstanding prize winners in all competition during the year were 1) A. Zink with 9 prizes, 2) T. Niggemann with 5, 3) W. Meyer with 4, 4) W. Reber with 4, and C. Rottmann, H. Winter, E. Knecht and O. Straka with 3 prizes each. Among the Ladies, 1) W. Mey with no less than 11 prizes and 2) B. Christophel, M. Wright, E. Hampel and H. Gumermann with 3 prizes each.

The School Board reported a total of over 16,000 children attendance at Gym classes and over 6,000 at German Classes.

March, 1929 - It was reported that "the juniors of the N. Y. T. V. "have

started a new section, namely, "the juniors of the New York Turn Verein". They wish to compete with the Junior societies of the various Turn Vereins and hope to bring credit to the club."

March 14th - The Damen Verein celebrated its 13th anniversary with Mrs. Dr. E. Kessler serving as President. A very festive program was arranged including singing, recitations and a play performed by the Dramatic Section of the Verein with Carl Koenig as director. Among the actors were Mrs. Edith Fast, Dr. Otto Knauerhase, Dirk Voss, Clemens Clostermann and Richard von Stuttersheim.

March 25th: As a part of the cultural activities of the New York District a debate was held at the Central Turn Hall on the subject "Are the Continued and Numerous Competitive Events in the Turn Verein Beneficial or Harmful to our Cause?" The New York Turn Verein team consisted of Dr. Frederick Henschel and Hans Sammer and upheld the proposition, that these numerous competitive events were beneficial to the Turner Movement. The Central Turn Verein team was made of J. H. Bossert and Emil Herzog. They upheld the proposition that the question should be answered to the effect that intensive competition was harmful to Turnerism. The judges were furnished by the New York District and declared the New York Turn Verein who have been the winners of the meet.

May 5th: - Turner G. Gulack won the gold medal as first on the flying rings in the A. A. U. National Gymnastic Competition held in Union City.

April 13th: - At the 6th Annual Metropolitan A. A. U. Gymnastic Championship for young men under 21 held at the Newark Turn Verein, our Junior, Edward Stanley won first place in the long horse jumps and second place on the side horse. It is further reported that the Junior, Eberhard Noller "managed to place 4th on the horizontal bar".

(to be continued.)

GOOD NEWS!

Just as we went to press we got the good news that our member Fred Or-

lofski had made the Olympic Gymnastic Team. Thus our record of many years of having one or more members of either the Men or Womens American Olympic Team remains unbroken. Be sure and read the Flash item at the end of Henry Schroeder's fine article on the Volley Ball Championships.

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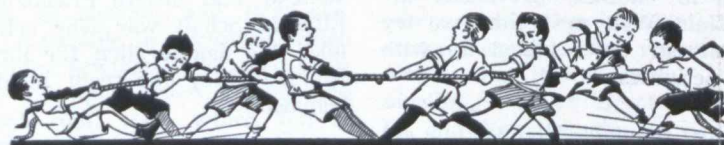
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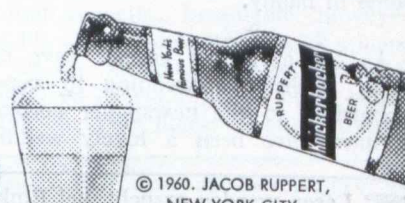
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Ladies

Hello, Girls!

What happened since I last wrote a few lines? Oh, we had our big Joint Gym Night and Social on Friday the 13th, instead of May 6th as originally planned, when Louis Fleischmann's sudden passing away threw a shock and a damper on all of us. I know there is no one in our section who didn't love and respect him, and we are all going to miss him sorely for a long time to come. His untiring service to the Verein as Speaker and Reisemarschall made him a favorite to all.

Coming back to the Joint Gym Night which I did not attend personally, I hear it was very lively, financially and otherwise successful, and might have been more so if the Altersriege had been present. I understand most of them had gone to another, previously arranged affair. Well next time we try not to get our dates mixed up with the A. R. activities.

Our annual Randall's Island affair got rained out completely. The only good thing about that is the fact that we might be able to use our well practised mass drill next year.

Meanwhile, gym activities have been stepped up for Schenectady. I do hope that many will attend, as I said after Louisville - these Turnfests are the highlights for every Turner - and it is your own loss if you don't go. Besides, we owe it to the Turn Verein to try to score for it whenever we can.

When this goes to print, we will have had our last monthly meeting on June 9th, before the summer vacation, and we have planned a sale, not only of junk jewelry, but of JUNK, period. The jewelry sales have been very successful, so I know that this sale will even top them; we all have a lot of knick-knacks, books, etc. at home which will come in handy.

As far as gossip goes, I have only Erna Berberich's wedding to report. According to the newspaper accounts, it must have been a lovely wedding,

and we all wish the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Dengler lasting happiness. Erna has not been around much lately, but we all understand. We do hope though, that she will come back after she gets settled in her new life.

And in closing I am taking this opportunity to wish all Schenectady participants good luck and good scores.

See you next month.

Edith Rauh.

Damen

DAMEN VEREIN DES N. Y. T. V.

Der Damen Verein hatte seine letzte Versammlung in der Turnhalle. Diese, die letzte vor der Sommer-Saison war eine nette Card Party und zwar am 11. Mai. Der Besuch war sehr zufriedenstellend, und unsere Präsidentin, Frau Elfriede Schall war sehr erfreut darüber. Sie dankte allen für Ihr Erscheinen, und hies alle recht herzlich willkommen.

Von Vereinen waren anwesend: Die Rheinpfälzer Damen mit Frau Strobel deren Präsidentin. Die Guten Samariter mit Frau Gebhard in Vertretung für Frau Stenzel, Präs. Die Turner Club Auxiliary Damen waren sehr stark vertreten, was uns sehr freute.

Gäste waren Frau Pistorius, unsere frühere Vize Präs. die jetzt in Würzburg, Deutschland ansässig ist, und hier zu Besuch weilt, mit Ihrer Freundin Toni Goldammer. Frau Kittelberger von der Harmonie Loge, Frau Schmoll, Schlüter, und Christmar, sowie Frau Nelson und Freunde und Frau Rosenkamp und Freunde.

Neue Mitglieder wurden Frau Zeller und Frau Schlichten, dieselben wurden

von unserer Präsidentin recht herzlich willkommen geheißen.

Es wurde fleissig Karten gespielt. Die Gewinner erhielten dabei schöne Preise. Nachdem gab es Kaffee und belegte Brote und Kuchen, und selbstgebackene Krapfen von unserem Mitglied, Frau Paulokat, welche ausgezeichnet munden. Dann nahm Frau Schall das Wort, und berichtete über unseren Ausflug, welcher am 8. Juni stattfindet, und nach Rock Oak Lodge in Lake Hopatcong geht. Anmeldungen müssen bis spätestens den ersten Juni gemacht werden, und zwar mit Frau Schall, Jackson 2-2684, oder Frau Weindl, SEDgewick 3-9231. Abfahrt 9 Uhr früh von der Turnhalle.

Geburtstag im Mai, hatten die Damen: Pauokat, B. Horn, Felber und Lutz. Es wurde Ihnen herzlichst gratuliert.

Blumen für den Vorstands-Tisch wurden von den Damen Widman und Washbourne gestiftet, und "Door Prizes" von Frau Schall, Washbourne und Widman, sowie Candy von Fräulein Washbourne.

Die nächste Zusammenkunft, ist der Ausflug am 8. Juni. Der Bus ist um 9 Uhr früh an der Turnhalle. Vergessen Sie nicht Ihre Anmeldung vor dem 1. Juni zu machen. Sollte es Ihnen vergönnt sein daran teilnehmen zu wollen.

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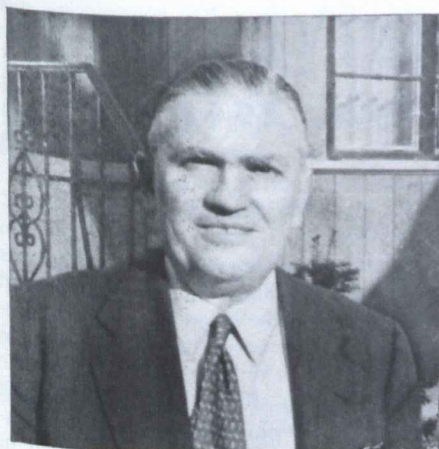
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LOUIS L. FLEISCHMAN

The shocking intelligence of the passing of our friend and Second Speaker reached us at a time when, for mechanical reasons, it was difficult to include a eulogy as explained in the last issue. We also felt that a month's reflection would afford a better opportunity for an adequate portrayal of his services to Turnerism. Actually we have found this to be a difficult assignment, even after the passage of a month. The reason for this, we think, lays in the unique nature of his devotion to that cause and to our society. The simple recital of offices held and honors received, and they were numerous, does not give the true measure. They do not, they can not convey the deep love for this work, the never ending energy of his mind and heart which constantly generated ideas and sentiments for progress and improvement and the entire character and spirit of our departed friend displayed in these matters. To record this in cold print is truly difficult for here we deal with something that can be, perhaps, more strongly felt than expressed.

PUPIL AND CADET.

We must attribute his connection with us directly to our trek Northward from the 4th Street Hall to our present location in 1898. It was, for those days, an imposing structure that was erected at the corner of 85th St & Lexington Ave., in a section that, 62 years ago, was only recently emerged from a semi-

suburban status. The imposing building attracted widespread attention in the neighborhood. Thus another great figure in our organization's life, the late William C. Orth, commented to this writer years ago that he too, as a young man resident in the section, was attracted to us by the erection of this substantial building.

At the last dinner of the 40-50 Year Members Club which he organized, Turner Fleischman related how he came to join the Turn Verein. His father, Lorenz, had a Shoe Store on 2nd Ave. near 86th Street, and one day he said to Louis: "You ought to join some kind of an organization. There is some kind of a club on 85th St. & Lexington. Better run over there and look into it."

This he did and so he entered our School; the gym class, the German class and the Cadet Corps. Born in New York City, March 15th, 1890 he was at that time about 11 years of age. He studied under some of the great figures of our past such as Metzner and Bennecke. There is a parable in Scripture which speaks of the sowing of the seed some of which fell upon stony ground and never took root, some which fell in untended ground and the weeds outgrew and choked the young grain, but a minority of the seed fell on fertile ground and a beautiful and luxuriant growth followed. In this case the teachings of the Turner principles and ideals fell upon fertile ground indeed, and took root and flourished and grew and were sustained till the day of his death.

He was proficient in all the subjects he took up, he understood and appreciated gymnastics and staunchly upheld it against all attacks, his German was adequate both in speaking and in understanding, but he particularly distinguished himself in the Cadet Corps. When in April of 1914 this splendid section celebrated its 50th Anniversary the Golden Jubilee Journal pictures the young Fleischman as the Commandant, that is to say the Chairman of the adult or graduated Board of Officers of the Corps, and the guiding spirit of the celebration. He was one of the few members left who had belonged to the Corps; and again and again stated what a terrific mistake the society made in abolishing this splendid section. This

unfortunate action took place a number of years later at a time when, for once, he was comparatively inactive in the organization and not in a position to oppose it with his full vigor. While we would not wish to judge the action of the leadership at that time, so many years ago, with the circumstances no longer clear to this generation it is obvious that while considerable financial advantages accrued to the society from a rental income thru this change at the same time a great loss was suffered from a moral and prestige standpoint.

52 YEARS A MEMBER.

On Sept. 19th, 1908 he was admitted to membership in the Society from the Junior Class and so was nearly 52 years a member at his death. He was an active and enthusiastic member from the beginning and remained so to the end.

There was a period of some years where occupational and other circumstances brought some reduction in this activity but it was only a surface indication, it never affected his devotion to and love for the society. He was an Electrical Engineer by occupation and successful in this field. In latter life he engaged in important real estate ownership and management.

It was particularly during the last fifteen years that he engaged in an unparalleled activity in support of the Society and the furtherance of Turnerism. His gradual retirement from business gave him the time, but this would have availed little if the Will to do the work was not there. He played an important role in our Centennial Celebration and at the arrangements for the national convention held in our hall in 1950. These were not front roles but a hard working part, behind the scenes, as it were, and thoroughly characteristic of him. In 1951 he entered the Vorstand as Cashier. For many years this post (abolished in our revised Statutes) had been a purely nominal one. He reactivated it and there was no function at which he was not present and served in that capacity. Invaluable, however, was his ability to contribute, as a member of the Vorstand, advice and good counsel on everything that came before it and on every phase of our activities.

He was, of course, a member of the Turner Club and faithful in attendance at its meetings and functions. He was a stalwart of stalwarts of the Altersriege and its Treasurer (der schwarze Mann.) He gave his personal attention to the preparation of publicity matter for our entertainments and was always happy when some measure of success was attained in the promotion of attendance and participation. His practical knowledge and talents in construction, repairs and maintenance made him invaluable in all matters dealing with the building particularly during the major alterations and improvements undertaken in 1953. These were not duties required by the office he then held, nor was he House Committee nor Entertainment Chairman, but were typical examples of his eagerness to serve the Society beyond the line of duty.

DISTRICT SPEAKER

In 1953 he was elected one of our delegates to the New York District and was re-elected each year, serving all told eight years in this capacity including the year of his death. In 1956 he was elected to the important post of First Speaker of the District and he was again selected for this post by unanimous vote of the delegates in 1957, 1958, 1959 and finally last January for the fifth time.

His record as District Speaker was outstanding and he left no stone unturned in an effort to activate the District and to make it a strong force in the Turner Movement. A discouraging and thankless task but he never faltered and the hand that held aloft the banner of Father Jahn neither wavered nor grew faint. During his administration two societies were added to the District and of course to the American Turners, the Bridgeport Turner Association and the Long Island City Turnverein. This is indeed a rarity in our circles today, unfortunately.

Even before his elevation to this post he served as Reise Marshall again and again for the Society and for the District. In this capacity he made the arrangements with painstaking care and this included the Bundes Turnfest at Buffalo, Milwaukee, Louisville, the Centennial Invitational Turnfest at Detroit,

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several District or Regional Festivals at Schenectady and elsewhere.

He served as delegate at the National Conventions at Davenport, Cleveland, Louisville and Kansas City, and was slated to again lead the New York delegation to the convention in Rochester next August. He soon made his influence felt at these conventions, serving particularly effectively on the Committees on Grievances and Statutes and on the Nominating Committee. He became recognized as an expert on matters affecting the National Statutes and their interpretation and on parliamentary procedure at the conventions. Thru this and as District Speaker he became nationally known in the Turner Movement and the leadership of this Federation shares with our society the feeling of dismay and sadness at his untimely death.

HONORARY MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS.

On May 14th, 1948 he was, belatedly declared an extraordinary 25 year member of the New York Turn Verein. On April 20th, 1953 he was made a 40 year Honorary Member of the American Turners and five years later he received his 50 year Honorary Membership card from the same.

On Dec. 17th, 1957 he was accorded the high and unusual honor of designation as an Outstanding Member of the New York Turn Verein. One of his special accomplishments and one might say his pride and joy was the organization of the Forty Year Club whereby those members who were exempted from further payment of dues as a result of their status voluntarily continued to give financial benefit, however, it served a beautiful purpose in cementing the ties of fraternity among the older members of our Verein.

SECOND SPEAKER.

In the annual election of 1954 he was elevated to the important post of Second Speaker and re-elected each year thereafter. In the more than five years in which he served in this office he brought to the office a new meaning and set a new standard of devotion and labor, perhaps seldom before attained in this particular post.

We are, we believe, authorized in quoting the First Speaker as affirming that words can hardly express the great aid and support he received from his Second Speaker in carrying out so ably the exacting duties of his office. For him the loss of Speaker Fleischman was indeed a poignant one from a purely organizational standpoint he felt this loss more greatly than any of our members, disregarding entirely the item of personal friendship. This affected him so deeply that he felt constrained to request his predecessor Turner Sammer to deliver the eulogy at the funeral service in his place.

This is probably the longest eulogy that Bahn Frei! has ever published for a departed member and yet we could go on considerably further enumerating services to the society in other directions and aspects which we have not even mentioned not to even consider further elaboration, as to detail, of the offices held and honors received that we have listed. But as we have written at the beginning this alone would not give the full measure we feel that the record here presented is sufficient and tremendously impressive. To this must be added, however, that Turner Fleischman's contributions were not limited to work and official duties but that he also added much to our social life and to the pleasure of all who knew him by his congenial and happy social spirit.

These then are the reasons that we held him in such affectionate esteem and

the cause of our deep sorrow. Several years ago the first manifestations of heart and circulatory difficulties made their appearance and he was under medical care from time to time. Rest and a marked slowing down was indicated but this was too difficult a task for our ever energetic and tireless friend.

In the early morning hours of April 22nd, Turner Fleischman suffered another heart attack and had sufficient knowledge of its seriousness to summon his son Larry and a doctor both of whom promptly arrived but he died shortly thereafter.

On the night of Sunday, April 24th a funeral service was held at Fairchild Sons in Queens with a great attendance of friends and members and an overwhelming display of floral tributes. A Turner Honor Guard rendered the last honors. The Rev. Charles Barton, a Methodist Minister conducted the Religious services. Turner Hans Sammer delivered an eloquent and moving eulogy and paid proper appreciation of the great services rendered to the Verein by our departed friend. Internment followed the next day at Greenwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his son Lawrence, himself a member of the Verein, by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Fleischman, by four grandchildren, two of whom Louis took particular pleasure in bringing to our gym school, a sister Mrs. Emma Spikins, and a brother-in-law, and two nephews William and George, sons of a deceased brother. His wife, preceeded him in death in 1929. To all the surviving relatives, Bahn Frei! extends sincere condolences. It need hardly be repeated nor emphasized that this departed one will for very many years be well remembered and held in the fondest memory by the entire New York Turn Verein. His was indeed a Turner life that serves as a model to every Turner. May we all strive to follow his example of love and devotion to our New York Turn Verein.

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Club

I did not want to write a column this month as I was pressed for time, owing to the preparations of the club for the season and the many jobs it incurs. After a lot of slave driving you can now view the club at the heights of its splendor.

Mother's Day, Opening Day and the Decoration Day Holidays were well attended by the members and their friends. Our last dance (Western Night) on Saturday, May 28th, was well attended and all had a hilarious time. There were a few prominent birthdays celebrated at the club at our May meeting such as Hans Sammer, our President, Henry Schroeder, our Gym teacher and others but they had to pick on an old guy who happened to hit eighty (80) the other day. Only too much fuss was made about it, still this guy wants to thank his many friends for the birthday cards and well wishes, especially for the serenade given on his front porch on the eve of his birthday, arranged and instigated by Karl Horn and Paul Roggenkamp.

Our next event will be the Fourth of July Weenie Roast and games for the children, arranged by member Paul Troll. The next social event will be our Summer Nites Festival and Dance on Saturday July 16th. The club has gone to quite an expense as to improving the kitchen and its equipment. They

bought a new broiler, also a deep French fryer, a new cutting board and also provided additional refrigeration. Our new Steward Karl Krause, who is already well known for his skill in cooking can do still better than ever in running that Echte Deutsche Küche. He's ready - you ask for it; he's got it and so come and get it. Until next month.

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WEDDING BELLS.

BEBERICH - DENGLE

A beautiful wedding of great interest to our members took place on Saturday, May 14th at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on 87th Street, when Miss Erna Maria Berberich and Mr. Theobald J. Dengler, Jr. were joined together in Holy Matrimony. Miss Berberich, as well as her sister, have been active and popular members of our Ladies Class and well known to most of our members and friends. She is also an active member of our neighbor, the Catholic Kolping Society. Until recently she held a responsible position with the Colombia Gas Corporation. The groom is the oldest son of our member Theobald J. Dengler who is also a member of the National Legal Committee of the American Turners. Besides membership in the Kolping Society he has fol-

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lowed his father's footsteps in many of his activities including the holding of office in German-American and German Catholic organizations and is a member of his father's law firm.

As we arrived at the church it appeared as though the entire block of 87th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue was filled with people making vehicular traffic impossible. This was caused not only by the large attendance that filled the church to capacity, but also the fact that the brides residence was in the same block and it almost seemed as though the entire neighborhood had turned out to do her honor.

She made an exceptionally beautiful bride as she came down the aisle on the arm of her father. Her sister, Mrs. Charles Kennedy was Matron of Honor while a brother of the groom, Norbert Dengler was best man, Miss Hilda Sue McGlew, a niece of the groom, was the flower girl. Bernard and Lawrence Dengler, brothers of the groom, John J. McGlew a brother-in-law of the same and Paul Berberich a brother of the bride functioned as ushers. The Solemn Nuptial High Mass was sung by Monseigneur Rudolph Kraus, Pastor of the Church and another brother of the groom, the Rev. Ralph Dengler, S. J. served as Sub-Deacon of the Mass. It was a most impressive service.

A brilliant reception and wedding banquet followed at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx. Thereafter the newly wedded couple departed for an

extended tour of Europe. It is our understanding that they will make their home in Manhattan. In the name of the New York Turn Verein, Bahn Frei! is most happy to extend heartiest congratulations and every good wish to the newly wed couple.

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WASHED OUT.

For the first time in many years the D. A. Football Association did not have the usual good luck, so far as the weather goes, at the Sports Festival on Randall's Island on the First of May. Throughout the years they have generally had beautiful weather for this great event and when it did rain a little it did not really interfere with the program to any great extent. This time it was different, however. The rain was continuous during the entire day and never really stopped.

As a result it was necessary to cancel most of the events including the parade of the flags and organizations which was always such a colorful feature of the day and the Turner exhibition and participation. The football game itself was held and although the normal attendance was cut exactly in

half it still was a surprisingly good attendance considering the weather. Our teachers and our gymnasts, old and young, had worked very hard preparing for this annual event and notwithstanding the weather almost all reported for duty but in vain. Had it been possible to go on we would have had one of the largest participation in years. So then while we express our sympathy to our friends of the Football Association we also extend our gratitude to our gym classes including the children for their willingness to give a good exhibition and to turn out in great numbers. Better luck next year.

June 16th, 1928 - The Ladies Section conducted a Strawberry Festival and Dance with an admission of 75 cents, the net proceeds to go to the Baltimore Circuit Team. (When did the Strawberry Festival disappear from the scene and why? Editors Note.)

June 22nd, - About 70 members and friends departed for Baltimore via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for the Kreisturnfest (Circuit Festival) with Turner Otto Weber serving as Reisemarschal. Arriving at Baltimore Friday night they were at the Hotel Emerson with very satisfactory accommodations. The Festival was marred by rain during all of Saturday and part of Sunday causing postponements, of events and cancelation in full of the mass drill exercises. Vorwärts Turnverein was the host society, site of the indoor events and of the outdoor events which were shifted to the hall because of the rain and of an enjoyable Kommers.

June 23rd & 24th - The reports on this event stress the surprisingly large participation of younger Turners and the fine showing they made, such as Fred Meyer and Ed. Stanley and a brilliant future is predicted for them in this field. Outstanding prize winners of our Society included: G. Horn, 1st prize in the Fünfkampf and 3rd in apparatus, lower grade, F. Meyer, 3rd in Apparatus, middle grade, O. Weber, 2nd prize in Altersriege competition, E. Hampel, 2nd prize in Neunkampf for Ladies, upper grade, B. Christopher, 2nd prize in Dreikampf for Ladies, upper grade and 3rd prize in Neunkampf of the same. Turner Stanley took first place in swimming and diving with Turner A. Horn in second place. Other prize winners included H. Humbert, A. Gottesman, L. Boehm, H. Zink, Milton First, H. Winter, J. Novak, Wm. Krupp, B. Muecke and Miss . Hampel and Olga Johansen. A gay trainload left at 8:30 P. M. Sunday night and reached home after 1 A. M.

In a card of thanks in Bahn Frei! the Editor, Gustav Klose, acknowledged the great number of congratulatory messages and gifts which had reached him on the occasion of his 75th Birthday and which were too numerous to acknowledge individually. In expressing his gratitude he gave the assurance that

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he would continue "nach besten Kräften auch weiterhin der Turnsache zu dienen, die mir Lebensaufgabe geworden ist." (to continue to serve the Turner cause, to the best of my ability, the furtherance of which has become my life's work and assignment.)

July 4th, - Abschieds-Feier for the travelers to the German Turnfest is held at the Turner Club.

July 7th - At 11 A. M. this day the visitors to the German Turnfest began their voyage. The New York District chartered the S. S. Republic from the United States Line. Turner A. Koegelmeier served as Reisemarschall and Travel Agent. Nearly 600 sailed on the Republic; the overall attendance of American Turners and friends at Cologne came to almost 1000. The passengers included 58 from the New York Turn-Verein of which 10 Actives and 4 Ladies comprised the actual participants who were led by the Honorary Turnwart John Bissinger in the absence of the Turnlehrer Chris. Wuest who was unable to make the trip. Teacher Wuest pointed out that this was a record participation on our part in a German Turnfest. That in the past the society had sent two or at most three participants with expenses fully paid. This time we were sending 14 with expenses only partly paid. This had never happened before in our history. (It has never happened since. - Ed.)

July 11th - The Damen-Verein held an outing to the Turner Camp Jahn, in Keansburg, N. J. One of the last of these traditional outings before the loss of this property to the Turners.

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May 26th, 1928 -The first Cities-Competition for young Turners (under the age of 21) was held in our hall. The Meet was sponsored by the New Yorker Staatszeitung who furnished the trophies. The Meet was won by the New York Turn-Verein whose team was made up of: L. Boehm, H. Dartsch, L. Baader, F. Meyer, Gottesmann and Stanley. The participating teams finished in this order: 1) N. Y. T. V. 2) Union Hill, 3) Newark, 4) Vorwärts, Brooklyn, 5) Hudson City T. V. 6) Brooklyn E. D. Ed. Stanley and H. Meyer won first and second, respectively in the all-around.

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July 17th - 20th - The Republic arrived at Bremen on the 17th. The Turners proceeded by train to Cologne, arriving there before the official opening of the Turnfest after a sightseeing detour to Paris.

July 21st - 29th - These eight days comprised the full official length of the 14th Deutsche Turnfest. The total number of participants (in one form or the other) came to nearly 125,000 - the number who took part in the mass calisthenics, alone, on one field on the closing day were 22,000, there were 997 judges and divisional leaders and the amount of spectators was set at well over a quarter of a million.

July 23rd - An official reception was given this evening by the City of Köln to the American visitors, about 600 of whom attended. It was presided over by the Oberbürgermeister Dr. Adenauer who delivered an inspiring speech of welcome. (This is the same Dr. Adenauer who has now served for many years as the Chancellor of West Germany and has become a world figure. - Ed. note.) He was followed by the First Speaker of the German Turnerbund, Professor Dr. Berger. In response a brilliant speech was delivered (in German) by the First Speaker of the American Turnerbund, George Seibel and by an official of the City of Chicago inviting in return, to Chicago in 1933 for the World's Fair as well as the American Turner Festival. Particular interest was attached to the remarks of Ludwig Jahn, a grandson of the great Founder of the Turner movement, Frederick Ludwig Jahn. This Jahn, who was American born, had made the journey to Köln for the sole purpose of visiting the Turnfest and in respect to the memory of his grandfather who was born in Germany 150 years ago in the following month. Finally the Bizirks Sprecher (First Speaker of the N. Y. District) Martin Nolde echoed the sentiments already expressed and in the name of the N. Y. District handed a donation of 1,000 Reichsmark to the Lord Mayor to be used for the welfare of the war orphans of the City of Cologne. He explained that the money was a gift partly from the Treasury of the New York Dist. and partly from

his fellow passengers on the Steamer Republic. Dr. Adenauer accepted the gift with words of deep gratitude and emotion. He stated that it was further evidence of the great love for their homeland of the German-Americans and of their generosity which was so tremendously demonstrated during and after the great war, by the contributions made to alleviate hunger and suffering.

July 29th, 1928 - Closing day of the great Festival with mass calisthenics, a great procession, awarding of honors and prizes, etc. The most amazing feature of the prizewinners was the fact that the competition of first place in the all-around, that is to say the gold medal winner in the Zwölfkampfern resulted in a tie between the German Turner Reuter of Giessen and the German-American Turner Emil Preiss. Preiss was a member of the Chicago Turngemeinde but instructor at the Aurora Turn-Verein, Aurora, Illinois. He was German born who had migrated to the United States a few years before. It was a very rare event for an American Turner to win first place at a German Turnfest. There were many prizewinners from many different American Societies. The following were on the list of prize winners from the New York Turn-Verein: Adolph Zink, Franz Canis, John Schwanninger, Wilhelmine May, Bertha Christofel, and Mary Wright. Other N. Y. T. V. participants were E. Noller, H. Humbert, T. Spiegel, W. Wohlfarth, G. Horn, E. Knecht, T. Novak and Margie Hayn.

July 30th - Beginning of an extended tour of Germany, Austria & Switzerland by the members of the New York District party, starting with a Rhine Journey. The majority returned to U. S. A. at Labor Day.

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FIRST SPEAKER'S REPORT FOR 1960

I must apologize for the lateness of this report, but I assure you that it was not by oversight, but rather by the pressure of things to be done.

Now, what kind of a year has this been? It was a year very much like all others, except for a few unusual happenings. I will not delve into the activities of each Section in detail, but rather give you a synopsis and elaborate when necessary. The order in which they appear has no particular significance or importance as we are all one great family and I must start somewhere:

THE SENIOR (ALTERS RIEGE) is still a very active group, good attendance on the Gym floor and fair attendance in the Kneipes. THE LADIES SECTION still very vibrant and their Gym attendance good. THE ACTIVES SECTION really rapidly becoming like the Section of old. They have instituted monthly meetings with their own officers and I understand that they are well attended. This is an activity that I personally fostered and am very happy that it finally came to pass. From this Section comes the nucleus of the government of the Society in the future

and believe me boys the OLD TIMERS are not getting younger. Take your proper place and step in when needed.

The SCHOOL flourishing, with good Gym attendance, fine enrollment in the German Language instruction and other activities. The 40-50 YEAR CLUB still growing and doing their usual fine job in behalf of the Society. THE DAMEN VEREIN, the same usual reliable group, filling a need for the older ladies. The FENCING SECTION still growing and in need of additional space, which will be provided when possible.

The NEW YORK TURNER CLUB prospering and filling a need apparent to all, a fine summer place for us to continue our athletic endeavors and an all around private club the entire year. It abounds in Social activities and offers a full program for all ages and I again urge all of our members to visit the Club and I am sure that you will enjoy it. They now boast a spanking new dining room floor, which is marvelous for dancing and which was paid for jointly by the Society and Club. Several other improvements were made, making for further enjoyment for all.

ASIDE: "Take good care of that floor as it must last as long as the old one, Forty years.

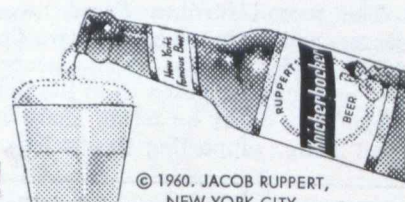
All of the afore mentioned Sections were very generous in 1959, donating wonderfully to our activities, such as, Louisville Turnfest, Parade, etc. This is the way it should be and I extend my personal thanks in behalf of the Society and assure you that this is what makes a Society strong, when all participate in one form or another.

Financially, the Society is doing well and the future should see us gathering financial strength, which will enable us to do the things that we were founded for. The mortgage on the Turn Hall building was raised from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. This was done to retire all of the outstanding notes that our Members so generously held, when we were in need of funds to renovate the Turner Club and Turn Hall buildings.

Thus we go into long term debt, that will enable us to figure future needs with more stability. In this regard, my long sought desire for a building fund has become a reality and we are now

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The relationship with our tenants is fine and co-operation excellent. The Jager House is doing well and their prosperity is ours. The time is nearing for a renewal of their lease and that will be taken care of in due time. The G. A. A. C. occupying the Central Turn Hall building is having some difficulty, but the rent is current and I hope that they will prosper. All in all, I would state that conditions financially are good and we can be happy with that thought.

Two outstanding events of the year bear mention: The Louisville Turn Fest was a success as far as our participation was concerned and we sent a large team that really did well and brought the bacon home. All had a wonderful time, including yours truly. The Turnfest itself was rather shabbily run, but you have undoubtedly read statements to that effect in other journals, so I will not repeat them here. One thing that I must mention and that was the co-operation of our members in the judging, scoring and general running of the meet. Without that I shudder at what might have happened. So many things were wrong, so little thought given to the prize awards, no consideration for the people that traveled so far to compete. When the prizes were awarded the tremendous hall was empty and the victory seemed hollow, but we can feel justly proud of the manner in which we participated. I surely hope that the next one will be better and I am sure that we will again send a large delegation. Amen.

The second Steuben Parade was a success and again we entered two floats, which added to the parade generally and once more exposed us to the public, which can do us no harm. Many marched along, supporting the Society, but

being selfish in this regard, I had hoped for more and I sincerely trust that this will build up in the future. All in all it was a good parade and we did ourselves proud. I would like to remind you that the second float was possible only because of the generosity of our Sections and individual members, who made it happen. I nominated myself as collector for this and believe me I had no trouble at all. This was one case where I did not hear the current classic remark, "Take me to your leader". I'm kidding of course, you were all too wonderful about it all.

This just about covers my report and you can gather that we had a successful year and I hope that the succeeding years will be the same or better. At this time I would like to thank you all for your co-operation, particularly the officers that served with me, the physical instructor and all others who did their share and more. A particular posthumous thank you to Turner Louis Fleischman, who did so much for me and much more for you in many, many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton F. First,

First Speaker.

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"Tomorrow, tomorrow, not today,
All the lazy people say."

35 proverbs similar to the above, in German rhymes and their English translation, also in verse form, were recited by our youngest German Scholar as an opening number.

It is surely remarkable that each one of these girls and boys spoke their lines clearly and distinctly through the microphone without a single flaw, even though many of them had never been on a stage in front of an audience before.

Each proverb instills a useful lesson. Each child is given the opportunity to be a "Star" for a half minute, giving their parents reason to be proud of their offspring. It also emphasizes the superb teaching of our German instructors, Mrs. Lansbury and Mr. Sayer.

Our dancing classes under the able direction of Miss Enid Smith provided three dance numbers. The first was by a group of very pretty tiny tots in colorful costumes doing a rhythmic dance to a lively tune. What they lacked in precision was made up by their cuteness and earnest endeavors.

Our Junior Ladies Class next did some fine gymnastics on the parallel bars, all in excellent form and interesting moves, showing great possibilities of future championship material.

Each year a German Declamation Contest is held and those who receive the highest marks are chosen to recite their poems at this affair. The first group of 6 girls rendered the following;

1. Das Lämmchen Louise Käfer
2. Der Kleine Gernegros Paloma Horness
3. Das unentdeckte Thema Susi Brück
4. Der faule Knabe Veronika Wagner
5. Die Hoffnung Roberta Mach
6. Die Turnerei Aina Geske

These poems were also recited without a single word forgotten or misplaced - truly an outstanding performance.

Then came the second dance number, a ballet dance by the intermediate class

which was very nicely performed, but would have been even more attractive if the black costumes had been more colorful and the music more melodious.

The 6 prize winners among the boys recited as follows:

1. Mutterlied Teddy Wood
2. Das dumme Kätzchen Jonny Fauer
3. Der Weisse Hirsch Frank Weiss
4. Das Lämmchen Wolfgang Endress
5. Das Büblein auf dem Eis Peter Weger
6. Kind und Buch Jerry Mares

Honorable mention: John Klenk
Again the rendition was perfect and deserves the highest praise.

The advanced group then did a very difficult ballet dance with actual toe dancing, that started rather tamely but ended up in a very lively fashion and showed great possibilities for the future of these dancers.

The show ended with a Punch & Judy show in German, very competently done with pleasing effects, but unfortunately the Punch & Judy box did not materialize and the proper costumes were lacking, due to the death of our beloved old costumer Mr. Pichler, who loved to outfit the characters for our plays. We shall miss him greatly!

The chairman of the Schoolboard, Vincent Buehler gave a short address to the parents, introducing the other members of the Schoolboard, Carl Marquardsen, Henry Stolz & Charles Zenker.

Then Mrs. Lansbury was called on to deal out the prizes to her best scholars.

1st Class:

- Gold Medal Paloma Horness
Silver Medal Susan Panny
Bronze Medal Veronika Wagner

2nd Class:

- Gold Medal Dorothy Parlik
Silver Medal Amelie Nissen
Bronze Medal Susi Brück

Mr. Franz Sayer next presented medals to his classes:

1st Class Boys:

- Gold Medal Jaroslav Mares
Silver Medal Franz Zinter
Bronze Medal Teddy Wood

2nd Class:

- Gold Medal Johnny Fauer
Silver Medal John Klenk
Bronze Medal Donald Altschuh

And now our famous Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder was called upon to distribute the prizes for gymnastics. At mention of his name the usual thunderous ovation and applause that almost blows the roof off showed his well earned popularity among both pupils and parents and gives testimony of his great ability.

Mr. Schroeder now presented diplomas to ten scholars in each of his classes who received the highest points in the gymnastic contests and medals to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd, as follows:

1st Boys Class:

1. Richard Perretti
2. Edward Going
3. Leo Feher

2nd Boys Class:

1. Henry Spanhak
2. Peter Giebel
3. Vietaut Tumash

3rd Boys Class:

1. Edward Horn
2. Gary Schmalz
3. Paul Neumann

1st Girls Class:

1. Carolyn Schmidt
2. Donna Sue Levy
3. Mary Tallmer

2nd Girls Class:

1. Kristine Krupka
2. Louise Kaefer
3. Anneliese Kruliczek

3rd Girls Class:

1. Theresa Salzmann
2. Margeret Dildey
3. Joan Dildey

Our special thanks are due the members of the Damen Verein, Mrs. Elfriede Schall, Mrs. Henrietta Kessler and Mrs. Anna Widmann who so ably assisted Charles Zenker in judging the German declamation contest.

Our scholars, their parents, our instructors and the Schoolboard can well be proud of the splendid showing made at this seasonal closing affair.

The members of our society could be of great assistance to us by telling their friends and acquaintances who have children about our school and the good times and helpful instruction their children could enjoy by joining.

Charles F. Zenker

Corr. Sec'y. of the Schoolboard

P. S. The N. Y. Turn Verein teaches only 1st and 2nd year German. From then on to the 8th year the scholars attend the German American School Association.

This School conducted its graduation exercises on Tuesday evening June 21st at Liederkrantz Hall and graduated 32 Boys and Girls who had passed the regents tests many of whom started in our Turn Verein German classes.

Club

On Sunday, June 26th we had our regular monthly meeting with the largest attendance we ever had and we also took up 11 new members which, incidentally, is as far as I know the largest amount ever taken up at one time. It is interesting to note that 3 of these new members are also Turn Verein members, two of them Actives, and one Otto Kuhn, Altersriege. A most special welcome is extended to these 3 new members.

And now a sad note, as death again has paid us a visit and that is the passing of our beloved Turner Karl Anders, at the beginning of the summer on the 15th of June. It was just at the time when he would have enjoyed his club so much, but it was not to be. A 28 year member, he was born in Germany on July 28th 1891, and so reached the age of 69. While he spoke a perfect English he did enjoy conversing in German with his many friends at the club

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and so to you Frieda, to Irma, daughter and to Gil Wright, son-in-law, the members of the club extend their deepest sympathies and so farewell Karl, with three silent Gut Heil's.

Some of our members have been bitten by the bug called "Wanderlust" and are spending or are going to spend their vacations in the old country. Joe Knoll has been in Vienna, Austria for some time and I would like to let all the girls know, particularly the teenagers, that happy days will soon be here again, as he is returning on the 7th of July. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hoog went to Hungary but are also touring Germany. Mr. & Mrs. Karl Buttweiler are flying to their Alte Heimat, Gammersheim in Karlsruhe on July 6th and Frank and Louise Wedle are going to Vienna and then tour thru Germany. "Nach der Heimat möcht ich wieder." The club wishes you all a joyous vacation, good sailing, happy landings, have fun and Auf Wiedersehen!

Again I can't over emphasize the importance of our social functions. As to our next affair our Summernites Dance on Saturday, July 16th, our Entertainment Chairman Hans Sammer, Jr. has made all preparations and arranged the best music and for a dance floor there is none better. So let's go! The Altersriege are again with us and enjoying the summer months at the club. The Mt. Vernon Altersriege have a permanent invitation every Wednesday night and as usual enjoy every minute of it.

Our Tuesday Married Ladies Volleyball Class under the supervision of Mr. Henry Schroeder are on the court every Tuesday and when they play the game, they are not fooling. If I were to pick the champ I would have to remain neutral in order to keep them as friends, and so for the sake of brevity I'll say

they are all champs, and the Altersriege Volleyball Team can vouch for that.

Wishing all vacationists the best of weather during the vacation period, until next month - Wiedersehen.

Fritz Hoering.

Altersriege

Events in the Altersriege keep moving very rapidly, with the exception of the reporter who does not cover these events as rapidly as he would like to.

Looking back a few years, a lot of gaps in the ranks of our A. R. have been created by members passing away which we try to fill. The most recent passing away of our beloved Turner Louis L. Fleischman made a gap very difficult to close. The great loss to our Society became more evident, when we realize that at this point, it took five men to fill his posts. An excellent eulogy by our Editor of the Bahn Frei! deserves an extra credit. While on the subject of credit, I ran across a poem which could serve as reminder for those still at the jobs.

TELL HIM NOW.

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing
If you like or love him, tell him now
Don't withhold your approbation 'til the parson makes oration
And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow;
For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it:
He won't know how many tear-drops you have shed;

If you think some praise is due him,
now's the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone when
he's dead.
More than fame and more than money
is the comment kind and sunny,
And the hearty warm approval of a
friend;
For it gives to life a savor, and makes
you stronger, braver,
And it gives you heart and spirit to
the end;
If he earns your praise bestow it; if
you like him let him know it,
Let the word of your encouragement
be said,
Do not wait 'til life is over and he's
underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone when
he's dead.

DISTRICT VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT.

Senior Men. - May 25th.

The district, represented by the New York Turn Verein and Mount Vernon Turn Verein. A battle between two old rivals. Although Mount Vernon absolutely had a better team, New York won the tournament. It is my opinion that without Heinz Schaal we could not have won this match. But with Erny Suwara's spikes and a well rounded play by all supporting players made this feat possible.

The Altersriege accepted the invitation of the Club and every Wednesday by our youngest German Scholar as attraction besides Volley-Ball and Card playing, will be king size Pork-chops, Koenigsberger Klops and tasty Schnitzel. Until something better comes along we'll see you at the club.

Ted Koschyk.

Damen

Der Damen Verein hatte seinen Ausflug und Schluss der Saison am Mittwoch den 8. Juni, nach Rock Oak Lodge in Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey.

Es war ein herrlicher Tag, und um punkt 9 Uhr früh, fuhren wir mit dem

Bus ab. Alle Teilnehmer brachten gute Laune, und es war sehr gemütlich, und unsere Präsidentin Frau Elfriede Schall freute sich, dass so viele Mitglieder mit uns gingen. Auch Gäste und Freunde. Einige unserer Mitglieder konnten leider nicht mit machen da es Ihnen vergönt war noch vor dem Ausflug Ihre Deutschlands-Reise anzutreten.

Als wir ankamen, waren wir überrascht, der Platz war herrlich. Kurz nach der Ankunft wurde uns ein feines Essen serviert, welches sehr appetitlich mundete. Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Schall hies alle recht herzlich Willkommen, und hoffte, dass sich Alle gut amüsieren. Auch sprach Sie Ihren Dank an unserem Mitglied Erna Heidorn und ihren Mann aus. Es war deren Empfehlung welche uns nach diesem Ausflugs-Ort brachte. Dieselben begrüßten uns mit einem Blumenstrauß aus Ihrem benachbarten Garten. Auch unser Mitglied, Frau Witt welche in der Nähe wohnhaft ist, kam mit Ihrer Schwester, Frau Frieda Krohn aus Hamburg welche zu Besuch bei ihr weilte. Dieselbe fühlte sich sehr wohl unter uns, und bedankte sich für den herzlichen willkommen Gruss.

Nach dem Essen gingen Alle spazieren, und es gab viele Wege auf diesem Platz.

Neue Mitglieder wurden aufgenommen und zwar, Frau Frank Muller, Frau

Nelson und Frau Merino, dieselben wurden willkommen geheissen.

Geburtstage feierten im Juni: Frau Lakay, Graf und Kapinsky. Und im Juli: Charlotte Mayer, Schall, Wilkens und Weinreich. Allen wurde im voraus gratuliert, weil dieses die letzte Zusammenkunft bis nächsten September war.

Unsere Vize Präsidentin, Frau Anna Widmann verkaufte fleissig Kornblumen für die Steuben Parade.

Kurz darauf gab es noch Kaffee und Kuchen und dann ging es auf den Heimweg. Ein Jeder war sehr zufrieden und man ging ungern nach Hause. Man wünschte sich noch frohe Ferien und sagte: "Auf Wiedersehen im September.

Die nächste Versammlung ist am 14. September in der Turnhalle.

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MRS. EMMA KRUPP

Bahn Frei! desires to extend sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences to our veteran member Turner William Krupp on the heavy loss he suffered thru the death of his wife, Emma. She passed on to eternal rest on Saturday May 28th after a long illness. Despite all medical efforts Mrs. Krupp finally succumbed to an incurable disease which she bore with the greatest fortitude.

Thus ended thirty seven years of a devoted and happy marriage. She is further survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jean Zenzius and two granddaughters. To all the survivors and particularly to our popular and highly respected Turnbruder, William Krupp, a member

since 1913, all the members of the N. Y. T. V. express the hope that the passing of time will bring consolation for this loss particularly in the recollection of the many happy years that they were privileged to live together in devoted harmony.

RESULTS

of the

NEW YORK DISTRICT TURNFEST

June 17, 18, 19, 1960, Schenectady 1960

Juniors. Age Group: 14 to 15 years**Apparatus**

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Alfred Mueller, N. Y. | 64.90 |
| 2. Ernest Suwara, N. Y. | 63.60 |
| 3. Joe Polizzine, Mtt. V. | 62.30 |

**Juniors. Age Group: 14 to 15 years
Track and Field**

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ernest Suwara, N. Y. | 36.60 |
| 2. Bruce Waag, Mt. V. | 32.65 |
| 3. Joe Polizzine, Mt. V. | 29.85 |

Junior Ladies: Apparatus

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Albertine Buehler, N. Y. | 70.30 |
| 2. Heidi Widmer, Schdy. | 70.00 |
| 3. Nancy Thane, Mt. V. | 68.40 |

Junior Ladies: Track and Field

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Heidi Widmer, Sch'dy. | 36.30 |
| 2. Nancy Thane, Mt. V. | 36.20 |
| 3. Albertine Buehler, N. Y. | 35.00 |

Actives: Apparatus - Upper Grade

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Werner Hilpert, N. Y. | 74.20 |
| 2. Peter Pfeifer, N. Y. | 67.50 |
| 3. Horst Bernhard, N. Y. | 64.50 |

Actives: Track and Field

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Vincent Buehler, N. Y. | 37.25 |
| 2. Rudolph Suwara, N. Y. | 34.80 |
| 3. Rupert Horn, N. Y. | 34.10 |

Actives: Apparatus - Lower Grade

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Rudolph Suwara, N. Y. | 65.70 |
| 2. Rupert Horn, N. Y. | 58.50 |
| 3. Henry Sonderegger, N. Y. | 58.00 |

Ladies: Apparatus - Upper Grade

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Irene Martin, N. Y. | 73.30 |
| 2. Irene Luparello, N. Y. | 72.80 |
| 3. Judith Horn, N. Y. | 71.80 |

Ladies: Apparatus - Lower Grade

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Hannelore Berger, N. Y. | 53.90 |
| 2. Ursula Tunger, Mt. V. | 52.10 |
| 3. Mary Alice Ward, Sch'dy. | 50.90 |

Ladies: Track and Field

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Irmgard Plessing, N. Y. | 37.70 |
| 2. Irene Luparello, N. Y. | 37.20 |
| 3. Irene Martin, N. Y. | 35.60 |

Senior Men, 30 to 39 years - Apparatus

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Tony Mesagno, L.I.C. | 68.00 |
| 2. Ferdinand Beinert, N. Y. | 62.60 |

Senior Men, 40 to 49 years - Apparatus

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Joseph Spiegel, N. Y. | 64.60 |
| 2. Omar Gagnon, Mt. V. | 60.80 |
| 3. Erich Hundrieser, N. Y. | 59.20 |

Senior Women: Apparatus

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Eleanor Schneider, N. Y. | 75.30 |
| 2. Ruth Sittner, Sch'y. | 73.30 |
| 3. Edith Rauh, N. Y. | 71.60 |
| 4. Rita Mastie, N. Y. | 70.30 |
| 5. Charlotte Taeger, N. Y. | 64.20 |
| 6. Anna Weisz, N. Y. | 63.40 |
| 6. Emma Kaefer, N. Y. | 63.40 |

Senior Men: Field Events

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ferdinand Beinert, N. Y. | 44.80 |
| 2. Ernest Buerker, Sch'dy. | 37.60 |
| 3. Joseph Spiegel, N. Y. | 29.60 |

Senior Women: Field Events

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Edith Rauh, N. Y. | 25.00 |
| 2. Emma Kaefer, N. Y. | 24.00 |
| 3. Ruth Sittner, Sch'dy. | 21.60 |

Ladies: 200 yard Shuttle Relay

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| 3. Schenectady Turn Verein |

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Actives: 400 yard Shuttle Relay

1. New York Turn Verein
2. Mount Vernon Turn Verein

Exhibition Volley Ball Game

Game 1	Schenectady T. V.	15
	New York T. V.	13
Game 2	Schenectady T. V.	11
	New York T. V.	15
Game 3	Schenectady T. V.	15
	New York T. V.	11

HELLO, EVERYONE!

Another month, another report. This time I have a little more to say than usual. The first good news that reached me was the arrival of little Albert Buehler, born to Ann and Vinny, it is their second child. Our heartiest congratulations to the parents, we are sure that he will become a Turner in due time, especially when he comes from the 100% active Turner family Buehler. The statistical data about little Albert will probably be reported elsewhere in this Bahn - Frei!

Gym classes are over for the duration of the summer, and our last joint gym night, social, and "Odds and Ends Sale" was quite a success for the benefit of the Schenectady team.

Friday night, June 17th, found all of us (competitors and bumblers) on our way to Schenectady by bus or car. I went in Vinny Buehlers car and the five of us constituted the advance guard. Speaker First had gotten ahead of us though, and the very bad thunderstorm and accompanying downpour gave us a very gloomy outlook for the weekend. I just could not imagine us navigating to and from our various tents, I was afraid they would swim away. By 11 P. M., when the bus from N. Y. arrived (you can always tell by the noise), the storm had let up a bit and the outlook was that it would "just

rain" through the night instead of pour down in buckets. It did not bother us too much though, and we all convened at the bar. Late that first night one of our bumblers, Dr. Schoenborn, had an accident. He knocked his leg against one of the stumps in the ground which supported the high horizontal bar. That stump put a long gash in Doctor's leg and he had to be taken to the hospital where he received emergency treatment (10 stitches). Even though, he was in good humor throughout the Turnfest, sporting a big bloodstain on his leg.

We all slept more or less, rather less, and mostly uncomfortably, and Saturday dawned with no rain. Some of the fellows ought to be drugged on occasions like this. The last I heard in the wee hours of the morning was a big splash in the pool, and barely two, three hours later they cheerfully holler "Wake up, time for breakfast", at 6 A. M. For that matter, our youngest group or tent of girls was just as wide awake. How they do it beats me. Our tents, where the more sedate ladies resided, was dead to the world. The last ones just about made it over to the clubhouse for breakfast. There we found the motel roomers too. Rita Mastic had a room and shared it with Irme Plessing. Poor Irme had a very bad cold, but like a good sport she came along to Schenectady anyway. The activities did not start until about 10 A. M., just imagine all the sleep we missed! Participation was considerably less than four years ago, but the competition was quite stiff in every group. Most of the events took place on Saturday, and the weather was with us, it turned hot and sunny. Since there were not too many competitors we had a chance to observe almost every group. New York furnished by far the largest numbers in every group and event.

Saturday night was the big night. After dinner a few of us went to the motel to see the 6 P. M. sports news. Irene Luparello, Judy Horn and one or two of the actives had been filmed to be shown on TV. We did get to see it, but the film was cut short and we could only see Irene on the uneven parallel bars for a few moments and one of our boys doing a running broad-jump. We also used the occasion to celebrate, and I am not going to elabo-

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rate on that. The rest of the gang back at the Turner park had not been lagging behind, and the party was in full swing when we arrived. At some point three Ladies of the Mt. Vernon contingent performed a Hawaiian dance which was very nice, and I understand that a few of our ladies also put on some dance which I did not see myself, having taken a horizontal position inside my sleeping bag on my cot. How I got into that position was explained to me by Louise Horn the next morning. She claims to have put me to bed which she says I would not have managed by myself. I do know however, that I did not feel "quite well" after one particularly hectic dance, and I must have decided to retire. Most of the gang stayed up almost all night, and a whole crowd slept on cots piled around the bonfire which was going all night too.

Sunday morning dawned clear and sunny and cold. It was very cold that night, and most of the girls shivered in spite of two blankets. Some were smart enough to supplement their night-wear with their father's or husbands long winter undies, a sight for sore eyes I can tell you. B. V. D.'s and flannel pajamas!!! - Anyway, Sunday morning we finished the competition and played volley ball. By the time we sat down to our last dinner at noon, all was over. There were the usual speeches and then the distribution of medals. Unfortunately I did not keep a record of it myself and I do not know all the names of the girls, but there is probably a complete list somewhere in this issue.

110th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

**Saturday
November 19, 1960**

In the Upper Grade Ladies, Irene Martin, Irene Luparello and Judy Horn were first, second and third, respectively. In the lower grade ladies we had only a third place - Hannelore, sorry I don't remember her last name. The senior ladies scored as first Eleanor Schneider, third yours truly. And in the junior ladies class I believe that our Dolly Buehler took first, I hope. I got all this straight, as I said I did not keep score. How our ladies made out in field and track I do not know either, I know they won the relay race. Irme Plessing broke her own record again and was first, naturally. I think Irene Martin was second. The senior ladies field and track competition showed myself first, and Emma Kaefer third. Emma is a brand new competitor and we all had to urge her a long time to come along. So you see how it goes. Anyone can score, and I know that all of us scored in some way for the society which is the most important thing. At any rate, congratulations to each and everyone for whatever success was achieved, big or small.

Otherwise, everything went very smoothly, the Turnfest was organized well, the food was good and plenty, and everyone was a good sport, win or lose. I went back to New York with Irene Luparello and her husband, and I hear that the bus got home safely also, even if a bit noisy. But what is a Turner trip if there is no song?

And now I wish you all a very pleasant summer, see you in September on the gym floor.

Edith Rauh.

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The third Steuben Parade is close at hand - Saturday the 17th of September. To some of us it seems only recently that we were engaged in animated debate in the German-American Committee of Greater New York over the question of whether or not it was feasible to hold a German - American parade on a grand scale. The issue was carefully considered from every angle. Finally, after most painstaking preparation, the Steuben Parade became a reality in September of 1958.

The success of this first parade surprised and pleased everyone. In every sense it was outstanding. And the participation of the New York Turn Verein was also outstanding. Thanks to the enterprising efforts of Speaker First it was possible to enter two floats, a gymnastic float with bars and lady gymnasts and a historical float depicting the famous Ninth Regiment - Turner Rifles. They made a splendid showing. We were, however, disappointed in the number of marchers.

The interest shown in the first parade and its favorable outcome inspired the parade committee to schedule another parade for 1959 and also set as its praiseworthy goal the establishment of an annual parade comparable to the

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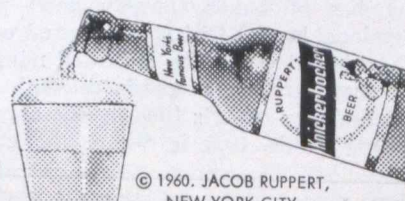
famous St. Patrick Day Parade which has become a New York City tradition for well over half a century.

This second parade was also a great success. In both parades the floats numbered forty or more and it was commented by qualified observers that no other parade has had as many histori-

cal floats in our city since the Hudson-Fulton celebration of 1909. The number of marchers ran several thousand ahead of the year before. We again were able to enter two floats, the first one similar to the preceding year, the second one depicting our first school house in Orchard Street, one of the first free secu-

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lar schools in our city. We were also highly honored to be able to meet the request of the Parade Marshall and to furnish the honor and color guard which headed the parade. Our big disappointment lay in only one thing, namely that in spite of every effort the number of our members and pupils who marched was smaller than the year before.

A CRITICAL YEAR.

This forthcoming parade is a critical one - that is to say if the ambitious hope of making this an annual feature of our city life is to be attained. The first one had the charm of novelty. The second one was inspired by the enthusiasm of the preceeding one - that sort of spilled over. Now however we face this situation that the novelty feature is wearing off. At the same time twice is not enough to establish a habit, to coin a phrase. For this reason it is most critical that this next parade be a success and that it show another increase, even if only small, over the preceeding year. If this happens, then we confidently believe that we are over the hill so to speak and that this event will be then recognized as a regular event and one may expect that the years to come will represent no problem. On the other hand should the overall participation be reduced it is greatly to be feared that the resulting discouragement may prevent the holding of another parade of this type in the near future and give the German-American element in the Metropolitan area a serious setback with great loss of influence and prestige.

It was for this reason that at the last general meeting of the parade Committee the General Chairman W. Schoeps, who had worked tirelessly and without respite on behalf of this endeavor, showed marked emotion when he reported that on the basis of the figures submitted on the preliminary reports of the participating organizations the number of marchers may fall from two to three thousand below last year. In other respects the parade looked bigger and better than ever. The number of floats were about the same while the number of bands (largely good professional bands) that were assured were the highest ever. The indicated number of marchers, in accordance with the preliminary reports filed by the organization heads, that is where the great

disappointment and concern lay. Judge Ringel, the Grand Marshal of the parade strongly underscored Mr. Schoeps remarks and complained of the lack of cooperation in this particular.

Both men, both of whom have worked incredibly hard and faithfully for this great project for over three years, did say, however, that they did not believe, they could not believe that the German-American element would let them down or would be so indifferent to a matter that was definitely to their own best interests and that the real trouble here was overconservatism by the various society officials in preparing their estimate of participation. They felt confident that at the last moment there would be a sudden upsurge in participation.

OUR ROLL IN THIS YEARS EVENT.

Again our Society has given its full and unreserved support, officially, to this feature. We will again have two entries in the float division. The first will be very similar to last year and the year preceeding. We would like to make a change in the make up of this float but it appears that the bars are the most practical and perhaps the only practical piece of apparatus that can be used on a moving float with reasonable safety. The second float will feature our 110th Anniversary. By this time all of our readers who are members will have a letter from Speaker First asking for a donation towards the cost of this second float. If you have sent something in, then thank you very much. If you have put it off, please

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Our Gym teacher Henry Schroeder, like every year, is bringing the children of the Turn Verein to the club and giving them swimming lessons every Tuesday and Friday and do they have fun. As in every other year he has secured a pass from the city for a free ride for these kids on the I. R T. subway for the season.

Our July monthly meeting was a big one and more than 75 attended. We again took in six new members and at this rate of growth we may soon be forced to close our books and have a waiting list. It has always been our motto to keep our dues to a minimum and will continue to do so with the cooperation of the members that is required, namely a willingness to give a helping hand on any Committee that the member is best suited for in our do it yourself club.

Sound and constructive ideas are always heard and properly debated at our meetings but they must be sound and constructive. The running of a club like ours is big business and takes a little more than just being a good Volley Ball player and so until next month Auf Wiedersehen!

Fritz Hoering

Club

The month of July, weatherwise, was "wunderbar", thereby giving the members and their families a break to enjoy all the things the club has to offer and they are many. The Fourth of July weenie roast was a huge success with games and prizes for young and old. Of course attendance was greater than we had anticipated and hence we ran out of hot dogs. Luckily they were able to secure more at nearby stores so everybody was happy. Thank you Paul Troll for that much looked for annual affair.

On Saturday, July 16th we had our summer nights festival and dance. It was a warm night and the turnout was about 165. Our Entertainment Chairman Hans Sammer, Jr. went all out in securing the best dance music available plus entertainment such as a trampoline exhibition and a vocal soloist that brought lots of applause. They danced all over the place including the volleyball court. This affair was so immensely enjoyed, that Hans, Jr. had to extend the music till three o'clock in the morning.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION.

As these lines are in the process of linotyping by our printer a small delegation of the New York District is at Rochester, N. Y. attending the National Convention of the American Turners. The site of the convention is of particular interest this time because it is held at the Rochester Turnhall which is now the site of our National Headquarters and the building which was saved to the Turner Movement after sustained rescue operations undertaken by the national organization and which was a source of so much concern to it for many years. The salvage of this fine building and good society was also made possible by the generous contributions of many of you to the American Turners Endowment Trust.

We will tell you something about the convention in our next issue. Turners A. F. Kierschner, Alfred Harjes and Anna Weicz are attending as delegates

from the N. Y. T. V. while Turner Henrietta Kierschner and Mrs. Alice Harjes are going along as 'gepäck'. Turners Bob Stahl and Alex Diamant from Brooklyn and Turners Tullner and Heider of Schenectady and possibly Turner Eleanor Crost of Mt. Vernon make up the balance of the N. Y. District delegation.

THE STEUBEN PARADE

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see if you can not afford to make a donation and to do so soon. We understand that we are again going to furnish the honor guard. Our division, Manhattan-Bronx, will this year head the parade giving us the assurance that we will not have to wait so long before we get under way. The issue that really concerns us is how many of you will show up to march along.

March Along - Don't Say You Can't!

The general reasons for having a better marching participation have been given above. We are, after all, a part of the whole and if the overall participation is to be kept up for the entire parade then we must contribute our share in our section of the march. A reason that comes closer and more directly concerns us, lays therein that the prestige of our society is affected by a weak participation. Our local parade marshal Turner Schroeder always manages to spread our marchers out so as to give as great an appearance of length as possible. But how thin can you stretch our participation out without making it look ridiculous?

While the N. Y. T. V. sincerely believes in and supports the general purposes and objectives of the Steuben parade (this year Saturday the 17th of Sept. falls on the actual birthday of Baron von Steuben and is at the same time United States Constitution Day) it also expects to receive, incidentally thereto, favorable publicity and it does. But this is partly nullified by your weak participation which gives a public impression of weakness on the part of our Verein.

Various excuses are offered for this indifference to live participation. (No provisions are made by Judge Ringel in the Order of March for a "ghostly" division that is for those who "are with us in spirit." That will not help us at all. Some say that they don't think they would enjoy marching and never

have before. Well why don't you try it. Take our word for it, its lots of fun. Some say that it will be too tiring and that they will be there to cheer us on but not to march. Well there is some help in simply swelling the crowd of the spectators but it is only a half help. A full help? That consists in marching along. Actually it is less tiring to march behind music, than it is to stand and watch - we know this from long experience. Some say that thru marching they never get a chance to see the rest of the procession. Well this year you will be among the first of the paraders and after you reached the dismissal point you will only have to walk a short block along 86th Street and you will be able to watch all the rest of them march by. Some may feel that they have done their duty by sending in a donation to the second float. We welcome your contribution and appreciate it but if it came to a choice of a five dollar donation or another marcher frankly we would rather have the extra marcher.

In this year in which we celebrate our 110th Anniversary it is more important than ever that we give a public demonstration of our loyalty to the N. Y. T. V. and of our strength. Let us not give the impression that we are only a children organization (and we certainly are proud of our children) but that we also include juniors and adults, men and women. It is a peculiar feeling as you step along in this parade to see members and friends of the society greeting you from the sidewalks. If you have the time to come down and watch us, then you also have the time to walk along with us.

Set everything else aside for Saturday September 17th and rally around the flag of New York Turn - Verein as it proceeds slowly and impressively up Fifth Avenue. Only serious illness or the infirmity of extreme age can be a valid excuse for passing up this opportunity of demonstrating your loyalty to the society.

Every member and friend of the society, all sections, actives, ladies, Altersriege, Fencers, (Oh Fencers don't forget us), Damen Verein, Juniors and all children show up promptly at

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Photo by: Eugene Preiss.

We now list the members of the team as they appear in the picture above, reading from left to right starting with the back or second row:

Heinz Schaal, Captain, John Suwara, Rury Suwara, Hans Sammer, Henry Schael, Rupert Horn

Kneeling

Ronald Straka, Henry Schroeder, Turnlehrer, Vincent Buchler, Jr., Turnwart

GUT HEIL! TO OUR VICTORIOUS TEAM!

THE AMERICAN TURNERS NATIONAL VOLLEY BALL CHAMPS.

We are happy to be able to reproduce, in this issue, an exceptionally fine picture of our volley ball team, who became the American Turners National Champions at the Championship Meet held at the North West Chicago Turn-

hall in April.

We published a full account of this important event in the April issue (Vol. 77 No. 5). In this report, submitted by Turnlehrer Schroeder, the members of the team were of course listed but inadvertently the name of Henry Schael was omitted. Due to the similarity

of names there can be a confusion with Heinz Schaal; both of them are outstanding players but different individuals. Bahn Frei! is glad to make good this omission in this edition and to testify that Henry Schael was one of the team and contributed significantly to its victory.

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25th Installment.

Aug. 15th, 1928 - The 150th Anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Ludwig Jahn (born on Aug. 11th, 1778 at Lanz bei Lenzen) was observed at the Turner Club under the auspices of the Altersriege, with Turner Jos. F. Muller in charge of the arrangements. Besides several songs and poems written particularly for this event, an oak tree was planted as a memorial. The Jahn Eiche. At this point the ashes of Turner Kurt Rottmann are buried.

Sept. 20th, - At the regular monthly membership meeting the anniversary of the great Battle of Antietam (Sept. 17th, 1862) was observed after the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting. This anniversary, of particular interest to us because of the part played therein by our 20th Turner Regiment, was regularly observed in keeping with a promise made to the surviving members of the Regiment many years before. In all these years the Honorary Speaker Dr. Gustav Scholer delivered the memorial oration. At this meeting, for the first time he was unable to attend because of what developed to be his last illness. He did send a written message, however, which was read by Speaker Weiler which he augmented with further remarks of his own.

Oct. 19th - A great Siegesfeier and Kommers was held in honor of the prize winners at the Baltimore Circuit Meet.

Oct. 25th - The annual German Day Celebration of the German Societies of the Metropolitan area, held in the great hall of Mecca-Temple was in this year largely dominated by our society. Our first Speaker Weiler served as Festpräsident, Turner Joe Müller was stage manager, Turner Bernhard Strauss composed the prologue, almost all the Ladies and Actives participated in the exhibition numbers, which included two rhythmic dance numbers brought back from the Turnfest at Cologne, all apparatus numbers and a mass drill duplicating the Cologne Mass Drill under the direction of Turnlehrer Wuest. The prize winners and the entire team that competed at Cologne were introduced to the great audience and finally a principal number was the production of the German historic and patriotic play, "Weimar" by our Dramatic Section under the direction of Carl Koenig (with the assistance of a few actors from other groups.) This was one of the first appearances of the youthful and afterwards very popular amateur actor, Turner Joe Baur. The German Day celebration was inspired by the recent successful trip of the dirigible Graf Zeppelin (Capt. Dr. Eckener) and the first crossing of the Atlantic by airplane from East to West by the flying trio the Germans, Capt. Hermann Köhl

and Baron von Hühnefeld and the Irishman Major James Fitzmaurice.

Nov. 14th - Deathday of Turner Suess-kind, an outstanding restaurateur and for many years lessee of the New York Turnhall. His son Mortimer continued carrying on his business.

Nov. 24th - On this Saturday evening a debate was conducted at the Brooklyn E. D. Turnhall, as a part of the cultural activities of the New York District. The subject for debate read: "Will it be advantageous to the Turnvereins to admit women into full membership on a basis of complete equality with men? Turners Weiler & Winnewisser of N. Y. T. V. defended the Affirmative answer to this question and Turners Frank & Groeber of E. D. the Negative. The decision of the judges on the merits of the debate as presented was in favor of the affirmative that is equal membership rights for females.

Nov. 27th - Deathday of Alfred C. Junker, a veteran and pioneer member.

Dec. 1st - Dr. Gustav Scholer entered into eternal rest at the age of 79. The society mourned the loss of one of the greatest of its members in many generations. A member for over 60 years, he was elected to the office of First Speaker thirteen times. Honorary Speaker of the Society, and Honorary Member of the American Turners he was an outstanding figure in the entire Turner movement and in the German - American element and in the medical, cultural and political life of the city of New York.

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Dec. 20th - The annual election was held on a Thursday evening. Important changes in the Vorstand followed thru the replacing of the Second Speaker, Gustav Klose by the comparatively new member Dirk Voss, of the First Turnwart Adolph Zink by Joe Sadlow and of the Second Turnwart, Wilhelm Wohlfahrt by Walter Spiegel.

Dec. 25th - In this year the Christmas celebration of the School was held on Christmas day itself at 2 P. M.

Feb. 1929 - In this issue of Bahn Frei! the first appeal for contributions to the newly established Jahn Educational Fund of the American Turner - Bund made its first appearance.

March 10, 1929 - A gala performance of the operetta "Preciosa" by Carl Maria von Weber, was given by our Dramatic Section with the cooperation of the soloists and chorus of the Heinebund, P. Boergermann, Director and Conductor and with the use of a large orchestra.

March 21st - The society participated in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Carl Schurz held at Carnegie Hall with the President of the American Turnerbund George Seibel delivering the principal German oration.

June 27th - 30th - the 32nd National Convention of the American Turners (Turnerbund) was held in Philadelphia. The following comprised the delegation of the New York District (Bezirk) Martin Nolde, District Speaker, L. H. Bosert, Albert Thielemann, Robert Stahl, Felix Roehr, Chris. Wuest, Bernard W. Weiler, Berthold Muecke, John Hayn, Wm. T. Rehm, Wm. Goepfert, Isidor Frank, Albert Gerske, Julius Roever, Gustav Klose and John Kullmann. Of the 154 delegates present only 15 had attended the last convention held in Philadelphia, 30 years before and among these were Gustav Klose and John Hayn.

Oct. 29th, 1929 - A stock market crash with over 16 million shares traded heralded the beginning of the Great Depression (1929 to 1934) which was to have serious economic and financial re-

percussions and adversely affect most membership organizations in America including the New York Turn-Verein.

Sept., 1929 - Mrs. Marie MacDonald, engaged by the Turnerbund as a traveling lecturer, spent considerable time during this month at our society in an effort to stimulate the spiritual and mental work of the Turners.

Nov., 3rd - The Dramatic Section produced the difficult tragic play, Fuhrmann Henschel by the noted dramatist Gerhardt Hauptmann. The title role was played by Dirk Voss who had previously played this part during his five years internment in a prisoner of war camp at Liverpool, Australia. Gustel Seuling played the leading female role. Others in the cast were Billie Schickel, George Wolff, Otto Knauerhase, Erwin Borst, Joseph Baur, Joseph Muller, Emma Dorham, Otto Mohr and Mr. Wallinger. Karl Konig was the Regisseur.

Nov., 16th - 80th Birthday Celebration of Turner Ottomar W. Wenz.

Nov., 30th - A "Galla Abend" was produced on this Saturday night with

almost all Sections of the Society participating. The program included tableaux, choral numbers by the Turner Liedertafel, Tyrolian Songs with Zitter accompaniment by Mrs. Anna Weindl, vocal and violin solos, revitations, fencing and gymnastic exhibitions and a one act play. Not to forget a "lady and gentleman acrobat (Ed. Stanley & Milton First who kept the audience in stitches with their funny stunts".

The net proceeds of the evening were designated for the recently established Jahn Fund of the Turnerbund for which the society was, at that time, actively collecting funds.

In this month propaganda began in Bahn Frei! for the forthcoming Bundes-Turnfest in Buffalo in June of next year. The Honorary Turnwart Otto Weber acted as Cashier for the Reise-Kasse. The younger Turners and Ladies were urged to deposit small sums weekly with him in order to build up a reserve to cover their expense of traveling and participation in the Turnfest.

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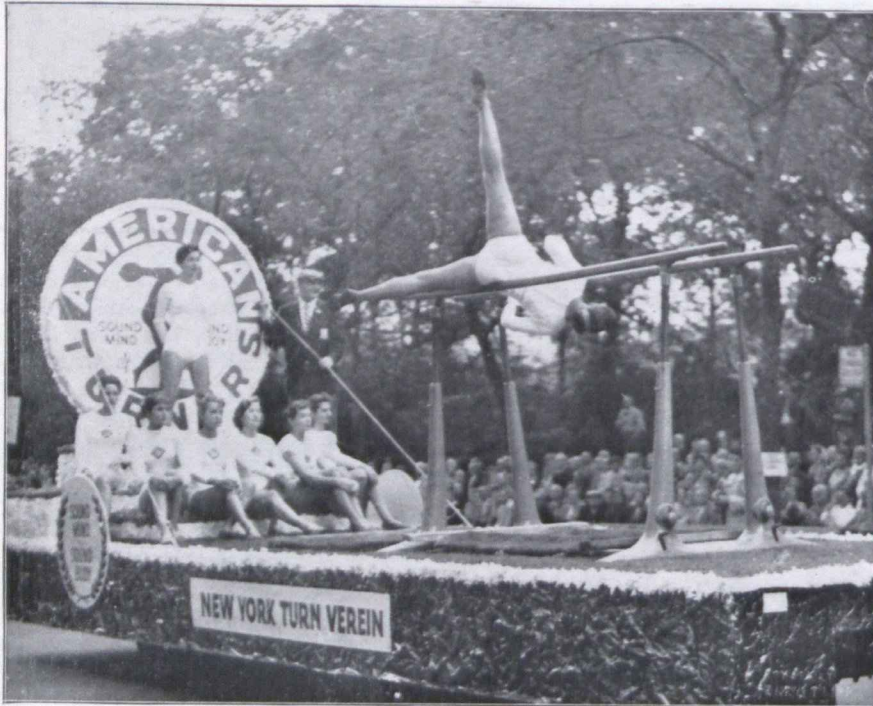
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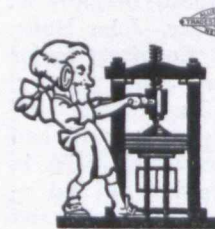
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stands taking turns with an inexpensive counting machine as the delegations pass by should be able to accomplish this within 1% of the total participants. We are inclined to suggest this procedure at the next general committee meeting we attend, tho there may be some good reason for not attempting this which we do not know about.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24th.
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with election of Nominating Com.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st - 9 P.M.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14th - 8:30 P.M.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th - 8:30 P.M.
Membership Meeting with
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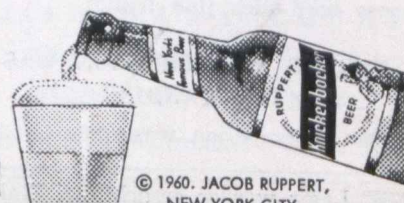
1. The weather was the most perfect and ideal for the purpose of any of the three. Of course weather is beyond human control, so far at least, so we cannot extend anyone any particular credit for this feature but simply accept it gratefully.

2. The number of marchers, floats, paraders and spectators were apparently greater than ever. No accurate count is kept by the committee of the number of participants, so far as we know, altho it would not appear difficult to do this. One or two of the committee members in the reviewing

In any event the best estimates of the number of paraders were 12000 and of the spectators between 140,000 and 150,000. We know a few who were seen both at an early part of the parade march and again near the end, because we carefully observed the spectators and waved to these parties at both points. It later developed that they were so pleased with the Turner contingent that after admiring it as it passed 65th Street on Fifth Ave. they speeded uptown by subway and cheered us all over again on 86th Street between Lexington and Third. Even with a little the above estimates seem reasonable as to attendance. So far as the floats and bands were concerned, 43 of the first and 50 of the second, these numbers we were sure of and they did exceed anything we had before.

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3. The floats and also the costumes of the marchers were more colorful and interesting and the general enthusiasm higher. The participation was very widespread and this was evidenced by the fact that it is estimated that over 600 clubs from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut were represented in the procession. A splendid demonstration of the vitality of the German-American element.

4. The newspaper publicity was everything that could be desired. In the past there had been complaints that little interest was displayed by the English language press. The contributions of the New York Staats-Zeitung und Herold to each of the parades thru the enormous amount of unpaid publicity it gave the parade was of course universally acknowledged and appreciated but the desire to see proper recognition given in the English language press was strong. This year this desire was fully met perhaps thanks to the retention by the Parade Committee of an American public relations firm. Regardless of the cause the fact is that everyone of our New York newspapers gave generous space to this affair, both before and after the 17th. We were particularly struck with the fact that the Herald Tribune made this a leading display article on the second page of the main section of its Sunday Edition. A large picture of the General von Steuben at Valley Forge float headed the article. The Times gave an even longer account tho considerably further back and without any pictures. The News honored us with two pictures one of them of the two year old Turner girl to whom reference is made below. And so it went and there could be no reasonable complaint this time of newspaper publicity, in addition to the Staats, nor of radio or television either.

All in all then a heartwarming success and again great praise is due to the general chairman Willi Schoeps and to the Grand Marshal Judge William E. Ringel to mention only two of the many whose tireless devotion to this cause bore such fine fruit.

TURNER PARTICIPATION WAS OUTSTANDING.

Our Participation was again outstan-

ding and while in the first part of this report we expressed our gratification at the success of the parade in general in this portion we want to stress our satisfaction at the Turner participation, specifically. It undoubtedly was the best of the three.

This year we had the privilege of marching nearer to the front which was to afford us an opportunity of viewing the rest of the parade. How many took advantage of this we know not but this writer (a glutton for punishment) after making the whole march from 61st and Lexington up Fifth to 86th and then across to First Avenue, after a brief refreshment pause, walked slowly down Fifth Avenue again enjoying all the rest of the parade that streamed along and some very fine things there were to be seen indeed, particularly the Mimers Band. Reaching the reviewing stand at 69th Street just as the last contingent was passing by, he joined the Parade Committee which according to protocol brought up the rear of the march with nothing behind it except the Department of Sanitation Band and its trucks. Then he made the trek up Fifth Avenue again to the disbanding point and was none the worse for wear altho some blister symptoms did appear the next day. Due to our position so far in front we also had the unusual experience of marching straight ahead at a fairly brisk pace with practically no halt at all which was quite different from other parades where stops and delays were frequent. This was pleasing but also had its disadvantage as we soon found out since it gave us no opportunity for adopting a parade rest position and our legs did register some protest against this unusually long and uninterrupted exercise.

New York Turn-Verein was again given the honor of furnishing the honor guard which carried the flags at the head of the long procession and a fine looking body of men they were indeed. Due to the efforts of First Speaker First we were able to supply two floats, as in the two preceding parades, and we are the only society that has entered two floats paid for by our own resources without the benefit of a commercial sponsor.

This was again made possible due to Turner First's abilities as a money raiser for a good cause and an article from him expressing his thanks to those who contributed to the second float will appear in an early issue. It has been delayed only because of the demands on his time made by the preparations for the 110th Anniversary.

The gymnastic float, which was the second in our line of march, was along the same lines as in the past and met the same enthusiastic applause. The other float posed a problem since we had used the 20th Regiment theme in the first parade and the Schoolhouse at Orchard Street in the second and wanted a new subject. Turner First hit on the idea of a gigantic birthday cake to symbolize the 110th Anniversary with the younger of our active and junior ladies in liotards holding the candles. This idea was ably executed by G. Bond, the float builder who furnished the great majority of all the floats in each parade and it made a most pleasing picture. The cake numbered five tiers, of which the fifth was naturally the highest and smallest. Thereon, in lieu of a candle, the Junior Bridgette Gilde was stationed. With her long blond hair and a certain resemblance to the Lorelei, she made a most pleasing and striking picture which won acclaim during the entire line of march. This high tier did not afford a very secure position and it took a while until she adjusted herself to the swaying of the truck as it proceeded at a steady pace. Once she was sure of her balance she remained standing in a heroic pose to the very end of the line of march.

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And now as to August, nearing the end of the season, and on Sunday the 14th we had our swim fest. It was a nice day and well attended. The winners follow:

WINNERS.

Boys up to 6

1. Jimmy Ryan
2. Donald Phin

Boys - 7 to 9

1. John Rigley
2. Robert Rigley
3. Russell Resch

Boys - 10 to 12

1. Bob De Simone
2. Phillip Smith
3. Richard De Simone

Boys - 13 to 15

1. Brian Nagel
2. William Marris
3. Fred Sabini

Junior Men - 16 to 18

1. Billy Degnan
2. Kevin Connolly
3. Bill Cody

Men - 19 and over.

1. Joseph Widmer
2. Carl Knoblauch
3. Freddie Blank

Senior Men.

1. Charles Offelman
2. Freddie Stellwagen
3. Paul Troll

Girls up to 6.

1. Elizabeth Duignan
2. Kathy Troll
3. Terry Ayres

Girls - 7 to 9.

1. Mary Morris
2. Paulette Anderson
3. Virginia Bane

Girls - 10 to 12.

1. Virginia Troll
2. Ann Offelman
3. Loretta Wallace

Girls - 13 to 15.

1. Donna Roulf
2. Virginia Smith
3. Barbara Ayers

Junior Ladies - 16 to 18.

1. Yvonne Ames
2. Linda Smith
3. Peggy Curtayne

Ladies - 19 and over.

1. Judy Horn
2. Maria Erhardt
3. Hlen Ellwanger

Senior Women.

1. Gerry Nagel
2. Louise Horn
3. Elsa Phin

The above winners competed two weeks later in the Inter Club swimming competition of which five of our neighboring clubs took part and again the Turner Club was victorious. It brought home the bacon or shall I say, first prize. Our social functions or dances such as the Beachcombers dance on August 20th and the collegiate dance were well received. However our Fall Festival or season's closing was a joker. It rained on September 11th and 18th but on Sunday, September 25th we finally made it and we were supposed to have our monthly meeting on this day. Because of the festivities and the games it became too late and just to keep the record straight, Hans Sammer, our President called a meeting on the volley ball court and dispensed with the previous minutes and committee reports. Henry Steffen made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carl Horn, Elapsed time of the meeting: 2 minutes and 59 seconds; - that sure was a quicky.

And so on to other and important event yet to come such as on November 26th, 1960 the L Y L C D dance and last but not least (and this is an affair I really don't have to plug) the 110th Anniversary of our beloved New York Turn Verein. So let's go and make the theme song read:

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IN MEMORIAM.

We recently received the sad intelligence that our veteran Turner John Konrath died on August 17. We received this information in a letter from his daughter who advised us that his passing took place at a time when she herself was absent on a journey and it was not possible to notify us in time for any funeral arrangements. She further advised that his passing was peaceful and that his last months were without pain or without any evidence of senility or discomfort and that instead he departed in contentment of mind.

Turner Konrath was born in Berlin on November 28, 1871 and so had almost attained the advanced age of 89. He came to America as a young man and during his active business career was engaged in the painting contracting business.

He joined the N. Y. Turn Verein in November 1916 and so was a member for 55 consecutive years - truly an outstanding record. He was extremely devoted to the Turner Movement both in its practical and theoretical aspects and also to his own society. In 1927 he held the very important post of Second Speaker of the Society at a time of considerable financial and realty problems and due to the illness of the late First Speaker B. W. Weiler played an important role in the solving of these problems. He was particularly devoted in later years to the Altersriege and until failing health prevented it he was most faithful in his attendance at their weekly gym night.

To the readers of Bahn Frei he is probably best known by his frequent contributions to these columns from the years 1941 up to about 1956. He was the columnist of the Altersriege but he also contributed articles and poetry on other subjects both in German and in English.

Bahn Frei has and will miss him for a long while to come.

During the last few years he was at a convalescent home due to failing health resulting from advancing years and was no longer in our midst physically but certainly spiritually. His wife preceded him in death by many years but he is survived by numerous children and grandchildren to whom Bahn Frei extends sincere condolences and the assurance that we will long remember our departed Turnbruder.

THE ROCHESTER CONVENTION.

In our last issue we mentioned the delegation that was scheduled to go to Rochester for the American Turner convention. All did indeed arrive with the exception of Turner Diamant who was unavoidably obliged to change his plans at the last moment. It is not our intention at this late date to make an elaborate account of this event but we feel that a few important items should be drawn to the attention of our readers.

We believe beyond question that the delegation and the "gepäck" found the

Convention interesting and the trip to Rochester worthwhile.

All the delegates and visitors from other cities were quite pleased to find the Rochester Turners in very good shape, the building well maintained and the general outlook for the Society hopeful. The Rochester Society has of course been a source of concern to all of us and a great deal of labor and money has been invested in this building by the National Organization in an effort to save it for the Turner Movement. There never was any doubt that the investment was secure, since the value of the property more than covered the advances. There was doubt however, whether the Society would be able to survive and gradually repay the advances and this appears to be the case.

Our delegates were placed on various committees and as customary Turner Anna Weisz had the responsible post of secretary to the Committee on Cultural Education in which capacity she prepared and ably delivered the report of this Committee. The matter of adjusting the percentage points for the judging of society publication so as to minimize the credit given for advertising which has worked to the disadvantage of Bahn-Frei! in the past was carried to our satisfaction.

The elections were of considerable interest. National President Groth having completed two consecutive terms was not eligible for re-election and the Nominating Committee proposed George Jacquin of Moline, Illinois, for President.

It will be recalled that Turner Anderson was First Vice President from 1952 to 1958. Although next in normal line he was defeated for President at the Louisville Convention of 1956 when the then Second Vice President Groth was selected as President. He retained the office of First Vice President out in 1958 in Kansas City he was again defeated for President and dropped out of the National Council. It was therefore most interesting to observe that he received an overwhelming majority of the votes at Rochester since the result of the poll was 110 & one sixth vote for Anderson and 41 & five sixth for Jacquin. This result was the more striking since Turner Anderson was not in

attendance at this Convention. The New York Turn Verein whose delegates have consistently supported Carl Anderson at the preceeding conventions is gratified at the result of this election. It extends to the new National President heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration. Subsequently Turner Jacquin was re-elected First Vice President in a close vote with Turner Reckowitz of Wilmington, Delaware and Turner Pitchov of Lawrence, Massachusetts as the other nominees. Two ballots were required to settle this contest.

Turner Reckowitz was then rather easily re-elected to the post of Second Vice President. Turner Sara Palmer was again chosen National Cultural Chairman without opposition.

Of great interest to us was the contest for National Physical Education Chairman. The nominees here were Turners Henry Schiget, instructor at the new Chicago, N. W. Society, Turner Calhoun, instructor at the Cleveland, S. T. V. Society and our own Henry Schroeder. He had previously held this post to which he was elected at the Louisville Convention but was defeated for re-election at the Kansas City Convention. The result of this ballot was also more than gratifying and a tribute to Schroeder's popularity since he was elected even though not present at the Convention. The result was Schroeder 89 five ninths, Calhoun 37 and Schiget 25 four ninths. Our hearty congratulations to Henry and the best wishes for success as he assumes again this difficult post.

Turner Robert Stahl of Brooklyn was re-elected as the Regional Councilor for our region, a post which he has held for many years. The next convention will be held in Toledo, Ohio. New York was considered by virtue of a telegram of invitation received from Mayor Wagner but our delegates were in no position to support this since we had no instructions to this effect from either district or society. We did however suggest 1964 which would fit in with the New York World's Fair, but this of course is subject to ratification by our organizations.

The social features were not without interest but as stated at the outset

we must curtail the length of this account. May it be stated however that we were quartered in a quite adequate but nearly 100-year old Hotel which had quite a collection of life-size sculpturing. It developed that Turner Hodges is quite an art lover which was an unsuspected quality that perhaps should be made use of by our Cultural Chairman. The train ride both up and back was also not without interest on special situations but perhaps here editorial discretion is the better part of valor. So we close with a Gut Heil! to the American Turners.

Damen

Der Damen Verein hatte seine Card und Bunco Party am 12. Oktober in der Turnhalle und war sehr gut besucht.

Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Elfriede Schall freute sich sehr über den guten Besuch, und grüsste alle Anwesenden recht herzlich, und auch die Deutschland Reisenden von denen einige wieder bei uns sind. Die Geschwister Oestreich waren anwesend. Von Vereinen waren anwesend die Freunde der Wohltätigkeit mit Frau Busche in Vertretung für Frau Cross Präs. Edelweiss Damen mit Präs. Frau Paul. Murray Hill Schwaben mit Präs. Frau Hahn. Rheinpfälzer Damen mit Präs. Frau Strobel. Gute Samariter mit Präs. Frau Steuzel. Socrates Schwestern Zirkel, Frau Goetz, Präs. Auch einige Damen der Turner Club Auxiliary waren anwesend, und Frau Louise Busch von der Goethe Loge.

Entschuldigt waren die Mitglieder Mitglieder Frau Schlüter, Lasch, Voegeli, Felber, Wallichs, Wimmer und Krell, Wallichs Wimmer und Krell sind auf der Krankenliste, und wir hoffen Sie in der nächsten Versammlung wieder gesund zu sehen.

Geburtstag hatten im Oktober die Mitglieder: Buttweiler, Kessler, Laendner, Witt und Zenker, und wurde Ihnen kräftig das Geburtstags-Lied gesungen.

Nach dem Karten-Spiel gab es die übliche Erfrischung und es gab schöne Preise für die Gewinner.

Verschiedene Präsidentinnen luden dann zu Ihren Karten Nachmittagen ein. Zu viele um alle bekannt zu machen.

Es wurden die schönen Door Prizes verlost, gestiftet von Frau Schall, Washbourne und Weindl. Der Gaben-tisch war auch reichlich mit Geschenken versehen, alle von den Mitgliedern gestiftet für die unsere Präs. herzlich allen Mitgliedern dankte.

Präs. Schall macht darauf aufmerksam, dass in der nächsten Versammlung im November der jährliche Weihnachts Bazaar stattfindet und Mitglieder sind gebeten Geschenke zu bringen, mit Preis Angabe. Der Reinertrag gilt für die Deutsche Schule des N. Y. Turn Verein, sodass die Kinder der Turner, die Deutsche Sprache lernen können. Die Geschenke werden verkauft, nicht verlost.

Die nächste Versammlung Weihnachts Bazaar am Mittwoch den 9. November in der Turnhalle um 1 Uhr nachmittags.

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THE STEUBEN PARADE

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We were highly gratified to enjoy a larger number of marchers than at the two previous parades which indicates that our repeated appeals finally had their result. Particularly commendable was the Altersriege participation which was larger than expected. On the other hand we regreted that our Fencing Section as such did not join with our marchers this year. Even so we can be and are satisfied with our membership turnout. Thanks to this improvement and the constitution of the "stretch out" formation by our Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder our contingent made a great impression and as one of the personages in the reviewing stand told me later, "it looked as if the New York Turn Verein would never stop marching by."

WHO STOLE THE SHOW?

Actually we were aided in making this impression by the participation of some of our sister societies who marched with us. Turner Galion of the Mt. Vernon Society carried the District Banner and there were a few more from that society mingled with us and a few more in the Westchester Division. Union Hill Turners paraded with the Plattdeutsche Volksfest Vereen of New Jersey of which they are a part as well as of the American Turners. As in the two preceeding years there was a good delegation from the Long Island City T. V. First Speaker Tullner of the District made a special trip down from Schenectady to head the Turner contingent along with Speakers First and Steiner and this writer. There were even two members of the Springfield, Mass. Turnverein who made the long trip down just to take part and marched along at the rear of our division without our being aware of it till it was all over. The biggest surprise in this was a goodly sized delegation from the Brooklyn Turners who have resumed gymnastic instruction with children only and showed their Turner spirit by bringing up the rear of our section. One of these children, the two year old Diane Mesagno, seems to have stolen the show.

Taking it all in all, without wishing to appear egoistical or prejudiced in our judgement, we think we can safely say that the entire Turner participation was the best and most colorful of the entire vast procession. If we come to the matter of enthusiasm shown by the spectators in the form of cheers and applause and also in the eagerness to take pictures of particular groups or floats it seems to us as tho the greatest affection was shown for the Berlin children. These were 73 schoolchildren from the tenement districts of West Berlin who were brought over especially for this affair. They rode or marched along two floats, one furnished by the Berliner Society and the other by the Staats Zeitung, showing the Brandenburger Gate, the Berlin Bear and similar symbolisms.

After the Berlin children, there can be no doubt that the little girl from Brooklyn drew the biggest hand. She is the daughter of one of the part time, voluntary instructors that are trying so hard to revive gymnastics in the old Vorwarts T. V. and about 15 years ago was an active gymnastic competitor at the District and National Turner level. As she walked ahead with a determined look on her face, carrying a wand, ignoring entirely the noise from the sidewalks and showing in every line of her face and body her intention to complete this long march for such little legs at any cost, she was a sight to behold. You have to see the actual picture to appreciate it.

Almost tied with her for popular acclaim were our floats, particularly the birthday cake float. As we marched along we could see the cameras, both still and moving go into action as soon as they sighted our first float. It was one of the very few pictures that the Staats was able to reproduce in its next mornings edition and was very prominently displayed on the second page of that edition. In the subsequent daily and Sunday issues they ultimately reproduced every float and group but we were the first. Good picking Turner Steurer. And almost the same attention was paid to one of our six year old boys, JOHN CROSBY who did somersaults throughout almost the entire line of march. In fact as the Staats properly observed- "thunderous

applause was spent on a 6 year old youth who marched with the New York Turn-Verein- altho the word march is hardly in place here since the little acrobat progressed as much on his hands as on his feet in that he performed one Salto mortale after the other."

Even our Past First Speaker Hans Sammer marched along with us relinquishing his photographic contributions to other members of his family so our joy and satisfaction was really complete.

Then we all enjoyed ourselves so much that we are sorry for those who missed it and we think that next year they will not want to miss it because they will only be depriving themselves of a real good time.

TURNERS! A VITAL QUESTION

HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?

The antiquated inheritance laws on our statute books are most unjust and unfair and ought to be modernized.

If a husband dies without leaving a will, has children, his wife may be left in sore straits, because she can inherit only one third of the estate when they have children. What can she do with one third of a house or one third of a business?

Let us look at an actual case. For many years the Schoolboard has been renting costumes from the Pichler Costume Co. Mr. Pichler was a congenial merry old soul who had the best collection of childrens costumes.

He was an expert at picking appropriate costumes for every kind of strange character for every occasion. His wife worked with him constantly and was a wizard at repairing and altering costumes to make them fit the various individuals.

About 10 years ago the Pichlers were unable to renew their lease for the business at 34th St. & 3rd Ave. and moved their entire stock into a large barn in back of their house in College Point.

Here they continued to supply us and other organizations with costumes. Last year Mr. Pichler became very feeble, due to his advanced age and Mrs. Pichler had to take care of him besides running the business.

A few months ago Mr. Pichler passed on without having made a will. Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder went to her to get some costumes for our closing show in June and was informed that Mrs. Pichler was not allowed to even touch the stock of costumes until the estate was settled, which would give her only one third interest.

So the lack of a will takes away her business and even her home! This has happened to other acquaintances, among them Mrs. Hachmann, the wife of our late esteemed German Instructor Herbert Hachmann, who likewise left no will, thus depriving her of her home.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Surely no Turner wants to leave his wife in such circumstances. If any Turner has no mate or near relatives - just 42nd cousins - he may prefer to make his will with the New York Turn Verein as beneficiary.

One way or another. - DO MAKE A WILL!

C. F. Z.

Ladies

Hello, Girls!

Welcome back after the summer, which I hope you all spent pleasantly.

The first issue of Bahn Frei! after the summer came out a little early, and I had absolutely no news to report. For that matter I don't have much to say this time either.

We had our first monthly meeting and the main results of it were our requisition of a piano player for our gymnastic half hour. That should prove to be very pleasant and really put us into the swing of things. The other item was

A DATE TO REMEMBER! OUR 110th ANNIVERSARY November 19th, 1960

the selection of a nominating committee for our next meeting's election of new officers. The committee consists of Emma Kaefer, Ursula Holl, Louise Horn and yours truly

Our Steuben Parade floats were great, as you all know. I was a spectator and heard a lot of comments among the public. The response was unanimous, that the N. Y. T. V. showing was by far the best. And I agree, it was really an impressive sight, the cake float as well as the gymnastic float. The distribution of marchers also was good, nicely spread out, and the applause from the onlookers was enthusiastic, at least in my immediate vicinity. Maybe my own enthusiasm carried the others.

I also have a little bit of gossip to report. Eleanor Giordano is expecting her third baby. This is exactly two years after baby Linda. And exactly like she did two years ago, she participated on the gymnastic float again, performing splendidly. - The other bit of gossip concerns two very well known members of the N. Y. T. V., namely Theresa Salzmann and Albert Buehler. Yes, you guessed it. They got engaged. We all knew of the romance for quite

some time, but this seems to be more serious now. Our best wishes both to Eleanor Giordano, and to Theresa Salzmann and Albert Buehler.

As far as the social activities go, I understand that there is an outing on Sunday, October 2nd, a dance by the Vorturnerschaft on Saturday, Oct. 8th and a joint gym night on October 28th. Of course the N. Y. T. V.'s 110th Anniversary Dinner and Dance on November 19th will be THE event of the pre-Christmas season, and I hope that all these undertakings will be great successes.

This is all for today. See you all next month.

Another month has passed and it is my turn again to pound the typewriter keys. Meanwhile, we have really gotten back to work again on the gym floor and it is gratifying to see so many girls in attendance.

At our last meeting we had the yearly election of a new Board of Officers of the Ladies Section. They are as follows:
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You will note that they are substantially the same as before, with the exception of a new Vice President. Our former one, Eleanor Giordano, has declined re-nomination because she is expecting her third baby, and I want to take his opportunity in the name of all of us to thank her for her long and faithful services on the Board. The meeting itself was a poorly attended one, only 15 were present as against some 60 on Monday in the same week when the class picture was taken.

The yearly Hallenfest will be upon us before we know it, and many are already hard at work for that competition. It will take place in Mount Vernon. I hope that more than usual will compete since no lengthy travel is connected with it. We will have a separate group for Senior Ladies for the first time. That will make some of us go into competition again. Anyway, good luck to all who will compete, and I hope that th N Y T V will make a good showing.

Ladies Night preparations are slowly beginning to constitute a barrel full of work, and Rita has asked and is asking all your help and support to make it a success. So, please girls, do join in the spirit and work.

Lastly, I have a very happy little bit of news to report, namely; the Tae-gers are expeting a baby! That is why Charlotte has been absent so much lately and why she has been on the slightly greenish side at times. Anyway, we all wish them good health, and I know Charlotte will be around for the social events at least.

With that I am closing; Adios until next time.

Edith Rauh.

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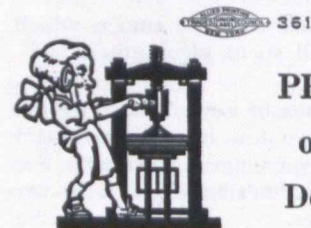
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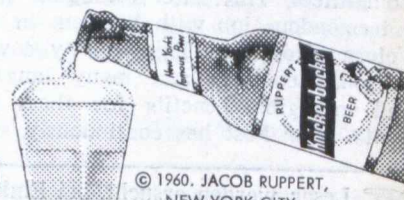
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LEGION — AIRS

Your Turner Post of the American Legion started out on their Fall Program in fine style. The first meeting was held on Friday, Sept. 30th, after a gym workout.

We were honored by the presence of distinguished visitors, who in turn honored us with a Citation. Taking time out of a tight schedule, our new County Commander, Raymond Carney attended our meeting. He was accompanied by County Vice-Commander Mario Sola and County Adjutant John Othmer.

To any one who is active in a national organization it is not too difficult to realize how much Cmdr. Carney and his associates had to extend themselves in order to attend our meeting.

Prior to the meeting, our visitors were filled in on the past history of the Post, including information about the Turner Regiment. Our activities and participation in County Legion activities. They also received information on the background and activities of the Turn-Verein. They paid a visit to the gym where some of our Actives were working out and as an added attraction were able to observe our Fencing Section in session. Although it may be superfluous, I must add that our visitors were impressed and the Turn Verein received some publicity.

During the meeting, Ernie Stadler and Willie Kesper had the opportunity during a reply to Cmdr. Carney's talk to further the prestige of both the Post and the Turn Verein.

Each of our visitors briefly addressed the meeting. Cmdr. Carney included in his remarks some of his goals during the coming year, such as, membership, more participation in civic affairs and increased support on the part of individual Posts in Legion affairs, particularly the County's program as carried on by the Child Welfare and Hospitalization Committees. This latter committee does a tremendous job with Veterans in the Veteran Hospitals. This activity covers personal contacts and many tangible and intangible benefits for these patients. (Our Post has continuously sup-

ported both these activities since our inception.) He also pointed out that he had known of us before but was very happy to be able to learn more about us and our background and did appear to be genuinely impressed.

County Adjutant John Othmer, who grew up in Yorkville, and knew something of the Turn Verein and the Turn-Hall, also addressed the meeting. Most of his remarks concerned membership and the importance of increasing it. He then presented the Post with a Citation. This Citation reads as follows:

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This was awarded for maintaining our membership and having been able to increase it. So you see, we started our Fall season, under Cmdr. Conklin in fine style.

Our next meeting will be at the end of October, members will receive cards and any of you veterans who are not members are most certainly welcome to visit with us. (See Henry Schroeder)

On October 10th the Post was represented at Activities Committee (County) meeting where preparations were being made for the 42nd Annual Military Ball. At this meeting Cmdr. Carney spoke of his visit to the Turner Post. Also at this meeting we made an offer to participate in the entertainment part of the program with either a gymnastic exhibition or our own tableau vivant representing the Flag Raising at Iwo Jima. However due to prior commitments, the committee had to reluctantly tell us that they would be unable to fit our offer into the program. However they made note of our offer and said they would definitely call on us in the future.

As an additional item - once again members of our Post were privileged and honored to lead the Steuben Day parade up Fifth Ave. As Honor Guard for the American and German flags, they were the first unit of the parade to step off. The Honor Guard for this year was W. Kesper, E. Keller, E. Noller, Joe Spiegel, Stadler, Conklin and Grote. J. A. Grote.

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 doubt
 Dad, we're gonna swing, we'll be away
 out
 There'll be comedy, singing, and then
 by chance
 We'll let ourselves loose in an inter-
 perative dance
 Come! get with us, don't try to conform
 If things get rough, you get up and
 perform
 As for your threads, don't dress like
 a square
 Don shirt and tie, but please don't come
 bare
 Not that we'll mind, you may look de-
 lightful
 But some we are sure, will look ——
 Shall we say Frightful?
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Don't forget to support Ladies Nite on
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 you. Ladies Nite is one of our magni-
 ficent traditions. - Help keep it alive.
 See ya February 11th.

Rita Mastie, Pres. Ladies Section.

Damen

Der Damen Verein des N. Y. Turn
 Verein hatte seinen Weihnachts-Bazaar
 am Mittwoch den 9. November in der
 Turn Halle.

Schon früh kamen die Mitglieder und
 Gäste, und brachten Geschenke zum Ver-
 kauf, und es war sehr gut besucht.

Unsere Präsidentin Frau Elfriede
 Schall, dankte allen für Ihr kommen und
 für die schönen Geschenke zum Ver-
 kauf, und dieselben brachten eine schö-
 ne Summe ein, denn dieselben die Ge-
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 von Frau Lotte Träger von den Ba-
 ischen Frauen. Die Geburtstags Kinder
 waren Frau Marks, First, Newray, und
 Klein, Frau Klein hatte am Versamm-
 lungs-Tag Ihren Geburtstag und spen-
 dierte uns Wein und selbst gebackene
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 menten feiern an.

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 Frau Hahn PräS.

Geschäftliches wurde nicht besprochen.

Unsere nächste Versammlung, Weih-
 nacht-Feier am 14. Dezember in der
 Turn-Halle, mit Musik und Unterhal-
 tung wird sehr feierlich werden, um
 1 Uhr Nachmittags, und wir erwarten
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Anna Weindl, Prot. Sek.

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Will give one and all, on some future day,

The courage to advance, in the

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FIRST SPEAKER AND MRS. FIRST

CENTRAL TURN HALL.

Four years have passed since the merger with the Central Turn-Verein was consummated. This was a memorable event of considerable sentimental interest and at the same time of material importance. Incidentally in tribute to this fact and to our former Central Turn-Verein Members we gave this event considerable space, proportionately, in the brief history that appeared in our 110th Anniversary Journal. When you consider that the limitations of space forced us to compress 110 years of our history into 12½ sides or a little over 6 pages of the Journal, the fact that we gave the equivalent of a full page to our merger with the Central Turn-Verein indicates the importance we attach to this happening. Those interested in this are invited to read again the year 1956 in "Highlights of the Past 110 Years of the New York Turn-Verein" in this Journal. It deals almost entirely with Central.

The material importance of this event was our acquisition of the old Central Turnhall on 82nd Street thru which our society became the owner of three different pieces of real estate property. At that time the building was rented to the German-American Athletic Club who then of course became our tenants. For nearly four years we continued to act as their landlords showing them, as is our tradition, every possible consideration in what turned out to be a rather difficult situation for them. In spite of all their efforts their position finally became untenable and in the early summer of this year we were advised by their President that they could not possibly continue to observe the terms of the lease and would be forced to vacate the building.

We were obliged to regretfully accept their decision.

There followed an anxious period for our Trustees whose life as Trustees of the New York Turn Verein is not exactly a bed of roses since they are constantly faced with many difficult problems. Because of the suddenness with which the German-American Athletic Club vacated the building it was necessary first of all to safeguard the building so far as this was possible since empty build-

ings in our city soon become the prime objective of our radiant youth who show their destructive instincts to good advantage. This was accomplished. The next step was to secure a satisfactory tenant.

We are happy to be able to report that this was also accomplished and the building rented to an art gallery and exhibition. While this is a commercial enterprise it at the same time engaged in a cultural activity and hence not at variance with one of our society objectives. The rental is satisfactory and assures us of a fair return on this property altho we were compelled to make substantial outlays for repairs to the roof and other parts of the building which it will take us some time to recoup, from a cash outlay standpoint. Rego Roof & Sheet Metal Works, advertisers in Bahn Frei! (Ted Koschyk, member and Social Chairman) were the contractors for the repair work and Dengler, Dengler & Dengler (T. J. Dengler member) did the legal work for the society in the matter of the lease and other aspects of this situation. We wish our new tenants well and every success.

Don't forget to pay for and to use the American Turner Seals. Additional seals may be purchased at our office.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY:

Turner E. F. J. Brenner

To those of us who have faith in the necessity and practicability of our cultural program Monday, October 31st, was quite a lift. After some scheduled cultural evenings during the past year or so were dropped entirely while others had a lamentably poor attendance, very discouraging to our Cultural Chairman, we finally had a Cultural which was very well attended and from all indications highly enjoyed by the audience.

The occasion was a lecture by Turner E. F. J. Brenner on the theme of "Tales of a Wandering Musician." (Gilbert Sullivan fans will remember the Wandering Minstrel in the Mikado.) Turner Brenner is a 25 year Honorary

Member of the Turn Verein, in fact a member for over 35 years and the son of our former Second Speaker A. L. Brenner who passed on in 1946 after many years of faithful service to the society. Notwithstanding his long membership the lecturer is not so well known to many of the present generation of the membership because his professional obligations and his residence in New Jersey allows him little time to attend our functions. Old timers, many of whom in attendance, appreciatively recalled his appearance in a similar capacity many years ago.

The lecturer is a veteran member of the N. Y. Philharmonic-Symphony playing both the oboe and the English Horn. This famous orchestra has been engaged during the past few years in unusually long and far spread traveling which in fact may be properly referred to, as worldwide. Turner Brenner spoke briefly of the orchestra itself and of the popularity and accomplishments of the principal conductor Leonard Bernstein. He then detailed on several of the tours which they had undertaken, particularly the one in the summer and early Fall of last year which included, among others, Lebanon, Turkey, Austria, Germany, Russia, Poland, Scandinavia, Holland, etc. He spoke both interestingly and humorously of these visits giving his observations on the various countries and their peoples, particularly of Russia, in such a manner as to show a keen insight not only of the musical and artistic conditions but also of the social and economic circumstances.

Following this he gave a comprehensive description of the two instruments for which he is responsible, their historical development, their construction, their musical value, both in themselves and as a part of a symphony orchestra. This part of the lecture was illustrated with generous samples of his artistic ability on both instruments which moved the audience to spontaneous applause. One of the most appreciative was Mr. Wunderlich the father of this popular member of our ladies class who, it developed was himself a retired oboist and naturally found himself very much at home at this cultural evening. At the end of his lecture Turner Brenner offered to play any numbers requested by his listeners and several took advantage of this offer.

About sixty persons were in attendance, not all members, two of whom made the trip from Tom's River, N.J., solely for this objective. The lecture was held in the club room due to the low temperature that evening in the larger room designated for this purpose which enhanced the full house impression that the unusually large attendance conveyed and altho the affair ran a little later than is customary at our lecture nights everyone stayed to the end and was well pleased. In fact our Cultural Chairman Vera Hall gave as her opinion to this reviewer that the lecture was "most fascinating" which is no doubt a happy note on which to conclude this review. We only add that we thank Turner Brenner sincerely for his considerate cooperation in our cultural program.

Activities

It brought tears of joy to your reporters eyes to see the throng of members (30) that attended our November Activities meeting. President Hans Sammer Jr. called us to order, the minutes and treasurer report were read and the election of officers for 1961 got underway. It was with regret that the present Board had to decline renomination. With a roar from the assembled Bob Widmer was elected President, Frank Wedl, V. P., Albert Oppelt, Sec'y., Günter Müller, Treas., Carl Buttweiler, Sgt. at Arms and Günther Taeger as reporter.

Active Notes:

Start flexing your muscles for the next National Turnfest to be held in 1963 in Madison, Wisconsin. The 1961 National Volleyball Tournament to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana in either March or April. The last Joint Gym night turned out to be an enjoyable evening for all that attended. Carl Marquardsen Jr. in town to see his Father. On Sunday Nov. 13th, Turner Werner Hilpert of Fort Dix, N. J. and Elise Sonderegger, Henry's sister took the big step. Best of luck to both of you. One more quick note. In almost everyone's opinion that I spoke to. The 110th Anniversary Dinner was a swarming (heads the next morning) success. Congratulations to all concerned. G. T.

Ladies

Hello Everyone!

I hope this gets printed, I am extremely late this time. Meanwhile, we have our monthly meeting, and Rita Mastie stressed the importance of teamwork in order to put on a decent show on Ladies Night. Don't forget, girls, we are not looking for professionals among you, only AMATEURS. Please cooperate, help in any way you can, with the costumes, with the dances, a skit, or if you can sing - don't think that we don't need you. We usually hear a lot of criticism afterwards, and not from the participants either.

At this above mentioned last meeting we had the good fortune to latch onto a dance talent. A brand new member, on the floor for the first time - Jean Turney (not Jean Tierney) - and she is willing to help. She'll try to get a dance number together. She will practice every Thursday night a half hour before gym, i. e. 8 to 8:30 P. M. So you, see girls, you don't have to have been here for years. I wonder what she thought of our roping her into such hectic activity right away. Please girls, be there for practice.

The Christmas Season is here and we will have our annual Christmas party on Friday, December 16th. Admission will be 50cents and if you bring a 50 cent grabbag gift, you may grab in Santa's bag. We usually have a good time, and I hope to see you all present.

The next competition will be the annual Hallenfest, this time in Mount Vernon on December 11th. It will be all done with, by the time this appears in print, and I hope that the N. Y. T. V. will score first again.

With this I sign off and wish you all a Merry X-Mas.

Edith Rauh.

Ed. Note - One paragraph has been omitted from the Ladies Column. This column dealt entirely with the 110th Anniversary banquet and since we are describing this event in the next issue we did not deem it appropriate to publish only one viewpoint on the banquet in this edition at this time.

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November and we are all set for that which is yet to come. Our club grounds would paint a bleak picture with all the apparatus dismantled, children's playgrounds taken apart, volley ball and badminton court nets down and the grounds covered with the falling leaves all just a reminder of old man winter and as a matter of fact that old man winter has something in common with old man river for they both just keep rolling along.

As to our Turner Club's 39th Anniversary dinner and dance on Saturday October 22nd it was as usual well attended. Of course the opening and welcoming speech was by our President Hans Sammer who spoke in a plain and our every day understandable language and still the words emerged in the height of eloquence and fervor so that for once we did not have to refer to our pocket dictionary. Hans you were born with a silver tongue.

For part of the entertainment for the evening our Club secretary, Bob Potter, an unknown talent came to the fore with an (I just don't know what to call it) perhaps an essay or a diary, in any event it was a composite of the activities of some of the members throughout the year. Some were praised and most of them were kidded whether it was for their volleyball, badminton, horse shoe pitching, swimming, pinocle or Tommy Rapple and her bridge players or Bill

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Ruppel and Karl Buttwieler, Sr. and their dubious pool playing. Bob read this off such a nice way that no one got hurt. All in all it was good entertainment and created a lot of laughter.

There was another one of our talented members, one of the upper brass in the New York City Fire Department who should be listed with Robert Burns or Edgar Guest in the field of poetry. Joe Doyle entitled his poem "The Happiness Hour". The first stanza reading:

Between the dark and the daylight
When the night is beginning to lower
Comes a pause in the days occupation
That is known as the Happiness Hour.

This reminded us at once of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's immortal poem entitled the Children's Hour. In nine clever and amusing stanzas which followed he continued his able parody on the member's activities in the bar room which convulsed the audience. Thank you, Joe Doyle, for contributing your talent toward our evening's entertainment. With all this talent in the club who knows that maybe on some later date with our visitors we could run

a vaudeville or a minstrel show or an Americanized Carnival Sitzung. We have the stage and the curtains.

And now a word or two about the Turner Club Keglers. About a year ago our Alfred Horn had another of his brain storms about organizing a Turner Club Bowling section. At one of the meetings this was received with great enthusiasm and so without much effort enough responded and in September they started throwing the ball. Of course every start is not easy so the strikes and spares were non-existent but poodles were quite prevalent. By now they have improved so that even shorty Joe Knoll bowled 176 but he admitted to me it was luck. Coming back to Fred Horn we are reminded of the old saying - what's he got that I have'n't got? Well for your information he's got it. During his term as President he gave us our new and present beer and liquor bar instead of that two bit bar we had, and he accomplished this at a time when some of the oldsters thought he was out of his mind and now the howling club is also a success. He also got the Altersriege Christmas Party to the Club and now there is only one request we

make of you, namely that as the President of the 40-50 class in the Turn Verein you don't make any changes by trying to rejuvenate us and make us kids again - there we have you sopped but Fred you are quite a guy.

And so until next month and with the request from Pres. Hans Sammer and the Club that I extend to all brother and sister Turners best wishes for a happy and joyous Holiday Season.

Wiedersehen!

Fritz Hoering

THE HISTORY

OF THE NEW YORK TURN VEREIN IN BRIEF CHRONOLOGICAL FORM

26th INSTALLMENT

December 8th, 1929 - The Bezirk's Hallenfest was held at Brooklyn, Voerwarts. Voerwarts took first place in the society competition for class 1 societies taking the traveling trophy from New York this time, while Mt. Vernon duplicated this in the group of class 2 societies winning the trophy away from D. A. Turn Verein. Turnerlehrer Wuest commented on the unusual fact that the first prize in the Senior Men (over 45 group) was won by our Otto A. Weber and the first four prizes for Juniors (younger age group) was won by our Juniors: A. Rosenthal, V. Buchler, P. Muller and D. Buchler in that order. Thus our competitors were victorious in the lowest and in the oldest age groups while in all the other groups our competitors (which included an Olympian and a National Champion) were nosed out by Voerwarts and Long Island City enteries.

December 19th, 1929 - At the annual election Bernard W. Weiler was elected as First Speaker for the 14th and last

time. Dirk Voss and Kurt Petzold were elected Second and Third Speakers respectively. An unusual feature in the Turnwarts department was the failure of any Actives to be selected as First and Second Turnwart. Turner Joseph F. Sadlow had declined reelection as First Turnwart and evidently no Active was available to fill the post. The recently Honorary Turnwarts John F. Bissinger and Otto A. Weber were selected as the two Turnwarts of equal rank. The name of Hans Sammer appears on the Vorstand for the first time as Recording Secretary.

Feb. 1930 - In this issue of Bahn Frei! the committee collecting for the Jahn Fund, Frank Graf, Chairman reported that \$912.57 had been received to date in contributions to this Fund plus \$136.00 in pledges.

February 4th, 1930 - On this day the West Indies cruise of the N. Y. Turner Club came to a successful conclusion. It had started on January 21st on the S. S. Araguya of the Royal Mail Steamship Co. and included Nassau, Cuba, Haiti, etc. Herman Kues was Chairman of the "Reise-Komitee" and Albert Kogelmeier was Reiseführer on behalf of his travel agency. In addition to the

usual comments of the strange transition from freezing cold to tropical heat as the cruise progressed the reporter, Gustav Klose, commented on the strange and heady feeling to see cocktails, highballs and all forms of alcoholic beverages served at the bar of the ship and at the various points of call since these travelers had left the land of prohibition where such goings on had been taboo for more than ten years.

March 1930 - The following interesting announcement appeared in this months Bahn Frei!

Familien-Zuwachs in Turnerkreisen.

Etwas verspätet, doch sei allen Turnern, Turnerinnen und Freunden zur Kunde, dass uns am 6. Dezember ein gesunder, kräftiger Junge geboren wurde. Wm. C. Orth und Frau.

March 12th - Der Damen-Verein des New York Turn-Vereins celebrated its 15th Anniversary this afternoon with Frau Dr. Kessler, presiding.

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April 10th - Paul R. Pelz was elected as Librarian in place of the veteran George Berna who retired because of ill health and took up residence in Massachusetts. Turner Hans Sammer and Bruno Zemanski volunteer as principal assistants. Turner Sammer begins a cultural, philosophical, library and "mixed pickels" column in Bahn Frei! and engages in extensive writings of these subjects. He also serves actively on the cultural committee and a series of lectures on modern German thought and trends by Dr. G. F. Beck, M. A., Phd., held under the auspices of the

cultural committee in the Hall in both German and English are praised by columnist Sammer in glowing fashion.

June 4th, 1930 - On this Wednesday night the 80th Anniversary of the N. Y. T. V. is celebrated in a rather informal manner. The Anniversary itself is somewhat overshadowed by the forthcoming National Turnfest at Buffalo which it had been decided was to be the principal actual celebration of the 80th Anniversary.

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Triumphant Celebration of the 110th Anniversary

It must be recorded that we celebrated our 110th Anniversary in a brilliant and worthy manner even though technical problems of publication has delayed a little our reporting of this event. We would not have been able to give a proper overall picture in the last issue and so we avoided practically all mention of it then in favor of a more comprehensive description this time.

After the great Centennial Celebration, which literally occupied the whole of the year 1950, the matter of which milestone it would be proper to observe in a major way, posed something of a problem. One thinks naturally of the 125th and the 150th, particularly of the 150th, but it is a long while to contemplate a quarter or a half of a century. True it became the practise to designate one of our social functions each year after 1950 as the 101st, 102nd, etc. anniversary celebration. Incidentally as a matter of convenience the day so designated was generally in November or December rather than the actual founding day which of course was the Sixth of June. This observance generally consisted of a dance and some entertainment with little emphasis on the anniversary itself. All this was well

enough but right after the 109th there was a feeling that the celebration in 1960 should be something different and more elaborate, and the entertainment committee proposed that the 110th should be celebrated in the form of a banquet and with greater emphasis on the customary features of such a birthday celebration including outside participation to a certain extent.

Anniversary Committee.

This project was approved by a society meeting and an anniversary committee was appointed in due course, which went to work with vim and determination, and did a fine and painstaking job of preparation. The names appear in the Anniversary Journal but since they have never been printed in Bahn Frei! it is appropriate to do so now: Theodore Kotschyk, Chairman, Vincent Buehler Jr., Vincent Buehler Sr., Carl Buttweiler Jr., Milton First, Ursula Holl, Rita Mastic, Oscar Straka, Ronald Straka, Frank Steiner, Frank Waldmann, Theresa Waldmann and Louis Fleischman who unhappily was called away by death before he could complete his labors in this capacity.

As the year progressed the committee had many meetings and worked very hard on many details. As this progressed it was only natural that the desire should develop to make this an outstanding affair, and it brought with it some problems as to how to accomplish this and still stay within the framework of a comparatively modest observance. For example it was decided to have a Journal, primarily for revenue purposes, with the historical features sharply curtailed. Thus we were given the assignment of writing a brief history, or rather a highlight summary, which was to be compressed within two pages. In spite of every effort to comply it was, by mutual consent, necessary to extend this to nearly 14 pages, disregarding pictures.

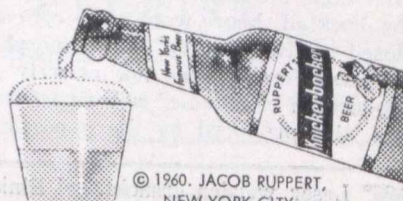
The committee was aided by many other members and friends, particularly in the important matter of soliciting advertisements. Widespread publicity was also secured and our readers will recall that advertising in connection with the anniversary appeared in Bahn Frei! steadily for nine months before the affair itself.

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for November that is. The publicity and the ardent work of the ticket sellers had born a good fruit and reservations were secured for the banquet which came pretty close to a full house. The advertising secured for the journal was also most gratifying. In the nature of a journal we can hardly speak of a sellout since there seldom is any need for limiting the amount of advertising space, but the work of our members in soliciting advertising plus their own generous insertion of complimentary ads and the booster lists, resulted in a profitable journal. Mainly as a result of this it was possible to include the cocktail hour entirely free to our guests in the price of admission and to show a net profit overall for the entire affair.

The Cocktail Hour.

Promptly at the time set, 7 P. M., the cocktail hour officially began in the gymnasium. Some of our guests who were not so familiar with our generous ways in this regard were a bit late in arriving and had to be directed to the scene but the majority were there in plenty of time and a gay and animated scene greeted the onlooker. As advertised there was a wide variety and almost limitless amount of refreshments available to all. We are not at all inclined to criticize unfavorably any feature of the affair and indeed there were few points that could be fairly criticized. There was a bit of a lag here, it must be admitted, in distribution. This lag set in shortly after the opening when the majority of the guests arrived and continued till additional bartenders were sent upstairs and members of the committee themselves served as volunteer helpers. The only effect of this lag was to require a certain amount of aggressive tactics by guests who wished to receive their reasonable quota of cocktails; it is to be hoped that not too many of the nonaggressive type were deprived of their just share.

In fact a jovial and comfortable spirit prevailed in the gymnasium until shortly after eight the Chairman announced that the cocktail hour would be officially closed in five minutes. This atmosphere of good feeling was not entirely the product of alcoholic refreshment but was also produced by the opportunity

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of greeting old friends and reminiscing about the good old days. In short the cocktail hour was a happy and appropriate overture to what was to come.

THE JOURNAL

As the guests slowly descended to gather in the ballroom they found it suitably decorated with the dais extending the length of the South side of the room parallel to the stage. This one of the two formats that have been used in the innumerable banquets and affairs held in our hall. The other one has the headtable parallel to the Lexington Ave. side; each arrangement has its advantages. We are confident that the layout selected worked well and that the always difficult problem of table and seating arrangements was well handled and perfectly worked out at this function.

While waiting for the meal service to begin, the diners had an opportunity of examining the items at each plate, namely an attractive souvenir fountain pen, a printed menu and a copy of the Journal.

The Journal deserves special mention. It was one of the most attractive of the very many we have looked over thru a long period of years, covering a wide range of organizations and institutions. The red cover stamped in gold letters with heavy plastic spiral binding the pages in the limpid, easy to handle style now in more general use, made a striking appearance. (Cover design by Edward Privitzer - the cover itself by Ornamental Leather Embossing Works that is to say by Milton First.)

The Journal numbered some 80 pages. It had a satisfactory balance of narra-

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tion, pictures and advertising. Some old friends were in evidence such as the picture of the officers corps of our Turner Regiment which has, probably, been used in every historical journal we have published in our history but there were others which made their appearance for the first time. The chronological list of the Speakers of the N. Y. T. V., first used in the Centennial Journal, made a reappearance but carefully revised to cover the ten years which have followed. It makes an interesting and impressive list which graphically mirrors our 110 years of history. Keeping in mind that the scope of this publication was curtailed so as to keep within the framework, in size, of the anniversary celebration itself it succeeded in giving an effective and pleasing picture of the activities and history of our society. If you were one of those who, unfortunately were obliged to miss the banquet, make a point of securing a copy and we are sure you will want to keep it as a permanent feature of your home library.

THE TOASTMASTER

Our own Milton First served as Toastmaster and did this in his usual admirable fashion, being at all times in complete control of the situation. The formal opening of the banquet by the rendering of the National Anthem by our friend Willie Schoepps, General Chairman of each of the three Steuben Parades, who was seated at the dais, and had come expressly for the purpose of expressing his gratitude to the society for its fine participation in each of these parades. Besides his other accomplishments, Mr. Schoepps is also a fine singer.

In his own inimitable style the toastmaster then introduced the others at the dais, namely Carl Anderson, National President of the American Turners., Turner Henry Bloch and Mrs. Bloch, Second Speaker Frank Steiner and Mrs. Steiner, Turner Ted Kotschyk, Chairman of Social Activities and Co-Chairman of the Banquet and Mrs. Kotschyk, Hon. William E. Ringel, Justice Court of Special Sessions and Mrs. Ringel, Turner Henry Schroeder and Mrs. Schroeder and last, but surely not least, Mrs. Milton First.

Toastmaster First then welcomed many of the outstanding guests particu-

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larly those from other groups. To list them here would go too far but his remarks in each introduction were very appropriate. Sometimes a fine humorous note was struck as in his introduction of the Dengler table, all ten of them were members of that family in which case he mentioned the law firms of Dengler, Dengler, Dengler and McGlew and congratulated them on the addition of such a fine Irish name as McGlew.

The customary group photograph was then taken and a fine picture this turned out to be indeed. In the meanwhile service of the dinner had begun. As promised and as advertised an excellent meal was offered which did credit to the reputation of the Jaeger House as purveyors of fine meals. Roast Prime Sirloin of Beef was the main course but let us not forget to mention the course that preceded the soup, which was designated as Pate Maison a La Jaeger House - out of this world.

Various congratulatory telegrams and messages were read between courses

and in due course Eddie Lee's orchestra arrived and delighted us with their fine music. Towards the end of the dinner they went around to the tables and played special selections of each of the tables they were able to cover. There is no doubt, but that our friend Eddie Lee has a knack at making people feel at home and happy at a function of this kind and that he correctly sizes up the spirit and tempo of an occasion. Perhaps somewhat later than originally planned (its often that way) the end of the banquet arrived and the time had come for the after dinner speeches.

(to be concluded)

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HORN OUR FIRST SPEAKER

As a result of the Annual Election held on December 19th with 70 ballots cast and a well attended meeting, important changes have taken place on the Board of Officers. These brought about, in the main, thru retirement from office after years of faithful service. We will report on the details of the election in our next issue.

At this time we will only record the most important change and that is the voluntary relinquishment of the office of First Speaker by Milton First after seven years of exceptional, energetic and devoted service in that capacity. The Veteran Member Turner Alfred F. Horn was persuaded to accept this difficult and responsible assignment and was so elected. We hope to have a biography and a picture in the next issue. For the moment Bahn Frei! contents itself, for lack of space, to give this brief notice to the readers of our society's selection of a new First Speaker and to extend sincere congratulations to Speaker Horn and express every best wish for a successful and effective administration which we are all confident it will be.

TESSIE WALDMANN**AN HONORARY MEMBER**

The regular membership meeting of Oct. 24th was the setting of a unique ceremony, namely the awarding of 20 Year Honorary Membership to Turner Tessie Waldmann. Unique, because it was the first time in our history, that this honor was conferred upon a woman member. An amendment to our Constitution that was ratified in the early part of last year, which was designed to correct an unfair situation so far as our female members are concerned, made this possible.

It is most appropriate that Turner Waldmann should be the first to attain this unique honor because her entire Turner history is an outstanding one, in fact, a model one, which is an inspiration to all and an object lesson in loyalty and devotion to our society. She began her long Turner career as a very young girl, when she first attended our gym classes. As soon as she reached

the required age she became a member of the Ladies Section and played a prominent role in this important part of our Society. She held different posts in this Section, serving for eleven years as its President and under her leadership and enthusiastic driving force, it became one of the most important part of our entire organization. After many years of self sacrificing service, the Ladies Section recognized the same by declaring her an Honorary Member of the same, which, if our memory serves us correct, was the first member of the Section to be so honored and was one of the many firsts that this member attained.

Turner Waldmann's story, so far as the N. Y. T. V. is concerned, is one of boundless activity in many aspects, the gym itself, participating in numerous competitions and exhibitions, attendance at almost all social functions, often directing and conducting the same, serving tirelessly on every committee to which she was appointed, entering in most of the cultural exhibitions, and at all times promoting and publicizing the society, and staunchly upholding its traditions and also, let it be said, its regulations and discipline.

Her interest was not confined to the Ladies Section, but to the society as a whole, and to the Turner movement itself. It was natural therfor, that she should become a full member of the Society as soon as this became possible by a constitutional amendment eight years ago, which for the first time admitted women to full membership. On September 22nd, 1952 she became the first woman to be admitted to full membership. Subsequently she became one of the first to serve on the Vorstand; preceded in this regard only by Turner Mastic and Hall. She served as Recording Secretary from 1955 thru 1960 declining renomination at the end of her present term of office.

Turner Waldmann served as a District Delegate in 1955 and also as a delegate to the National Conventions in Davenport and in Louisville and attended several National Turnfests and many other Turner affairs at the district and regional level. To list all her accomplishments and services would be a difficult task indeed, so that mention may only be made here of her tremendous

services as a member of the Centennial Committee in 1950. Even greater than the actual material services rendered was and is the Turner spirit, which, like a bright flame extends its contagious warmth to all who know and admire her. And as has been the case with some others, we are here able to speak of a Turner family and not only of an individual, for one need only recall the record of her late husband, our unforgettable Honorary First Speaker William C. Orth, her sons Robert and William, her brother, Turner Krupp and our devoted and popular Turner Frank Waldmann.

A good attendance at this meeting was a tribute to her popularity and included members of her family and old friends, who came to the meeting expressly for this purpose. Speaker Milton First presented the honor pin with well chosen words of commendation and affection. A flowery worded telegram of congratulations (which in no way overstated the facts of the case) from Turner Theobald Dengler was a pleasing feature of this ceremony. The newly created Honorary Member responded with appropriate remarks that were quite understandably marked with considerable emotion. Bahn Frei! gladly adds its congratulations and appreciation to Turner Theresa Waldmann.

Ladies

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

Dear Ladies,

When you get this, you will have slid into 1961 with more or less bang, and I hope it is a good year for everyone.

Our Xmas party was very nice, even if it did get off to a late start, owing to the various other activities going on at the same time. Charlotte Taeger played Santa, but not even she in her state of approaching motherhood could quite fill the costume. A pillow had to be used. The grabbag gifts were mostly very nice, I for one received a whole bottle of Cognac - one shot. There was great variety. The singing had to be done without our Record Player, it was lost until somebody found it around midnight. Of course no music,

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no dancing. There were sandwiches and liquids and everything went. All in all, we had a good time.

The Hallenfest in Mt. Vernon was well attended. I still do not have the scores correctly, so I am relying on their being printed elsewhere in this issue. I do know though, that all our girls did their best, and it was good to watch. The low beam for the lower grade Ladies' competition was very wobbly, and I know that this fact did throw so many girls that their respective scores are not really representative of their capabilities. If they had had a better beam, many would have scored a lot higher than they did. The same holds for the Upper Grade Ladies. Their beam competition had to be cut out completely. Then the low bar on the uneven parallel bars got unhooked, first during Irene Martin's optional move, then during Theresa Salzman's and I think another time or two. What a pity. Irene had just done a perfect straddle over the low bar, a feat she had not been able to do that well before, and then the bar goes. She had to repeat her move, and sure enough - the second time was not so good. I know it made every competitor shaky, just the idea that it can happen, and it did with almost all of them. Anyway, Theresa Salzman was first, Irene Martin second, and Judy Horn third. Congratulations to all, especially Theresa, who won the Wander trophy for the second time. If she wins

it a third time, she will be able to keep it.

On the social scene I am very happy to report the marriage of Eleanor Schneider to Guenther Mueller. This is a wonderful match, Turner to Turner, our heartiest congratulations to Guenther who got a wonderful wife, and best wishes to both of them for a very happy future.

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THIRD STEUBEN PARADE

A thousand apologies for this report, but the pressure of the 110th Anniversary preparations made time a most valuable commodity and in spite of all modern achievements there are still only 24 hours in a day. The story has been told, the wonderful display put on by this Society, the best of all three. You were really all wonderful, more than ever contributed to this great event that has captured the German American element's imagination.

As I have done this fund raising campaign many times in the past, I had the suspicion that the members might be getting tired of this constant requesting and was really hesitant in doing it again. Being hard put, I decided to feel out the members as to what we should do. At a meeting of the Senior Class, (Alters Riege) I raised the point, "Should we enter another float". The response nearly floored me and almost to a man they shouted, "Of course we should". There upon started an avalanche of donations that pretty near snowed me under. I really was hard put in getting all the names. After this the word got around and more came from all sections of the Society until before we knew it the money was raised and we were able to enter the most attractive float of the parade. Our Birthday Cake, alive with the most attractive girls this side of heaven.

It was really most gratifying to me as First Speaker, this most spontaneous display of Turner Spirit, showing all that the members are really interested. To the following, a thousand thanks for your generosity and your desire to keep the New York Turn Verein the best Society in this great city. Ted Koschyk, Alters Riege, Sammer Jr., Humbert, A. Weiss, Kittle, Hoering, Mey, The Actives, The Ladies Section, Zenker, F. Truckenbrodt, Horlbeck, Sammer Sr. Kierschner, Stadler, Wunderlich, Harjes, Bloch, Pfuhlmann. To Turners Krupp, Al Horn, A. Zink, Mt. Vernon, Kohlhepp, M. Privitzer, H. Louis, Tom Koschyk, Nol'er, Schlag, Lefty, Steffen, Raithal, Knoll, Koegelmeier, First Schroeder. To Turners Novak, Roggenkamp, Reimus, Charlie of Mt. Vernon, Kuhn, F. Privitzer, Hundreiser, Steiner, Ed. Privitzer, Karl Kraus, Marquardsen, K. Horn, O.

Straka, Beinert, Spiegel, J. Zingg, P. Muller, T. Waldmann, Schoenborn, Damen Verein, H. Heidorn, Ann Franceschi, Hetzel, Lucken, Kesper, and Jansen, Key.

It is possible that some might have been forgotten, due to the way in which donations were given, some to me directly and some mailed in to the Society. If this is the case, we are sorry and wish to thank you with the same fervor.

You made it possible, you made our participation just that much better and you can be proud that you did your part.

To all thank you again for your generosity, for your marching and for your over all support in one way or another. This is the spirit that keeps us forever going forward and strengthens us to go on to still greater efforts.

With Turner Greetings,

First Speaker First.

Damen

Der Damen Berein hatte seine Versammlung und Weihnachts-Feier am Mittwoch den 14. Dezember in der Turn Halle.

Trotz des Schneesturms war die Feier sehr gut besucht. Präsidentin Frau Elfriede Schall begrüßte alle Mitglieder und Freunde sowie Gäste aufs herzlichste, und dankte Ihnen für Ihr kommen.

Folgende Vereine waren anwesend: Freunde der Wohltätigkeit mit Präs. Frau Cross; Badische Frauen, mit Präs. Frau Träger, und die guten Samariter mit Frau Stenzel von Welfare Island. Als Gäste waren folgende Damen anwesend und begrüßt: Unser Mitglied Frau Newray mit Tochter Mrs. Conk'in, Mrs. Schnoor, Stutzen, Schmoll, Christmar, Schiesing, Hogstrom, und Wick, sowie Ihr Sohn Herbert Wick.

Viele Mitglieder die nicht in New York sind, sandten Weihnachts-Grüsse, darunter eine Geld-Spende von Frau Doris Trischée aus Okala, Fla. Grösse sandte auch Adele Sophie Weiler aus Colorado Springs.

Zur guten Stimmung trug Herr Seiwet mit seiner Klavier Begleitung der Weihnachtslieder viel bei.

Ihren Geburtstag feierten die Damen: Eichenlaub, Hermine Schmidt und Anna Weindl, und wurde Ihnen mit dem Geburtstags-Lied gratuliert.

Der Weihnachtsmann, gespielt von Minchen Voegeli kam mit Gaben für alle Mitglieder und Gäste und wurde mit Freude begrüßt. Sie kam von Fort Lee, N. J. in dem Schnee-Wetter, welches uns sehr freute. Ihr gebührt Dank. Es gab Kaffee mit Apfel-Strudel, und Stollen vom Verein gestiftet, und Frau Paulokot brachte selbst gebackene Krapfen für Alle.

Die Tische waren herlich geschmückt mit Kerzen und Tannenzweige, sowie auch Zuckerwerk in bunten Tellern.

Es wurden nach der Kaffee-Pause die schönen Geschenke verlost und die Präs. dankte allen Spendern.

Der Stollen war vom Verein gestiftet, und die Krapfen von Frau Paulokot, und die Süßigkeiten (Candy) von Frä. Washbourne, und die Cakes und Cookies von Frau Krell unser Mitglied. Die Präs. dankte allen Spendern nochmals und wünschte allen frohe Weihnacht und ein Glückliches Neues Jahr. Diese beendete die letzte Versammlung im alten Jahr.

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There are at present 22 members who have belonged to the society over 40 years. More will be added in the future.

Seventeen of these Turners, in spite of the snowstorm, assembled at 6 o'clock for the dinner which is held every year on the same day the general election of the Turn Verein takes place.

The late Louis Fleischmann started these gatherings a few years ago and served most efficiently as chairman. Now we have lost him. His passing on so suddenly was a severe blow to all of us as well as to the society. The members were bidden to rise for a moment in reverence to his memory and also to John Konrath who wrote so many informative articles about the Altersriege for Bahn Frei. His watchword was "WUNDERBAR".

Well, the old saying, "the show must go on" held good and the vice-chairman Fred Horn took over with his usual energy. On calling for the election of a new chairman and vice-chairman, Fred Horn was enthusiastically elected chairman and William Krupp vice-chairman.

After an excellent dinner, each of the assembled Turners contributed his share to a most entertaining and instructive evening, by relating anecdotes and reminiscences of happy days during their many years of membership in the society.

Many prominent Old Timers were mentioned, such as speakers Dr. Scholer, Bern. Weiler and Alf. Kierschner, Sr. Turnlehrer Carl Staiber. Champion-ship Turners like Bissinger, Krimmel, Moore. The merry pranks of Arthur Rosenkampf and many other noteables entranced the listeners.

By far the most eloquent speaker was Henry Bloch. In his impassioned talks of his experiences he vividly describes many events which the other members have also lived thru and so brings back recollections dear to every heart. At the close of his remarkable address, he donated \$100.00 to the society in memory of Louis Fleischmann. The 40 year club also makes a donation yearly to the Turn Verein.

In the days before television, an entertainment committee of 12 members played a very important role. We provided at least 10 entertainments a year, 4 of them plays by our renowned dramatic section. A gym exhibition, marvelous masquerade balls and many other entertainments were arranged. Bill Orth headed this committee for years, followed by Charles Zenker. It was pointed out that nine of the Turners present had been co-workers on this famous committee.

Turner Milton First, as 1st speaker of the N. Y. Turn Verein, was our guest, but it will take him a number of years before he can join the ranks of the 40 year club.

On the whole, it was a most inspiring get together and could have been prolonged indefinitely to everybody's enjoyment, but at 8:30 Antrag Tropp had to be accepted, so we could vote and attend the important society meeting. But fond recollections will be carried away by all those who were fortunate enough to be able to be present.

C. F. Z.

LIBRARY NEWS.

The Librarian says the man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read. A series of 12 books "Mutter und Tochter" by Thekla von Grumpe, rt, in German, is available to all and for the students there are some technical books, in English, about heating and ventilation, hydraulics, construction and geometry.

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In the election of Alfred F. Horn to the important post of First Speaker, after Milton First completed seven years of exceptionally progressive and outstanding leadership, the society is assured that it has at its helm, a Turner of staunch loyalty to the Turner ideal with a long Turner history.

Born in Halle a/S in Germany on August 30th, 1896, Turner Horn came to the United States as a young man and shortly thereafter joined the New York Turn Verein on October 21st, 1916. He was an active gymnast from the beginning and a good one. That was and is characteristic of the entire Horn family.

He was actively interested in our society in its many phases and in 1920 he was elected to the Vorstand, holding the office of Cashier. The following year he filled the important assignment of First Turnwart.

Almost from the time of its founding in the summer of 1921, Turner Horn became an active member of the Turner Club. This unique organization, so closely allied to us.

As is the case with several of our members, it would be difficult to establish where he contributed the most to the benefit of these two organizations, the Club or the Verein. His devotion to the Club was recognized when in 1940 he was selected as President of the Club, after having held a number of

minor posts and committee assignments. Great progress was made during his six years tenure of office including the installation of the present modern and enlarged bar and the placing of the Club on a sound financial basis. During his administration the Turn Verein was able to purchase the lands and building of the Club as a result of which the Turner Realty Corporation which was the Holding Company, that actually owned the property was able to dissolve after paying of the stockholders (who were mostly members of the New York Turn Verein or their survivors) better than 100% of the par value of their shares.

On Sept. 13th. 1941 he was declared an Ausserordentliches Mitglied, that is

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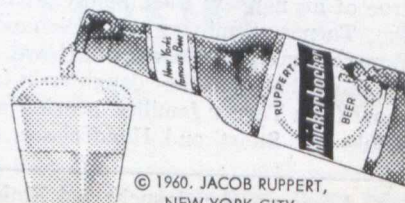
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to say a Twenty Five Year Member. And now he entered into another and very important phase of our Vereins-Leben, namely the Altersriege. It was mainly thru his efforts, that the famous 1920 class was induced to join the Senior Section. These were the older Actives who felt they were still somewhat too vigorous, gymnastically speaking, to confine themselves to the gym night of the Elders. By setting the example himself and thru persuasion he brought it about that they did take the step and joined the Altersriege and as the writer of the account of this section in the 100th Anniversary Journal correctly stated of the entry of the "1920 er Klasse", "dadurch neues Blut und neue Stärke der Altersriege zuführte". In 1945 Turner Horn was selected as Vorsitzender of this Section and he served in that capacity most successfully for many years.

In the years 1951-52 he held the important post of Second Speaker of the Verein. On October 22nd, 1956 he became a Forty Year Honorary Member of the American Turners after completing forty years of consecutive membership in our Society. Thereby he became eligible for membership in the Forty-Fifty Year Club. He did promptly join and became its Vice President and following the lamentable death of Louis Fleischman (who was its President) he was recently chosen as head of this group. On the same night, that he was elevated to this Post, he was elected First Speaker of the Turn-Verein.

Truly a long record of work and accomplishment for the Turn-Verein, and a splendid background to qualify him for the Post he now holds. His family connections are also most impressive in this regard and merit referring to the family as a "True Turner Family" to a degree, that is found in only a very few cases in our midst. His brother Karl has shared his interest and activities in both organizations, and has also served as President of the Turner Club. His sons Gerard (Sonny) and Rupert and his daughter Judith are most devoted Turners and repeated prize winners in all competition, which is also true of his nephew Karl. Sonny attended the Turner Seminary at Indianapolis, Rupert served as Turnwart. If we add to this, that all the daughter-in-laws came from Turner families, bearing such names as: Steirt and Hundreisser, and

are active members of the Society, or the Ladies Class we indeed have a true 100% Turner family. At this writing there are also 3 grandchildren, whose eyes and aspirations are pointing in the same direction.

Speaker Horn has also been designated as an Outstanding Member of the New York Turn-Verein, is a member of the Masonic Order, and an enthusiastic Bowler; and on the side he conducts a flourishing business of his own in bakery and kitchen equipment of all kinds. (Al Horn, 311 Revere Avenue, Bronx 61, N. Y. Tel.: TA 8-8500.) In short quite a man of parts.

Bahn Frei! extends hearty greetings and best wishes to our new First Speaker and is confident, that he will have a happy and successful administration.

Christmas performance of "THE MAGIC ELEPHANT BELL" delights the Onlookers

To the alluring melody of Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland, our play opened, showing the reception room of Santa Claus.

On a Trampoline sat a group of Dolls. Santa Claus wishes that they would come to life. A Fairy appears and says:

Your wish is granted, Santa dear,
Now you can be filled with cheer;
Here is a MAGIC ELEPHANT BELL
That has a very mystic spell.
It comes from an enchanted land
And acts just like a magic wand.
Just make a WISH and RING the BELL,
You'll see what happens will be swell.

So Santa rings the bell and his wish comes true; the dolls awake, come to life and proceed to do frolicking stunts on the trampoline to lilting music.

Santa even tries some trick tumbling himself. After that, he makes liberal use of the magic bell, first bringing in a group of FIREFLIES who do a spectacular flashlight drill.

Then he summons the KING of Sports, who is brought in by 4 Turners on small parallel bars. The stunts that this little shaver does on those parallels proclaims him to have future championship possibilities.

Next Santa calls for a partner for the King of Sports, so the Queen of the Dance is supposed to ride in on an elephant. However, the hind part of the elephant did not seem to know what the front part was doing, so the situation was reversed and the Queen led in the elephant.

The solo dance by the Queen of Sports was delightful and then the elephant performed some gyrations to that time honored tune "Narcissus" which brought chuckles of laughter.

The Fairy suggested there be a contest between the King of Sports & the Queen of the Dance, to see which one could provide the best entertainment.

Santa says: "That plan sounds very good to me,

But tell me, who will the judges be?"

The Fairy answers:

"The Wisest men, you know full well
Can be summoned here with that magic bell."

So, one after another, out of the trapdoor opening come the following wise old owls:

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Socrates with his lantern looking for an honest man.

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fooled everybody.

Wizard of Oz with thunder and ligh-
ning.

P. T. Barnum with a monkey doing
tricks.

Santa says: Well, P. T. Barnum, your
circus is swell, although you'r a humbug,
you do mighty well.

You say a sucker is born every minute

But you certainly know just how to
skin it."

These 8 characters form the jury
The contest begins. The King of Sports
presents a large group of nifty gym
girls who do precarious jiggles on the
balance beam with musical accompani-
ment.

The Queen of the Dance ushers in a
group of cute tiny dancers in attractive
costumes dancing to a selection from
"Hansel and Gretel".

The King next brings in some Junior
Turners who do very fine exercises on
the sidehorse.

The Queen has a bevy of dancing
girls do a "Mazurka" dance.

The King presents a large group of
young boys with tumbling and an ex-
citing rope pulling contest.

The Queen has some advanced scho-
lars do a very effective dance number.

Then the jury has to decide who wins.
It turns out to be a tie - the vote 4 to 4.

Santa says: "Well, by gee, as you can
see, the wisest men oft disagree.

And never can you learn from Wizards
What they have truly in their gizzards."
So we must leave it up to YOU (the
audience), to judge to whom the prize
is due.

Now followed a hilarious boxing bout
and a fencing match, 2 fencers slashing
at each others balloons, causing merri-
ment.

Our German scholars sang "Weih-
nachtslied" to the melody: "Küssen ist
keine Sünd" and "Stille Nacht" in which
the audience joined. A grand Tableau
of all participants made a lovely pic-
ture.

Although this short synopsis of the
play gives a faint idea of the action, it
does not give a true picture of the en-
thusiasm, the colorful costumes, the ani-
mated musical accompaniment by Chris
Rumpf's orchestra, nor the comic an-
tics of the youngsters taking part and
the amusement provided the proud pa-
rents.

Turnlehrer Henry Schroeler deserves
the utmost credit for the vast amount
of work he did to put this show across.
Our German instructors Mr. Franz Sayer
and Mrs. Lansbury and our dancing
teacher Miss Enid Smith assisted ably
in their part of the program.

The play was written entirely in
rhyme by Charles F. Zenker. Santa Claus
(Jerry Mares) and his understudy (Don-
ald Altschul) and the Fairy (Aina Ges-
ke) spoke their verses thru the mic.o-

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110th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
(concluded)

The Toastmaster gave a warm introduction to the National President of the American Turners, Carl Andersen of Moline, Illinois. He had only recently been installed to that office, to be exact at the National Council meeting 10 days before at Cleveland. The preceeding Saturday he had presided at the Anniversary Celebration of the Lincoln Turners in Chicago and now he was at our banquet in New York therefor only the second of an undoubtedly long list of visits he will make throughout the country during his term of office. Turner Anderson congratulated the society upon its long and distinguished history and stated that he viewed it as an ideal Turner Society and his favorite and we may say editorially that we are fully convinced of the sincerity of these sentiments on his part. He did not fail to

thank us for the support we and the New York District had always given him personally, particularly on the floor of the recent conventions and assured us that he would never forget this. He also told us of the serious problems confronting the American Turners and appealed to all to do everything possible to check the decline in membership of the American Turners and to bring the American Turner Movement into a renewed upswing. His speech was well received and loudly applauded.

In introducing Henry Bloch as the next Speaker, Turner First referred to him as an outstanding member, whose list of services and contributions to the Verein was such a long one that he despaired of doing him justice. An Honorary Fifty Year Member of the American Turners, a Life Member of the N. Y. T. V. for many years, a duly elected Outstanding Member, an active gymnast in his younger days, a former Trustee, the former attorney of the Verein, a most generous donor to the organization, a true and tried friend of our Turn Verein, that was and is Henry Bloch. Turner Bloch spoke in that warm, sincere manner to which we had become accustomed during his frequent appearances at meetings and festivities in recent years. As he confided in us later he laid aside the manuscript of his prepared oration and preferred to speak extemporaneously. At the conclusion of the affair he gave us the manuscript of his intended address and a good speech it is, which we have kept in the Bahn Frei! file and may print in one of these issues. Both in the written as well as the spoken address Turner Bloch did considerable reminiscing, very appropriate to the occasion. He displayed a good and appreciative memory of events and personalities of our society during the past five decades or so.

It was a pleasing and happy picture he painted of the Vereins-Leben of the past and of the present and as always he expressed gratitude at the privilege it had been to be a member and to take part actively in this Vereins-Leben.

The Honorable Justice William E. Ringel was the next speaker. As is his practice he began his oration on the humorous side, drawing upon his great store of clever and funny stories, which has made him such a popular after dinner speaker and in great demand at the countless functions of the German-American element in this City. Thereafter he extended the customary congratulations to the organization and to its First Speaker. The third and longest portion of his speech was on a more serious note and dealt with the early history of the Turner Movement in Germany in the days of Jahn and then its founding and development in America. He brilliantly set forth the patriotic contributions of the Turners to our country particularly in the Civil War, and the great influence they have had on the development of physical culture in the United States. He paid tribute to the great ones in our society's past such as Generals Sigel and Max Weber. The Judge thru this oration demonstrated that he had done considerable historical research in this subject for which we are most appreciative.

Turner First introduced Mr. Willie Schoepps as one of the best known and hardest working personalities in the German-American ranks in this area at the present time and informed the audience that, Mr. Schoepps had particularly requested this opportunity to thank us for our cooperation in the Steuben Parades. Mr. Schoepps spoke briefly, but effectively, and in his capacity as General Chairman of the past three Steuben Day Parades, he did thank us and highly praised the society, its officers and its members for the splendid participation in all three parades. As a representative of the Liebermann (Rheingold) Breweries he concluded his remarks by extending the best wishes of this famous brewery which was underlined with the presentation of

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Toastmaster First then observed that the fortunate coincidence that our 110th Anniversary Celebration fell about the same time that a great honor was bestowed upon our Physical Director Henry Schroeder made this banquet the natural occasion to make this presentation to Turner Schroeder. He then called upon President Anderson to step to the microphone for the second time to carry out this pleasant official duty.

HENRY SCHROEDER

RECEIVES HONOR KEY AWARD.

Before the honor key award, President Anderson conferred the Fifty Year Honorary Membership card of the American Turners on our veteran member Albert Schmidt. Turner Schmidt who joined us at the end of 1909, had become a 40 Year Honorary Member some ten years ago, and he was now elevated to a rank held by only 11 other members of our Society at the present time. It was a fortunate circumstance that it was possible to have this ceremony take place within the ranks of the anniversary celebration.

Therafter he proceeded to give the Honor Key Award to Turner Schroeder pointing out that only two others have ever received this high honor within the New York District, namely Bob Stahl and A. F. Kierschner. In presenting the grounds for the award, Anderson referred principally to the biography which accompanied the New York District's recommendation to the National Council of this award for Schroeder, which is necessary under Turner regulations.

We will not attempt to reproduce this long record of accomplishments and devotion to Turnerism. Let us remind our readers only of a few outstanding facts in his Turner history. He was an active and proficient gymnast in Germany, and an outstanding example of what the German Turners could produce. When he migrated to America as a young man, he entered the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union, the teachers seminary of the Turnerbund. He graduated from this school in 1934 and undertook the post



HOHE AUSZEICHNUNG: Anlässlich des 110. Jubiläumsballes des New Yorker Turnverein wurde der langjährige Turnwart der New Yorker, Henry Schroeder, mit dem Ehrenschlüssel der National Turners ausgezeichnet, eine Ehrung, die vor ihm erst zwei andere Turner im New Yorker Turnbezirk erhalten hatten. Unser Bild zeigt links Henry Schroeder, rechts Carl Anderson, der neue Präsident der American Turners, der die Ehrung vornahm. Im Hintergrund: 1. Sprecher Milton First.

of instructor at the Brooklyn E. D. Turnverein. In the Fall of 1936 we called him to become our Turnlehrer and he has now served for nearly 25 years in that capacity. From the beginning he was active in the affairs of the Turners at the District, Regional and National level and has served as one of our District Delegates for almost this entire period and during most of these years also held the important post of First Turnwart of the District, his tenure of continuous service was only interrupted by three years of military service during World War Two. In this connection he was the guiding spirit of literally innumerable meets, exhibitions and Turn-fests, conducted in an exemplary manner

with the outstanding success that has marked his long teaching career in our midst. For a number of years he was a member of the National Physical Education Committee and in 1956 he was elected to the important office of National Physical Ed. Chairman, serving on the National Council in that capacity thru 1948. Last November he again accepted this post following his election at the Rochester Convention. His high standing in his profession was evidenced by his selection as one of the Judges for gymnastics at the Olympic Games of 1948. For a quarter of a century he has labored tirelessly, and with great devotion for the proper physical educa-

tion of the young, for the welfare of our society and indeed for the whole Turner movement.

This was the gist of Turner Anderson's remarks after which he gave our Henry the coveted Key with accessories such as the plaque, key chain etc. amidst enthusiastic applause from all present. Turner Schroeder expressed his gratitude in a few well chosen words. Thanks to the courtesy of the Staatszeitung und Herold whose reporter Mr. Bessing gave excellent coverage to this affair, we are able to reproduce the picture which appeared in the Staatszeitung in the Sunday edition accompanied with a long article all prominently displayed. Thereby the high point of the banquet has a permanent pictorial record in our archives. Naturally the newspaper photographer concentrated his camera on Turners Schroeder and Anderson for this shot, but fortunately the toastmaster was also included, and so the three principals in this ceremony appear very clearly in the picture.

After a few more closing words from Toastmaster First, the dinner itself came to a conclusion and was followed by a number of hours of happy and care-free dancing. There is no doubt that the 110th Anniversary Banquet will be long remembered by all who were privileged to attend it.

Damen

Der Damen Verein hatte seine erste Versammlung im neuen Jahr, am Mittwoch den 11. Januar in der Turnhalle.

Der Besuch war leider nicht zu gut, weil es zu früh nach den Feiertagen war, jedoch durfte unsere Präsidentin eine zufrieden stellende Anzahl von Mitgliedern begrüßen.

Unsere Präsidentin Frau Elfriede Schall begrüßte alle recht herzlich und wünschte Ihnen ein gutes Neues Jahr.

Das Protokoll wurde dann verlesen, von Frau Weindl, und wurde dankend angenommen, auch der Finanz-Bericht und der Kassen-Bestand von Frl Washbourne war sehr ausführlich.

Leider konnte die Wahl der neuen Beamten nicht stattfinden, da nicht genug Mitglieder anwesend waren.

Frau Elfriede Schall behält Ihren Posten als Präs. und Frl. Washbourne als Schatzmeisterin, Frl. Alice Glienke nahm den Posten als Finanz-Sekretärin an. Frl. Lulu Oestreich übernahm den Posten als Korrespondierende Sek. pro temp. an.

Die Wahl findet in der nächsten Versammlung statt. Frau Weindl, Prot. Sek. bat, dass jemand Ihren Posten als Prot. Sekretärin übernehmen möchte.

Geburtstag hatten die Damen: Frau Widman, welche entschuldigt wurde, Frau Wallecks, Ames, Humbert, Kirchner, und E. Schmidt, Lulu Oestreich, und Frau Straka. Alle wurden mit dem Geburtstags-Lied auf das herzlichste gratuliert.

Entschuldigt waren Frau Widman, Lutz, und Marks.

Als Gast waren Herr Warnecke und Frau Elsie unser Mitglied, und wurden herzlich begrüßt.

Wir hatten die Erfrischung wie üblich und darauf eine nette Verlosung. Die Geschenke welche unsere Mitglieder stifteten waren wie immer sehr schön.

Unsere nächste Versammlung ist am Mittwoch den 8. Februar um 1 Uhr nachmittags in der Turnhalle.

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Club

Once again the best of everything to all in 1961 and so with the big noise of the holidays behind us and thankful to get back to normal we are not too happy with our cash reserve down to its lowest ebb. Our consolation however is the cheery thought, that we have about 300 days left for shopping for next Christmas.

Where as winter with its snow, ice and cold came in somewhat prematurely this year, it somehow had very little effect on the attendance at our holiday parties and both Christmas and New Year's were a sellout. For example our Childrens Party of December 4th, sponsored by the Ladies Auxilliary was a packed house. Dorothy Steiner, with the help of Emma Wengert, again took it upon herself to put on a Childrens Stage Show. Of course, the show was a success and why not? What could go wrong with those talented children. Thanks Dorothy for your hard work and effort. It was the first time we had a Christmas Show since Dorothy was President.

On Saturday, January 14th we had our Ladies Auxilliary Dinner and Dance which is one of our biggest nights of the year, that is money wise. Our Steward, Turner Karl and Francis Kraus did themselves proud in serving us a grand meal, but what I want to bring out is the feminine touch of our table decorations such as the silver plate, the celery and olives, a big bouquet of flowers shimmering by candle light, plus that fruit cocktail served in the hull of a grapefruit, shaped like a basket, an eye appeal most beautiful.

There is an old German saying: "Wenn sich Herz und Mund tut haben, müssen die Augen auch was haben." And so between our meal courses and dances, and without further waste of time Mrs. Betty Troil the President of the Ladies Auxilliary, had the floor, and thanked all the Ladies of her committee for the good work they did this year. In the meantime, Ex President Hans Sammer and Pres. Frank Steiner, sitting at their table, were scratching their itching palms, (because an itching palm means you are going to get money.)

Of course very special acclaim was bestowed upon her sidekick Vice Pres. Mrs. Tom (Mickey) Cody. Mrs. Troll recited some poems our Jim Doyle made befitting some of the Ladies that head the various committees. They were droll, witty wisecracking; I will try and have these poems in the next issue if our Editor will give a little. Of course the big moment came, when Betty Troll asked Hans and Frank to step up and accept a check of their net proceeds for the year. This piece of paper was the "McCoy", it was real cabbage, kale, or lettuce or what have you, in short it was three hundred bucks more than last year. Both Hans and Frank showed their appreciation with some well spoken words, and assured the members it will keep the wolf away from the Turner Club doors.

On Wednesday December 21st the Alters Riege had their Christmas Party at the club, with about 50 attending. Our Steward served an excellent dinner. The Menu was: Hearts of celery, green and ripe olives, Swedish meatballs, as an appetizer, steak on toast with French fried potatoes, with a second helping for those who never get enough, (I used to be one of them), coffee with Dresden Stollen. After the meal each member received his present and no one knew who his benefactor was. No gift was worth less than \$3.50 and most were much more. A lot of them carried poems, no extra charge, and were witty and spicy and received in the Christmas spirit. They were read by Billy Krupp and Dr. Schoenborn. Oh yes! We certainly did have our Christmas Tree and in a tradition of 50 years ago. Along with the usual arrangements, we had pretzels, thin ones and fat ones, a couple of pounds of onions, a couple of pounds of cocktail frankfurters and noodles, (I won't mention the Brand), and Sauerkraut. All these goodies substituted for tinsels. The only thing missing, was some smoked herrings, this is in accord with the real tradition and not a screwball idea. The night was too short, and will be remembered a long time.

On Sunday, January 8th, the board of officers had their first meeting of 1961, presided over by our new President, Frank Steiner. After celebrating some of the birthdays of this body, and the usual order of business, the chair proceeded to organize his committees

and upon the completion of this session Frank felt assured of our complete co-operation. The following are the Board of Officers for 1961:

Honorary Presidents:

Frank Mueller, Alfred Horn, Milton First, Hans Sammer.

President: Frank Steiner.

Vice President: Robert Potter.

Treasurer: Chas. Ufferman.

Fin. Secretary: Julius Cherrytree.

Rec. Sec'y.: Wm. Spravel, Paul Troll.

Corresponding Sec'y.: Ronnie Straka.

Senior Directors:

Karl Buttweiler Sr. Karl Horn Sr., Ernst Hoppe, Walter Curtaynn, Henry Steffen, Hans Sammer.

Revisors: John Connors, John Graf.

Custodian: Karl Horn Sr.

Bahn Frei, Reporter: Fred Hoering.

Committee Chairmen:

Entertainment: Joe Doyle

Gate: Fred Hoering.

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Bar: Joseph Knoll.

House & Grounds: Louis Meurer.

And so until the next issue -

Auf Wiedersehen

Fred Hoering.

Altersriege

The result of a New Year Resolution - an Alters Riege Column.

Like every year in January, the Alters-Riege elects its officers for the year, and after a terrific campaign by the nominating committee, they came up with the following results. Re-elected and still the head of the Senior Class, one of our most devoted and loyal Turners Eddy Privitzer. At his side, equally well liked and steady Turner is our first Turnwart, Joseph Spiegel. Assisted by our very active second Turnwart Thomas Koschyk.

The finances of the Altersriege are entrusted, and in the careful hands of Charles Eckholm.

The never ending wit and humor in form of birthday poems will still come from C G. Sheahan. The Eulen Redakteur, Ferdinand Beinert, also a very talented fellow, has consented to supply his version of our Kneipe activities.

We encountered a little difficulties in finding a Recording Secretary, as our former Secretary Teddy Hetzel declined to continue his post. It always has been our general practice to write and read our minutes in the German language. A suggestion to change this practice and have these minutes written in English started a heated discussion, and the majority voiced their opinion to adhere to tradition and stay with the German minutes. It was encouraging to see so much sentiment for tradition, if it wasn't for one hitch. Those that spoke for tradition and those that applauded the loudest, declined most vigorously to take the job, so the nominating committee was asked to continue the search for a recording secretary and hoped to find one the following week.

A BIRTHDAY CHILD TO THE RESCUE.

Turner Otto Kuhn celebrated his birthday among Turners, with some chosen words from our Vorsitzender, a Salamander, a birthday poem and the usual fanfare, at least \$5.00 worth, was asked to say a few words to his wellwishers. Evidently moved by this performance he said, that in case the Altersriege needs his co-operation, or a job that he could do, he is available. Well this is the first time somebody made an acceptance speech, before he was elected. Otto a very able recording secretary has proven his ability, when he was pinchhitting for our vacationing secretary at the club. Unfortunately Otto can come to the Kneipe every other week, but this problem was solved easily, by Teddy Hetzel reconsideration and they now share the post of recording secretary.

This completed our entire slate for the year of 1961. Whether these officers will lead us to the new frontiers, only time will tell.

Ted Koschyk.

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Ladies

Hello Girls!

Every month I am getting a little closer to missing the deadline. I was told last night that unless — ' so here we go.

My, what activity everywhere. The gym floor is buzzing with new members, talented members too. Welcome to all newcomers, and I hope that you ladies will stay with us for a long time to come. We are really a nice bunch at heart, even if we don't look it at times, we grow on you - you will see. Proof of this is the recent come-back of a few "old" members. With that I don't mean old in years, but recently inactive or absent. We were all more than delighted to see Inge Tietjen back from Germany after an absence of one and a half years. She participated in Louisville, Ky., in fact she took top honors there for our N. Y. T. V., before going back to Germany. - Right on the heels of this came the appearance of Josephine and Alice Scrobe, the two sisters in law, who are both long time members and have made a stab at coming back to gym on several occasions. At this point I don't quite dare believe they will stick it out, but I will gladly be proven wrong. Anyway, we are all very happy to have you three ladies back. Please stay.

By the time this paper comes out, we will have done Ladies Night, for which we are at present working so ardently. I could start enumerating all the various activities, but I am afraid I might leave someone out inadvertently, so I am merely saying that times like these prove who really has the spirit. It is a pleasure to see so many girls help in all possible capacities. I know we will have a nice show even if the weather has hampered our preparations somewhat.

Reading the last Bahn Frei! I notice that the scores of the Hallenfest in Mount Vernon were not printed as I had assumed, and I was asked about this item. I hope that the Editor has received these scores by now and that they will be printed in this issue.

Speaking of scores I would like to make a correction at this time. Our

2nd Turnwart, Irmgard Plessing is, as we all know, an excellent Track & Field competitor. I spoke to her quite some time ago and found out that her Louisville score was actually wrong, and was listed incorrectly in the Bahn Frei! at the time. Instead of being 6th in Track & Field she actually was first, - someone had neglected to count her overpoints. She broke the national record. I think this feat deserves special mention and I want to congratulate Irme again, belatedly, in the name of all of us.

The latest news items on the social scene are: Dina Kennedy (ne Berberich) had a baby boy early in January, and her sister Erna Dengler is expecting her first baby this summer. To both ladies congratulations, and best wishes to the new baby.

Clopatra rolled up in a carpet, carried in by 2 Egyptian slaves (smart and shrewd as she can be, she hooked both Caesar and Anthony)

That is all for this month. More in March.

Edith Rauh.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF YOUR

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

To the Members of the New York Turn Verein:

The School Board consists of Turners Carl Marquardson, Henry Stoltz, and Charles Zenker, Corr. Sec. Your instructress Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder in charge of Physical Training, Miss Lansbury in charge of the Girls' and Adult German classes. Mr. Sayer in charge of the Boys' Classes and Miss Smith in charge of the Dancing Class.

DANCING SECTION

The Dancing Section, under the supervision of Miss Smith, has an average of 25 pupils. These classes meet on Saturday morning, and when called upon, Miss Smith provides wonderful dance routines for our Christmas Show and the School Closing in June.

GERMAN SCHOOL SECTION

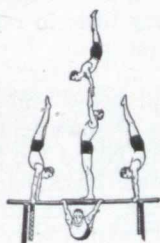
The German School, of which the Society only conducts the first two terms of this course, conducts the Girls' Classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 P.M. and the Boys' Classes on Tuesdays and Fridays from 4 to 6 P.M., whereas the Adult Class is held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Miss Lansbury, in charge of the girls' and adult classes, has the First Girls' Class with 29 students enrolled, - a record high for quite a number of years, and they meet after gym. The Second Girls' Class with all students enrolled, meet before gym classes. The adult class has 9 members enrolled.

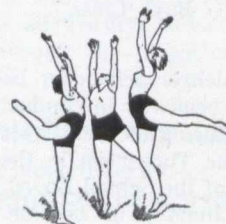
Mr. Sayer, in charge of the Boys' Classes, has 13 boys enrolled in the First Boys

Class that meets after gym, and has 10 students enrolled in the Second Boys Class that meets before gym.

Both Miss Lansbury and Mr. Sayer did a wonderful job assisting Turnlehrer Schroeder at our Christmas Show, teaching the children German Christmas Carols and the recitations of the German essays by the children at the School Closing in June.



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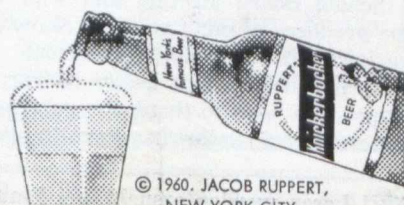
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The Boys' Classes on Tuesdays and Fridays from 4 to 6 P.M., and the Junior Boys' Class from 6:30 to 8 P.M. The attendance enrollment in the following classes is as follows:

First Girls Class	57
Second Girls Class	33
Junior Ladies	35
First Boys Class	86
Second Boys Class	58
Junior Boys Class	19
Total	293

Turnlehrer Schroeder has made remarkable headway in conducting Junior Socials during the year which helps to build up true Turnerism in them. It is the intent of the School Board to try to induce the Juniors to become good standing members in our Society.

EVENTS

The three School events, namely, the Children's Mask Ball, the School Closing and the Annual Christmas Show, were indeed successful both financially and as far as the attendance is concerned, which consisted mostly of the parents of the children.

Now coming to the final section of my report, - the actual members of the School Board, - Turners Carl Marquardson and Henry Stolz are two members, whom when called upon, never refuse an assignment and always complete their mission satisfactorily. Turner Charles Zenker, our Christmas Playwright, Corresponding Secretary and writer of our German Essays, has been a member of the School Board for the longest period of time and he truly has done a great job! I also wish to say at this point that Turnlehrer Schroeder, who hasn't missed a School Board Meeting and who was the producer of our Christmas Show and various other events throughout the year, is indeed a true leader in Turnerism! I also wish to thank the parents of the children for allowing them to attend

our school so that our instructors can teach them fundamentals of Turnerism. I do hope that these parents can induce other parents to send their children to our school for the same purpose.

To the three members of the School Board and the four instructors, may I again thank you for your wonderful support and hope that the coming year will be far more successful than the past one.

I remain with Turner Greetings,
Vincent A. Buehler, Sr.
Chairman of the School Board.

Club

The Turner Club Bahn Frei! reporter, reports that he has very little to report and what there is, ain't good. I refer to the crazy mixed up winter, now happily past, for with snow and ice-bound, with mountains of snow and the bay frozen over to City Island the Club was left the most desolate, bleak, barren, abandoned and miserable place to be, and adding to our aggravation were our stewards, Karl and Francis, the lucky stiffs vacationing in sunny Florida. Speaking of snow (which was a dirty word this winter) it knocked out two of our affairs, namely the Venison Dinner, and on the 5th of February, the Altersriege Winter Outing and Hike, into a cocked hat. However, just a month later the Altersriege made up for it, and had a good turnout. About 20 men went on the hike from the Turner Club to the Throggs Neck Bridge and back, and then for that Sauerbraten and potatoe balls feast. The conditions for hiking were pleasant and the weather was ideal.

On Sunday, Feb. 26th we had our joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary and the combined attendance was about 120. In accordance with the saying, Ladies First! - the Ladies had their meeting

first, presided over by the President, Mrs. Betty Troll. The club meeting followed, and the main event was the reading of the yearly financial report, showing a very low profit for the year. This showed how much we need, and how thankful we are for our Ladies Auxiliary and their contribution. Joe Doyle, our Entertainment Chairman, urged all members to take part at all our social functions, and assured us of the very best dance music, and as for a dance floor, you can't beat the club. These affairs are very important, and your presence contributes to the success of these affairs which helps keep our dues at their lowest level. The following are the dates for these events:

April 29th Rearing Twenties Dance.
May 14th Mothers Day.
May 21st Club Opening.
June 10th Barn Dance.
July 4th Weenie Roast.
July 15th Mid Summer Nite Dance.
Aug. 5th Ship's Shore Dance.
Aug. 13th Club Swim Meet.
Aug. 20th Bazaar.
Aug. 27th Inter Club Swim Meet.
Sept. 10th Closing Day.
Sept. 23rd Old Fashioned Beer Party.
Oct. 21st Anniversary Dinner.
Nov. 11th Harvest Moon Ball.
Dec. 31st New Years Eve Party.

There is a lot of anxiety shown as to rumors of the Park Department, changing our water front from Pelham Bay Park down to the Throggs Neck Bridge and, as I understand it, they intend to fill in 250 feet now under water, beyond the low water line, and top it with white sand. At the same time, there is a proposed shore drive, and scenic waterfront Highway, that would pass on the waterfront of the club, and connect with the New England Thruway. Should that happen, it will be too bad for all the clubs.

At our monthly meetings we celebrate the birthdays of our members, if

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MONDAY, APRIL 24th at 8:30 P. M.

Membership Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 8th at 8:30 P. M.

Vorstand Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 21st

District Volley Ball Tournament for Active Men at N. Y. Turn Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 22nd at 8:30 P. M.

Membership Meeting

present, but there is one who cannot be with us as he lives on his private estate in Eldred, New York. That is a charter member, Berthold Muecke, born on the 20th of March of what year I know not and who cares, I lost track, and stopped counting a couple of years ago, when he was 85, and so Bert, from the Turner Club our best wishes for many more years, and in good health. Happy Birthday! The next dance will be on April 29th, the Roaring Twenties Dance. The Ladies will be dressed as of that period, and not show any more than their ankles, and period clothing also applies to the men. Come dance, and put some fun in your life. Good weather has been arranged for Mothers Day, on May 14th and on Sunday, May 21st the Spring opening, and so until the next issue - Wiedersehen!

Fritz Hoering.

" THE TEMPO QUICKENS"

As even a casual reader of the daily newspapers must have observed, fencing is enjoying growing popularity as a competitive American sport.

The New York Athletic Club's First International Fencing Tournament saw American fencers compete on equal terms with the highly touted international stars of France, England and Italy, countries where fencing enjoys popularity comparable to that of baseball here. And the placing of four Americans in the final round of the foil competition, in the words of referee, Wing Commander Charles de Beaumont, establishes this country (U. S. A.) as a power in a sport it has rarely dominated.

Unfortunately, this time the Turn Verein was not represented among the competitors at the New York AC. (Our "Maestro" Odon Niederkirchner, was of course present in his official capacity as AC fencing master.) However, as the International Competition is to be an annual event, we look and prepare to the future.

Speaking of the future and Turn Verein fencing, if the host of new members in our section are a barometer, it promises to be bright. Following is a list of fencers, new to the section since September:

Rolando Arroya Lewis Bushnell, Johanna Eiermann, Inge Hauber, Eileen Humeston, Dalton Lancaster, Helga Maass, Frank Mele (a former member), Sheldon Pravda, Ralph Rauch, Robert Reiter, Jack Schlesinger, Fred Schnitzler, Jeri Sopanen, Jay Walker, Elizabeth Unger, and Nick Wiesenfeld.

Enthusiasm among all members, old and new, is high and a visit to the fencing room any Monday or Friday

evening will reveal continuous action on all three strips.

Frank Mele, recently elected Fechtwart, and Maestro Niederkirchner include in their plans for the present season a club competition and, looking ahead to next year, are optimistic that team competitions with other clubs in the Metropolitan New York area can be arranged. Looking ahead to next year and these club competitions, our fencers are now training with greater than usual dedication which, they hope, will result in a place on the team. Unquestionably, fencing is enjoying a tremendous surge of popularity in the United States and nowhere is this more in evidence than at the New York Turn Verein. As the fencing section grows in number, spirit and skill, it is our intention to keep all Turners advised of its progress through the pages of the Bahn Frei.

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SPEAKER HORN POSTSCRIPT.

In our article on our new First Speaker in the last issue, we made an over credit in describing the 100% Horn family in that we stated, that there were three Grandchildren. This is an error as there are only two as of this writing.

On the other hand, we definitely did not give proper credit in the regards to Mrs. Alfred Horn, popularly known as "Billie". Mrs. Horn also has a long Turner background. As a child she attended our school, participating in the German, Gym and Art classes. The art classes unfortunately, do not exist anymore. Old timers will remember that, they were once a flourishing part of our school curriculum. Mrs. Horn also took a lively part in the social activities and in fact it was in this way that the romance began, which was to culminate in a long and happy married life. So Billie Horn also contributes materially to justify calling this a One Hundred Percent N. Y. T. V. family.

CARL'S A GRANDFATHER

Bursting with pride and with a lavish distribution of cigars, our veteran and popular Turner Carl Marquardsen informed all and sundry of the arrival of a grandson! Almost at the same time a written notification reached us from St. Paul, Minnesota, where his son Carl, Jr. now resides.

The happy event took place at 5.35 A. M. on February 19th and the baby weighed 7 lbs. 12½ ozs. and was christened Eric Andrew. Carl Marquardsen, Jr. was an active member of our society and Bahn Frei extends sincere congratulations to him and to his wife, Phyllis, and every best wish to the fledgling Turner, Eric Andrew!

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RETIREMENT OF FRANK KIRCHNER.

The end of the year, brought with it the retirement from the office of Financial and Statistical Secretary of Turner Frank Kirchner; after more than 26 years of faithful and devoted service, unparalleled in the long history of our Society. Turner Kirchner had not been in good health for some months, but had continued his daily labors in our office, determined to continue as long as possible. In fact he had been unanimously reelected to this post at the annual meeting, for the twenty fifth time. In the last days of the year, however, he felt that he was physically no longer able to continue, and asked to be relieved of this post, which request the Trustees granted only with extreme reluctance, and with the realization, that there was nothing else they could do.

Turner Kirchner's record in our Verein is unequalled. He was admitted to membership in April 1895 and so has been a member for 66 years. He became a Fifty Year Honorary Member of the American Turners in 1941. He

was first elected to the Vorstand to the office of Cashier in 1898, and served without interruption on the Board, til the present day. The pictures on the walls of our Vorstand Zimmer show Frank Kirchner on every picture of the Board, that has been preserved. The oldest one still on display bears the date 1903, but then he had already served for ten years on the same. As we cast our eyes over the ten succeeding pictures, we can almost visualize the life history of our friend from this photographic record alone. We repeat it is a record without its equal in our experience.

In 1934 he became the full time Secretary of the Society. For 26 years, for 26 long years, he filled this post with devotion and zeal. It is remarkable and yet a most satisfying experience to observe in our books and records the beautiful, clear and exact handwriting and entries of this young man of eighty-nine years. It would take columns to explain the multitude of detail work he did so ably and well during all these years. It will be sufficient to say that we can hardly be fortunate to find his equal for this position again. The office does not seem the same with our faithful, uncompaining and cheerful friend not occupying his usual chair at the upper end of the long table. Countless inquiries have been made and everyone without exception has expressed his regret at Frank's enforced absence and at the same time gave expression to their affectionate regard for the grand old man of the Turn-Verein.

As these lines are written Frank finds himself fairly comfortable so long as he keeps his physical activities at a minimum and avoids undue strain and tension. We all wish him more years of happiness and contentment and that he may enjoy this well deserved retirement. The New York Turn-Verein is greatly indebted to him for his devoted service for so many years.

During the four months that have followed our friends retirement, Turner Alfred F. Kierschner, with the self-sacrificing aid of Turner Henrietta Kierschner, has tried to fill this vacant post to the best of his ability. While it has not been possible to maintain the hours that are posted on the door of our office the most essential society business has been taken care of. Altho

offered this post on a permanent basis he has found it impossible to accept it and continues until a replacement can be assured. Any member of the Society who would be interested in recommending a suitable person, of either sex capable and willing to accept this position, is urged to so inform the Trustees either in writing or in person. In the meanwhile the Acting Secretary will continue to do his best to give the maximum service to this office and trusts that not too many of our members and pupils have been inconvenienced by not finding the office open at the usual hours. Generally speaking the office is open in the early evening and to a late hour at night, on every day except Wednesday.

As to our Frank again many thanks and the best of everything in the years to come.

A WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION FOR SPEAKER FIRST.

In a number of ways since our last election the membership has shown its appreciation for the outstanding services of our retiring First Speaker Milton F. First and their regret at his determination to lay down his office.

This was particularly brought out at the membership meeting of February 20th, which was very well attended in spite of subway tieups and difficulties.

We believe that we can not describe the recognition given to Turner First more effectively than the able description given in the minutes of that meeting by the facile pen of our Recording Secretary Rita Mastic. We therfor quote in part from the same:

"Tonight Speaker Horn had the unique pleasure of presenting to Speaker First a material token of our appreciation. Before the actual presentation, he spent a few moments reminiscing over the years that he has known Turner First. He recalled the year 1926 when he came to us from the Junior ranks, and his subsequent achievements on our Track teams. As the years progressed Turner First showed a marked interest in the functioning of our society so that in time he served for five

years as president of our Turner Club. With this foothold he progressed rapidly until he took over the reins of our society, serving staunchly thru the years 1954 - 60.

Upon completion of this resume Speaker Horn presented Turner First with an engraved plaque acknowledging his years of service. In addition to this, there was a beautiful portable Television set as an additional token of sincere appreciation shared by the entire membership for his devoted services.

Turner First gratefully accepted our gifts and in turn thanked the membership, and all who served with him on the Board. He expressed his sense of fulfilment at having attained a close relationship with the members, adding in finality his hopes that all of us understand and appreciate the privilege of being a real Turner. To Turner First we accord our earsplitting Gut Heils as a further tribute for a job well done."

Ladies

Hi, Girls!

Well, we have done it again. I mean Ladies Night! February 11th was the big night, and if you have not been there, you really missed something. Splendid, excellent, wonderful, etc. were the numerous comments I overheard, and judging from the thunderous applause, it was a hit. It was a lot of work, and the snow did hamper our efforts somewhat, but everyone who participated was most devoted and helpful. There was Jean Turney who taught the beautiful Cuban number which was really quite professional, and Jean herself, of course, was the hit of the evening. What a splendid performance she put on with her partner. The applause rocked the roof and I think she knew then the extent of the audience's appreciation. The eight waltz ladies were very lovely, they also had quite some work with practice sessions, costume making, etc. Especially hard at work was Olga Perz who was in both dance numbers and sewed about half of the costumes besides. Inge Tietjen got up from the sickbed and danced in the waltz, red face, runny nose, and

a bad headache. Anyway, thanks to all who helped, much or little. The success of the evening should give you all great satisfaction.

At our last monthly meeting Rita reported on the financial success of the night. It was quite good and could have been better if the price of the band had not gone up so steeply.

At that same meeting it was decided to have a joint gym night and social on March 24th. Please attend, and bring "some vittels". Rita is keeping track of who brings or makes what, so get in touch with her.

I would like to bring out right at this point, that our monthly meetings are very poorly attended. Girls, please make the Ladies Section business YOUR BUSINESS, it is, you know.

I want to take this chance to report here, what has been reported in the last Bahn Frei! already, namely that Tessie Waldmann, our oldest member (oldest in membership only), and honorary President of the Ladies Section, has received the Golden Honor Pin. CONGRATULATIONS, Tessie, from the whole Ladies Section. Please keep up the good work, there might be a diamond pin in the making somewhere.

There is another aspect of our work which is greatly overlooked by too many of us, and that is the cultural side of our society. We do have many cultural activities and most of us are unaware of the fact, that these activities gain us additional standing, recognition, and also points in competition with other societies all over the nation.

Ursula Hall is the Cultural Chairman of the New York Turn Verein, and Rita Mastic is the District Chairman. Ursula asked me to inform all of you that she has arranged a showing of a movie made of the last Steuben Parade. This promises to be very interesting and I urge you all to see it.

That is about all the news I have at this time. I am patiently awaiting the birth of two new babies, namely Charlotte Taeger's and Eleanor Giordano's. Both Ladies promised to inform me right away. Meanwhile I keep my fingers crossed and wish them both Good Luck! That reminds me that our newest

Bride and Groom, namely Eleanor and Guenther Mueller are also looking forward to having a baby this coming September. They are both radiantly happy about their good fortune and we all wish them both Good Luck too.

See you next month.

Edith Rauh.

HOW DID CLEOPATRA GET INTO THE LADIES SECTION?

The "Printers Devil" again did a most peculiar trick in last month's issue of Bahn Frei.

At the end of the Ladies Section article, directly over the signature of the writer of that epistle, appears a verse about Cleopatra, which must have greatly puzzled all our readers.

How this little rhyme got there is a mystery. When I read the Bahn Frei proof it was in its proper place, in the article describing our Christmas Play, the "Magic Elephant Bell."

Did the printer think it more appropriate to put Cleopatra in the Ladies Section instead of among those seven comical male characters?

Or was it just one of those paragraphs that needed correction and was then inserted in the wrong place? Guess we better just laugh it off, but an explanation is surely desirable.

Charles F. Zenker.

Damen

Der Damen Verein hatte seine Versammlung am Mittwoch den 8. Februar in der Turnhalle, und wieder war das Wetter sehr schlecht, speziell zum laufen, aber doch hat sich eine ganz nette Zahl zu unserer Valentine Party eingefunden.

Unsere Präsidentin Frau Schall, freute sich sehr über den Besuch, und dankte allen die sich bei dem schlechten Wetter heraus trauten.

Es war auch ein schöner Anblick im Saal, alles im Stile des Tages "Valentine" gehalten, und von unserer Schatzmeisterin Fr. Washbourne dekoriert und gestiftet.

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Frau Widman die kürzlich Ihren 80. Geburtstag feierte, dankte für die schönen Blumen vom Damen Verein, und für die vielen Gratulations-Karten von den Mitgliedern und Freunden, Sie ist die Vize-Präsidentin.

Frau Kessler gab uns zu Wissen, dass die Bücher in bester Ordnung sind, Frau Kessler ist die Revisorin, und Ehren Präsidentin.

Die Vorstands-Wahl, ergab folgende Beamten: Präs. Frau Elfriede Schall, Schatzmeisterin, Fr. Marie Washbourne. Finanz Sek. Fr. Alice Glienke, Protokoll Sek. Frau Anna Weindl, Kor. Sek. Fr. Lulu Oestreich. Alle wurden willkommen geheissen.

Geburtstag hatten die Damen: Fr. Wimmer, Frau Anders und Frau Celler.

Entschuldigt waren die Mitglieder Wallechs, Lutz, Lasch, Felber, Heintzen, Steffen und Weindl.

Zuschriften wurden verlesen, auch eine Karte aus Florida von Herr und Frau Heidorn, Gruss an alle Mitglieder.

Gäste waren Frau Schmoor von den Edelweiss Damen und Frau Chrismar, sowie Frau Witt unser Mitglied, hatte ihre Freundin als Gast. Herr und Frau

Warnecke waren wieder zu Gast, und amüsierten sich sehr bei den Gesellschafts-Spielen, welche es später gab. Schöne Geschenke waren dafür vorhanden.

Unsere Mitglieder sorgten wieder fleissig für unseren Gaben-Tisch, und viele schöne Geschenke waren vorhanden, welche später Verlost wurden. Unsere Präsidentin dankte allen dafür.

Dann gab es die üblichen Erfrischungen, zu welchen Frau Widman die leckeren Berliner zur Feier ihres Geburtstages stiftete.

Es wurde dann noch das 46. Stiftungsfest besprochen, und wird am Mittwoch den achten März stattfinden, verbunden mit einer Card Party.

Eine Einladung lag vor von Frau Stengel Präs. der Guten Samaritern, zu einem Luncheon am 21. März.

Unsere Präsidentin dankte noch allen die gekommen sind, und auch für die Arbeit des Komitees, und die schönen Geschenke die es möglich machte, trotz des schlechten Wetters, einen schönen Nachmittag zu verleben.

Anna Weindl, Prot. Sek.

46. STIFTUNGSFEST DES DAMEN VEREIN DES N. Y. TURN VEREIN.

Der Damen Verein, hatte sein Stiftungsfest am Mittwoch den 8. März in der Turnhalle mit einer Card und B.U.C.O Party.

Es regnete, hagelte und schneite abwechselnd an dem Morgen und natürlich erwarteten wir keinen Erfolg; aber wir waren überrascht als in kurzer Zeit der Saal gefüllt war, und alle in bester Stimmung zum Karten-Spielen bereit waren.

Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Elfriede Schall war hoch erfreut über den guten Besuch, und begrüßte alle Vereine, Gäste und Mitglieder aufs aller herzlichste, und dankte allen, die sich bei dem schlechten Wetter heraus trauten.

Alles war schön dekoriert, von den Beamten, welche fleissig bei der Arbeit waren, und mit roten Nelken Sträusschen reizend aussahen.

Frl. Marie Washbourn und Frl. Glienke waren an der Kasse.

Wir hatten schöne Geschenke für den Gaben-Tisch von den Mitgliedern, wofür unsere Präsidentin allen herzlich dankte.

Door Prizes wurden gestiftet von den Damen: Klein, Lutz, Frl. Washbourn, Frau Schall und Frau Widman.

Candy für die Tische wurden von Frl. Washbourne gestiftet.

Es wurde dann fleissig Karten gespielt, und nach der Kaffee-Pause, übergab unsere Vize-Präsidentin Frau Widman der Präsidentin ein Geschenk für das Frau Schall herzlich dankte, und dankte auch zugleich Ihren Beamten-Stab für Ihre Arbeit und Mithilfe während des Jahres.

Von Vereinen waren folgende anwesend: Freunde der Wohltätigkeit, mit Frau Cross; Badische Frauen, mit Frau Morschhauser, in Vertretung für Präs. Frau Trager, welche zur Zeit in Florida weilt, Gute Samariter, mit Frau Stengel,

Murray Hill Schwaben, mit Frau Hahn, Rheinpfälzer Damen, mit Frau Emmy Paul, Kreutzer Damen, mit Präs. Frau Sturm, Edelweiss Damen, mit Frau Alice Paul und der Socrates Schwestern-Zirkel mit Präs. Frau Brechtel, (neue Präs.) auch die N. Y. Turn Verein Altersriege war vertreten, hielt sich aber im Neben-Zimmer auf, hatte wahrscheinlich angst vor den vielen Damen. Auch die N. Y. Turner-Club Auxiliary war stark vertreten. Dann waren noch Gäste, Frau Arnold Mayer von den früheren Press Club Damen, Frau Voges, frühere Präs. des Edelweiss Damen, Frau Schiele und Frau Schwor, sowie viele andere, und der Raum dieser Spalte kaum fassen könnte. Es freute uns jedoch unsere Ehren-Präs. Frau Henriette Kessler zu begrüßen.

Zuletzt wurden die Preise verlost, und auch der Gaben-Tisch hatte sehr schöne Geschenke, welche verlost wurden.

Und so ging unser 46. Stiftungsfest zu Ende. Es war ein schönes Fest.

Nächsten Monat ist unsere Oster-Feier am Mittwoch den 12. April, um 1 Uhr Nachmittags, in der Turnhalle.

Anna Weindl, Prot. Sek.

A VETERAN COLUMNIST RETIRES.

In sending us the March column of the Damen Verein Mrs. Anna Weindl informed us that she felt it necessary to end her service as Bahn Frei reporter for the Damen Verein. She had indicated this wish on several occasions recently but the ladies were understandably reluctant to give her this release and persuaded Mrs. Weindl to reconsider.

Finally, however, she has decided that she must lay down this post because as she wrote us "I am getting too old to do this work any longer and everything must end some time." We don't agree with Mrs. Weindl, that she is getting too old for this work because she always showed a fresh and cheerful spirit in her column and that is what counts rather than years. We must not withstanding respect her wishes.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for her many years of helpfulness as one of our reporters and to express our great regret that she is leaving the ranks of our columnists. Many thanks Mrs. Anna Weindl. We also hope that we will be able to secure someone else from the Damen Verein to accept this assignment and that the regular monthly report of this important section of our society will continue to appear in Bahn Frei! We further hope that it will continue to be written in the German language as we have too few German articles now and would like to see some German continued as at least a token of our background and cultural heritage.

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Our Winter Ausflug was well set for Feb. 5, but as the Weather-God wanted it, one of the biggest snowstorms came upon us. Two lonely members, Joe Spiegel and Henry Stolz found their way to the Club. The rest of us were shoveling ourselves out, including myself. After a short rest period, I stumbled at an article in the Daily News, and I quote: "Dr. Geoffrey Martin, State Health Officer, today listed a safe way for men over 40 to get the sidewalks shoveled. It was; - Let your wife do it. - Martin himself over 40, explained that men are not as tough as women, because they spend a great deal of time in sedentary occupations. Besides, housewives are more limber and it does them good to get out in the fresh air", he said. Well in our house, we have two shovels, marked "His and Hers". Armed with this article I informed my wife, that she now became the proud owner of another shovel. After she read the article, she explained, "it says distinctly, its for men over 40, - you are not over 40, you are over 50, therefor past that tender age." So I simonized my shovel, to make it at least a little easier for myself.

But don't despair, there is always more than one way to hurt yourself. For instance, you can follow these 10 rules, and you can become a member in the Coronary Club. Rule No. 1. Your job comes first, personal consideration is secondary.

2. Go to the office evenings, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
3. Take the briefcase home on evenings you don't go to the office. This way you can review completely all troubles and worries of the day.
4. Never say no to a request; always say yes.
5. Accept all invitations to meetings, banquets and committees.
6. Don't eat a restful relaxing meal - always plan a conference for the meal hour.
7. Regard fishing, hunting, golf, bowling, billiards, cards, gymnastics as a waste of time and money.
8. Believe it's poor policy to take all the vacation allowed to you.

9. Never delegate responsibility to others, carry the entire load yourself at all times.

10. If your work calls traveling, work all day and drive all night to keep an appointment the next morning.

Well that's enough of free advice, and to put it all in one shell, the human body, if properly cared for, will last a lifetime.

Did you know that?

Fred Loops and Hans Sammer were hospitalized for a short time. Euch beiden, eine gute Besserung.

The A. R. completed its Annual Winter Ausflug on March 5th. Success reported in every direction.

Gene Keller accidentally got hit in the eye by one of the girls elbows, while practicing Volley Ball, which turned his eye into a technicolor production. But it had some repercussion; our wives wanted to know, what are 18 year old girls doing in the A. R.? Well, they were practicing for a tournament before the A. R. class started, that's why.

Ex-First Speaker Milton First was our guest to celebrate his birthday and St. Patricks Day. In this way, the A. R. paid tribute for his outstanding service to our society.

Frank Kirchner is missed by the A. R., his empty chair is still waiting for him.

Pinchhitting for Frank is our competent Turner Alfred Kierschner at this time.

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FIRST SPEAKERS REPORT FOR 1960

This my seventh year in office, constitutes the last report I shall make in this capacity. It might be interesting to note that seven years was only exceeded by two former Speakers, namely Scholer and Weiler. However, the Society today is by far more complex in every way, much larger, the owner of three valuable pieces of property and because of this much more difficult to administer.

To go through the motions is no longer sufficient to maintain a healthy and progressive organization. It requires a close working team of members with an interested and working leader, who are willing to sacrifice of their time to insure the growth and well-being of the Society. I am happy to say that I had that team, who worked hard and long and to them I extend my personal thanks and so should every one of you.

Many, many, long, hard and late hours were expended in thinking, planning and executing ideas to insure a healthy, efficient and sound program to follow. The proof of the pudding is in the eating and even the most hardened critic must admit that the Society is in a flourishing condition, the best ever. The recognition of this fact is the only pay-

ment a membership can offer to officers who served, willingly and unselfishly, so that the rest can participate and enjoy.

This being a very good year all around, will not necessitate a detailed report for each Section, suffice to state that all of them conducted themselves in real Turner fashion. In doing this they all added to the Turner principles which we all admire and still adhere to. Having hard working leaders helped to further the individual Sections so that they all did their part and more. To all of you we extend our thanks and know that this spirit will continue.

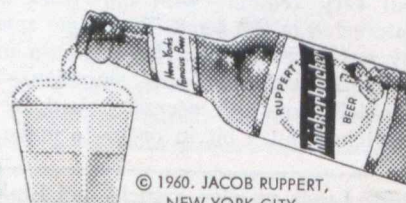
In the year 1960 the Society suffered a very severe loss in the passing of Turner Louis Fleischman. I can only tell you my own association with a man the likes of which I have never met in our Turner circles. Consumed with all the Turner Spirit a man can possess, Louis outdid himself in anything he was asked to do and much more. He was a bell-weather, sound in opinions and endowed with an energy belying his years. At any time, day or night, you had only to ask and there he was, whether it was ordinary labor or administrative. I have lost a very good friend and co-wor-

ker and the Society lost much more and long will be the time when we will see his equal in our circles. He made my position in the Society so much easier with his willingness and desire to help where ever possible.

Our financial condition is strong and I dare say that we are now enjoying a period of comparative prosperity. This is as it should be and we must stay this way if we are to continue our work of Turnerism. Of course all of this is due to proper administration and the fact that all our properties are rented on a sound basis. In regards to the Jager House conditions are in a good state and a renewal of lease is near approaching. Our relationship with the Turner Club remains as usual excellent, and the fact that we have an interlocking directorship is all to the good. Turner Steiner, who agreed to fill Turner Fleischman's term of office as Second Speaker, repeated again for 1961 and I am happy to state that he was elected as President of the Club for 1961. Thus we can look forward with joy that things are the same and that co-operation will be the keynote. In regards to the Central property things were rough for quite a time. The German Athletic Club was in default and literally abandoned the pro-

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perty and some vandalism was the result. After a clean up we sought a suitable tenant and after extensive negotiations secured a good one on an equitable lease arrangement. The new lessee "The Ligoa Duncan Galleries has improved the property and will continue to do so and after some investment on our part the property is in fine shape. Now we can settle back and relax on this score.

The most rewarding accomplishment of 1960 was the establishment of a fund set up for Capital Improvement in the amount of \$300.00 per month. This has been my ambition since taking up the Speakership, seven years ago. It finally came to pass and we all can be happy that we are building for the future. This fund cannot be used for any other purpose, except by a two thirds vote in Membership Meeting. Hurrah: a long step forward.

Again we repeated our wonderful participation in the Third Steuben Parade. Two floats and again one through the generous contributions of the Membership. What a heart warming feeling it gives one. I thought that the members were a bit tired of the constant requests for contributions, but how wrong I was. When the question was raised whether to do it again the response was fantastic and we raised the required amount without difficulty. This is real Spirit, when donations voluntarily roll in.

The high point of 1960 was without doubt our 110th Anniversary Celebration, an affair that will be long remembered. A few sour notes were sounded, but the over-all reaction was wholeheartedly excellent. The affair was very well attended, a good band engaged, the food was good and the speeches limited to interested Turners. The visit of our National President Carl Anderson to bestow the Honor Key to our Henry Schroeder at this affair was done with aplomb and appreciated by all Turners present. The address by Judge Ringel was a bit lengthy but most interesting and gratifying in that he is not a Turner but very familiar with our work and interested in the same. The warm speech by our Life Member Henry was a masterpiece in brevity and sincerity. The cocktail hour by necessity had to be stretched out a bit in order to make up



MILTON FIRST
First Speaker
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for the poor service, which was straightened out when some of our members stepped in to expedite same. The admission price was held at a minimum and this was only possible through the souvenir journal that was patronized by many. All in all a terrific job of committee work under the chairmanship of Ted - Tom Koschyk. The net result showed a nice profit in spite of the fact that expenses were quite high.

By the afore going you can realize that 1960 was a good year and we are on the right road towards strength and the continuance of Turner Principles. As this is my final report, perhaps you will excuse my own pardonable pride in reviewing some of the highlights of the past seven years.

Two great National Turnfests, Milwaukee and Louisville to which we sent strong teams which added to our ath-

letic accomplishments with more than our share of medals and trophies.

The neon sign that at long last identified our building to let all know that we were there. This was complemented by the two bulletin boards to inform all of our activities.

West German Gymnastic team exhibition at St. Nicholas Arena, the greatest, largest turnout ever. (Run at a substantial profit in spite of guarantees and innumerable expenses).

Three great Steuben Parades in which our Society stood out amongst all others, still the only society with two floats.

The acquisition of Central Turn Verein, but more important the welcoming into our membership the remaining stalwart Turners of that organization.

110th Anniversary Banquet and Ball, a social and financial success with our ballroom filled to overflowing.

The best step yet, the Capital Improvement Fund, which will insure future financial subsistence when the need arises.

I hope that you will pardon me for this lengthy report and permit me to thank all of you for your wonderful support in all things that we tried to accomplish and did, and to the officers that so willingly helped and worked so that this Society will function and prosper in time to come. To all of you a tremendous GUT HEIL and be assured that I will remain with you as long as I possibly can.

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Among those members on Saturday evening, April 22nd, to watch Sangford dispatch the Dragon, there can be no doubts as to the prowess of our fencers.

Written by Eloise Hetsch, the saga of Sangford, ably underplayed by maestro Odon Niederkirchner, offered its cast an opportunity to engage in the type of theatrical fencing that is not tolerated in the fencing room. And, if the fencing suffered for the acting, it must be remembered that ours is not a spectator sport and so, it is seldom that we enjoy the pleasure of such an enthusiastic audience. If the audience enjoyed the performance only half as much as the "actors" enjoyed performing, the many hours of hard work - planning, rehearsing and preparing costumes - on the part of Miss Hetsch and maestro Niederkirchner were well spent.

Even as maestro Niederkirchner and company were preparing for their heroics before the footlights, other members of the fencing section were showing their skills in formal competition. Representing their school, Stuyvesant High, in the Public School Athletic League team competition, Turn Verein fencers Jeff Checkes, Mo Cabrera, Bruno Santonocito and Tom Kalfa fenced so effectively that a first place finish was secured. This is a just reward for these dedicated young competitors who, in addition to daily practise at their school devote Monday and Friday evenings to energetic practice under the critical eye of Odon Niederkirchner.

In addition to the team victory, which this group made possible for its school, Jeff Checkes also captured first place in the PSAL Individual Fencing Competition.

The capture of first place in the team and individual competitions by this High School squad, composed for the most part of Turn Verein fencers, is of considerable satisfaction to the entire fencing section and its instructor. Last year the Stuyvesant team finished third. The fact that it was able to move up two places this year shows that our fencers have improved by their year of hard work.

Speaking of the outside accomplishments of Turn Verein fencers, it is worth noting that another Stuyvesant boy and former regular on our strips is now on the freshman team at the U. S. Naval Academy.

These accomplishments of our youth speak eloquently for the quality of the fencing training available to all with the will to work in the Turn Verein fencing room.

Fred Schnitzler.

PRIVITZER A GRANPA TWICE!

Bahn Frei! has been very happy to report the arrival of children and grandchildren of members and their closest relatives so far as we are informed of these blessed events in an official manner. (It is not safe to go by hearsay in these matters). Great grandchildren seem to be just a little beyond our scope due mainly to the shortness of the lifespan. We find these announcements pleasant and hopeful for the future of all concerned, including, of course the Turn Verein. If we have inadvertently omitted one of these announcements, we beg all interested parties their forgiveness and assure them, it was not intentional. Last month we reported the interesting fact that Turner Marquardson had become a grandfather today, we are privileged to report that another prominent member had become a grandfather no less than two times practically within the period of issuance of two issues of Bahn Frei! The announcement follows:

Mr. Mrs. Edward Privitzer proudly announce the arrival, on February 4th, 1961, of Edward Joseph Privitzer, bearing a weight of 7 pounds and 8 ounces, the child of Kenneth and Chris Privitzer.

Further the arrival, on March 11th, 1961, of Nancy Ellen Cavaluzzo, bearing a weight of 7 pounds, 4 ounces, the child of our daughter Carole Ann and Carmine Cavaluzzo.

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Membership Meeting at 8:30 P. M.

MONDAY, JUNE 12th:

Vorstand Meeting at 8:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16th:

School Closing Celebration: starts 7:30

MONDAY, JUNE 19th:

Cultural Evening, Travelogue Film with lecture at 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th:

10 A. M. District Track & Field Meeting for all Divisions of the New York District at Rice Stadium, Pelham Bay Park, and N. Y. Turner Club.

MONDAY, JUNE 26th:

Membership Meeting - Election at 8:30 P. M., of replacement of Statistical Secretary, and honoring of 25 year members.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 18-19th.

National Apparatus Championships of American Turners in our gymnasium

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION**ACTIVES BUS RIDE!**

Come one come all. The Actives are having a bus ride to Candlewood Lake in the middle of June. If you are interested contact the First Turnwart Buehler Jr. Leave New York Turn Verein at 8 A. M. Sunday, be back at Turn Hall 8 P. M. Sunday evening. Come and enjoy a day of swimming, softball and other interesting games. All sections are invited to come on this ride and have an enjoyable day. Let's all turn out in true Turner Fashion.

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The month is April and we are hoping and looking so much for that good Spring weather, which of course is unpredictable but we are hopeful.

On Easter Sunday we had our annual Easter egg hunt for the kiddies where all the hard boiled colored eggs were absent minded member forgot to boil that is, with a notable exception, one supplied by the membership. Hard boiled them and you can imagine the mess on those dressed up girls. It was a 50-50 day and our steward Karl Kraus had reservations for 220 dinners which you can be sure, kept him stepping, and in turn kept our Joe Knoll, Chairman of the bar committee and his helpers pretty much on the jump.

Once again, as in most every other year, the Club has gone on a spending spree and that is for new equipment for the kitchen. First a new stainless steel top on a working table, and then two new coffee urns, also of stainless steel, which will enable us to get a still better cup of coffee, and Karl promises us he will count every bean so to assure us of 43 beans for every cup for that full aroma and taste. His motto is the best coffee today and still better tomorrow.

Around April 12th-13th we had an unwelcome visitor in the form of a wind and rain storm and we certainly are not rolling the welcome mat out for any more of that kind of company. There was a lot of damage on the waterfront; all the planks from our pier were washed off, angle irons twisted and bent, our diving tower knocked for a loop, windows broken, shingles off the roof. Muecke's dump is washed out and is now more of a dump than ever. This has put, which in turn has put an extra burden on our Building & Grounds Committee Chairman, Louis Meurer, who lost little time and met the situation head on. He and his staff of members are doing a good job of digging out.

On Sunday, April 23rd, we had our monthly meeting with about 70 in attendance with the usual order of business, celebrating birthdays, welcoming back Hans Sammer, and Walter Cur-

tayne who were hospitalized recently; also a speedy recovery was mentioned for two others in the hospital - Harry Fiedler and Fred Ebert.

The passing of our good member, Joseph Kroop came as a sad note. He was a member of the Verein as well as the Club and we exceedingly regret the loss of such a young Turner so soon. We express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Kroop and family and to you, Joe, farewell and a silent Gut Heil!

Our President, Frank Steiner, requested me to mention a word of congratulations to the Damen Verein on their 46th Anniversary. Auf das weitere Blühen und Gedeihen des Damen Verein des New York Turn Verein - Gut Heil! I, the writer want to express my regret that Mrs. Anna Weindl has laid down her pen in regard to writing the column for Bahn Frei for the Damen Verein, in German, for so many years and hope that her successor will continue to do the same.

To our National Champions of the New York Turn Verein Volley Ball Team Gut Heil!

Coming events: On Sunday, May 14th Mothers Day. On Sunday, May 21st, - opening and Spring Festival. Our Turners will perform a drill on the club grounds, led by our Gym Instructor, Henry Schroeder. There will be exhibitions on the Horizontal and Parallel Bars, and there also will be Volley Ball. Added attractions will be a bologna stand, plus many others.

Our dance on Saturday, April 29th, went back to the Roaring Twenties, - forty years ago. It was very well attended, a number of customers were typical of that period. John Ames came in to the bar, - put 5 cents on the bar for a glass of beer and then looked for pretzels and a free lunch. Another guy came along with a beer growler (can) trying to get a pint of beer for 10 cent - what a chance! But those were the happy days, - everybody was happy and had a good time - and speaking of time they all looked at the clock and it was 2 A. M. but daylight saving time made it 3 A. M. - and she said to him - "It's later than you think, dear!"

On June 10th we will have our Barn Dance - Our chairman of the Entertainment Committee - Joe Doyle, promised good music, plus surprises, the chickens, the pigs and the horses will be asking for you.

The Club wishes both Miss Alice Glienke and Mrs. Henry (Anna) Steffen a pleasant 4 weeks vacation in Florida. Poor Henry - he'll never be the same!

And so until next month - Auf Wiedersehn.

Fritz Hoering.

Ladies

Hi, Girls!

It seems like ages since I last wrote an epistle for this publication, and I think it is mostly due to the waiting I did for the Taeger baby.

Let me start at the beginning. Eleanor Giordano gave birth to a baby boy, Frank Paul, on April 15th, little Frank weighing 7 lbs. and 6 ozs. This is the Giordano's third child. According to Elli, both she and the baby are doing fine.

Charlotte Taeger's baby finally arrived today. It is also a boy, named Christian, Otto, Eric, and he weighed nearly 9 lbs. I just visited them in Lenox Hill Hospital, Charlotte is well, the baby is already an avid thumbsucker, and Papa Guenther is exhausted, but he survived.

To both families all our best wishes, and please make sure you raise your sons in the old Turner spirit.

Another little social item is the engagement of Ingrid Reinhold, one of our very active ladies. She met and fell in love with a young M. D. while skiing this past winter, and I understand, that wedding bells will ring in June. Congratulations to the lucky young man, and lots of luck to you, Ingrid.

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This much for the gossip. There is little else to say. Randall's Island Sunday is upon us, but I cannot hold up publication by waiting to report on that affair. I just hope it does not rain again as it did last year.

Rita announced at our last meeting in April, that our blow-out meeting before the summer will feature a JUNK SALE, i. e. a sale of jewelry, knickknacks, books, etc. like we did last year. So, please girls, bring what you yourself do not want or need any longer, but which someone else might want to have. I hope this issue gets printed before the summer vacation is upon us. I dare not mention events of the immediate future, so far I have always been late with my admonitions to attend this or that affair.

So, in case this is the last issue of Bahn Frei! before the summer vacation, I wish all of you a pleasant and cool summer.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Fred Truckenbrodt

On February 14th our society suffered a sad loss, through the death of Turner Fred Truckenbrodt.

Turner Truckenbrodt was one of a number of our members who joined us through the merger with Central Turn Verein on June 10, 1956. He was born in 1908 and therefore had attained the age of 53 years. Then death called him unfortunately far too soon. He had joined the Central Turn Verein in April 1926 shortly after he became eligible at the age of 18. He remained a faithful member of that organization and afterwards of our society to the end.

Funeral services were held on Friday evening at Charles Weidig, 21st Avenue, Steinway Street, followed by a church service and burial on Saturday afternoon.

Bahn Frei! expresses sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family, particularly to his brother, Lewis Truckenbrodt who is also one of our members through the Central merger and a 40 year Honorary Member of the American Turners.

JOSEPH KROEF

Under sad and tragic circumstances Turner Joseph Kroef passed into Eternal Rest on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 2nd. Turner Kroef was born in Bremen, Germany, June 22nd, 1927, and came to our country as a young man.

He joined our society on January 25th, 1954 and shortly thereafter also became a member of the New York Turner Club.

He was very popular and well liked in both organizations. He was a Tool and Die maker by trade, was married and had one daughter.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, April 5th at Cook's Funeral Home on Westchester Avenue in the Bronx. First Speaker Horn delivered a moving Eulogy at this occasion. Our deepest sympathy goes to Inge and Susan Kroef and to all other members of the family. May they be comforted by the knowledge that the very day on which he passed away, commemorates the Resurrection and that then will certainly be a happy reunion in the hereafter.

The entire Turn Verein mourns the passing of this member at so early an age and promises to keep his memory fresh in our midst

LOUIS CULLMANN

Not properly belonging under our society obituary since he was not one

of our members and yet so closely connected with us by fraternal ties and friendship we deem it appropriate to pay a belated tribute to our departed friend Turner Louis Cullmann.

Turner Cullman passed on, after a lingering illness, on December 15, 1960 at an advanced age. He was a member of the Turner movement for a great many years and was tireless in his devotion to the Turner cause and to the German-American organizational life. In addition to his Turner activities he was particularly prominent in the ranks of the singers. He is unforgettable as the President, for many years, of the old D.A. Turnverein and for his great services as First Speaker of the New York District of the American Turners. He was also prominent in various National Conventions which he attended as a delegate. To give his entire career in these columns would go too far but let it be written that he was a true, devoted, loyal and outstanding Turner and a splendid example of a good German-American citizen. In his long lifetime he also contributed greatly to the pleasure of mankind as an actor and entertainer and in the amusement field.

Above all he was a true friend of this society and of many of its members and never ceased to do his best to maintain good relations between the New York and The D.A. and later the Mt. Vernon Turnvereines. An impressive funeral service was held at the Regent Funeral Home at which a fitting tribute was paid by his singing society, by A.F. Kierschner, Second Speaker of the New York District and by the Rev. Bushman, Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church of the Bronx of which he and Mrs. Cullman were members.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved widow herself in poor health and to his other surviving relatives. It is certain that we shall remember our dear friend Louis Cullman with affectionate gratitude and appreciation for many years to come.

Damen

Der Damen Verein des N. Y. Turn Verein hielt seine Versammlung verbunden mit einem Osterkränzchen am 12 April in der Turnhalle ab. Die Präsidentin Frau E. Schall begrüßte alle aufs herzlichste und gab Ihrer Freude Ausdruck über den zahlreichen Besuch.

Es bot sich allen ein schöner Anblick, Tische waren herrlich geschmückt, bunte Bänder, Blumen in Vasen und an jeden Platz ein Teller mit gefärbten Eiern, Candies, Schokoladen Eiern und vieles Andere, auch für jeden ein Berliner, und Gebäck. Ein gutes glass Wein fehlte auch nicht, ein hübsches ansteck- Sträuschen von Frau Schall angefertigt. Alles sah so recht festlich aus.

Frau Schall begrüßte die Präsidentin von der Wohltätigkeit, Frau Cross; Vize Präsidentin von Edelweiss Damen, Frau Schnoor. Gäste waren Frau P. Kuenhel, Weitzer, Freundin von Frau Witt, auch von Frau Krell, Frl. Wimmer stellte uns ein neues Mitglied vor, Frau E. Rosenkampff, wir hiesien Sie herzlich willkommen.

Frau Stenzel von Welfare Island lies sich entschuldigen, da Ihr Herr Gemahl im Hospital ist. Die Damen wünschen ihm baldige Genesung. Frl. Wilkins reist in einigen Tagen nach Deutschland, gute Reise Margaret.

Frau Anna Weindl, unsere frühere Präsidentin, später Protokoll Sekretärin gab Ihr Amt auf, Sie möchte weniger Arbeit und mehr Ruhe, auch unsere Vize Präsidentin, Frau Anna Widmann gab Ihren Posten auf, gesundheitshalber, dank beiden Damen für Ihre Hilfe.

Frl. Washbourn gab uns den Finanz Bericht, welcher gut befunden wurde, und dankend angenommen. Frl. Glienke, Finanz Sek, las einige Briefe und Ihr gebührt Dank.

Der Vorstand beschloss, zwei lang-jährige Mitglieder, Mrs. G. Schmidt, und Mrs. Helen Graf als Ehren-Mitglieder zu ernennen. Beide stehen schon seit langer Zeit auf unsere Krankenliste. Ein Dankes-Brief erhielten wir von Frau

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Schmidt, auch von John Graf. Wir freuen uns alle darüber, und werden beide in Ehren halten.

Geburtstage hatten: Frau M. Heintzen, Frau E. Meyer, Frau E. Krell A. Buehler. Allen wurde das Geburtstags-Lied ge-

sungen, und sogleich ein Hoch mit einen Glass Wein.

Nun kam die lang ersehnte Kaffee-Pause, belegte Brötchen, Berliner, Kuchen, Spezial Gebäck, liesen wir uns alle gut munden. Auch gab diese Pause eine Gelegenheit für die Damen, sich während dieser Zeit zu unterhalten.

Besonderen Dank gebührt unseren Vorstand, welcher immer Hilfsbereit ist. Alle Geschenke wurden von ihnen und unseren grosszügigen Mitgliedern gestiftet. Bessonderen Dank gebührt den folgenden Damen: Betty Klein, Else Krell, L. Karpinski, Nelson, Oestreich

(Blumen) Frau Charlotte Meyer auch Blumen, und diese Dame färbte alle Eier, Frl. Washbourne, Schokoladen Eier. Frl. Wimmer vielen dank für Geld-Spende Frau Klein und Karpinski verkauften Lose und hatten guten Erfolg. Danke beide Damen. Frl. Glienke und Oestreich übernahmen die Verlosung, und alles ging schnell von statten. Die glücklichen Gewinner freuten sich über die schönen Preise, welche von den Mitgliedern gestiftet waren. Nochmals unser Dank.

Im Mai planen wir eine Card und Bingo Party. Wir erwarten alle Mitglieder und auch Gäste sind willkommen.

Auch haben wir eine Bus-Fahrt in Aussicht, und zwar im Juni welche wir in unserer Mai Versammlung besprechen werden. Wie schon erwähnt sind Gäste willkommen.

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AMERICAN TURNERS APPARATUS MEET.

It is with pleasure that I report about the National Apparatus Meet which was held in our hall on June 17, 1961. For several years the American Turners had to cancel this meet because of lack of entries, and it is therefore encouraging that we held this meet, the very activity that the Turners stand for. It was weeks prior to the date that entries came in from Cleveland S. T. V., McKeesport, Pa., Roxborough, Pa., Providence, R. I., Springfield, Mass., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. and of course our New York Turn Verein. We had a total of 13 Ladies and 12 Men with 123 Entries report for competition.

The competition started at 1:15 P.M. and finished at 5 P. M. We conducted this meet with two events running simultaneously. This being a top notch meet we placed four judges on each event. I want to express my thanks again to the Judges who showed up on time and did a good job. They were: Vincent D'Autorio, member of the 1952-48 Olympic team, Adolph Zink, member of the 1924 Olympic team, Carl Patterson from Temple University, Alfons Hoehn, top notch turner in his days from the Brooklyn

Turners, Instructor Fred Zitta from Springfield Turn Verein, Alex Diamant from the A. A. U. and long standing Member of the Brooklyn Turners, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mild from the Long Island City Turn Verein with their international experience, Mrs. Edith Rauh who hails from Munich displayed her national and international experience, Toni Mesagno from Brooklyn Turners, Eberhard Noller and Eugene Keller who both competed in the last 6 National American Turnfests as well as several German National Turnfests; all gave this meet an atmosphere of high caliber gymnastics. Fred Horn our First Speaker who has not missed a judging assignment for many years lent his support, as did my assistant District Turnwart Omar Gagnon. To all many thanks for a good job. To our Regional Director and Consultant of the meet Bob Stahl and his committee on scoring, my personal thanks for all the work you have done.

The meet itself, if I must say, ran perfectly. There was no waiting or hanging around. There was a limit time for warming up and then the meet proceeded. Having seen the Russian and Japanese teams, our Ladies

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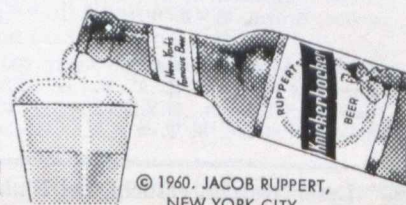
in this competition showed that they will soon equal them. The two young ladies from S. T. V. Marie Sue Walther and Sharon Sawitzke were outstanding in all events.

If only some of our district delegates had been here to see how long we turners have been sleeping in women competition. Our ladies are capable of doing the same work, but we are just starting. Now that all societies in the district have this new equipment we will compete along the same lines. Honorable mention to Theresa Salzmann our own product for winning one Gold one Silver and Bronze medal. Many thanks to all you other competitors, Inge, Irmgard, Judith, Irene and Irene, better luck next time.

Bruno Klaus surprised us in winning 5 out of 6 Gold Medals and the All-Around Championship. For myself and the Turn Verein congratulation Bruno. Bruno is attending the University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale and while in school won the National Collegiate Athletic Ass'n. Horizontal

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Bar Championship. What we are particularly proud of is the fact that you never left the Turn Verein. This kind of loyalty is something that we miss so often today. I am equally proud of Horst Bernhart who is attending the University of Bridgeport. Peter Pfeifer and Vincent Craig. Following are the results.

MEN

LONG HORSE

1. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	37.60
2. Leo Ledger, Springfield	37.10
3. Jack O'Neill, McKeesport	35.30

SIDE HORSE

1. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	35.70
2. Edward Isabelli, Springfield	34.80
3. Alfred Flemming, Mt. Vernon	33.60

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	37.90
2. Edward Isabelli, Springfield	35.80
3. Heinz Briegel, Springfield	34.90

CALISTHENICS

1. Edward Isabelli, Springfield	37.10
2. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	35.60
3. Alfred Flemming, Mt. Vernon	35.10

STILL RINGS

1. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	32.90
2. Edward Isabelli, Springfield	31.49
3. Heinz Briegel, Springfield	29.30

PARALLEL BARS

1. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	35.10
1. Heinz Briegel, Springfield	35.10
2. Alfred Flemming, Mt. Vernon	34.30
3. Edward Isabelli, Springfield	33.29

ALL-AROUND

1. Bruno Klaus, N.Y.T.V.	214.80
2. Edward Isabelli, Springfield	207.40
3. Heinz Briegel, Springfield	197.40
4. Alfred Flemming, Mt. Vernon	197.10
5. Leo Ledger, Springfield	187.80
6. Roy Mattatal, Providence, R. I.	177.23
7. Horst Bernhart, N.Y.T.V.	173.20
8. Jack O'Neill, McKeesport	170.20
9. Steve Cohen, Roxborough	160.30
10. Peter A. Pfeifer, N.Y.T.V.	155.90

WOMEN

SIDE HORSE VAULT

1. Marie Sue Walther, S. T. V.	37.9
7. Theresa Salzmann, N.Y.T.V.	37.9
2. Sharon Sawitzke, S. T. V.	37.8
3. Nancy Shank, McKeesport	37.6

BALANCE BEAM

Marie Sue Walther, S. T. V.	36.8
2. Sharon Sawitzke, S. T. V.	36.3
3. Jacque Brown, S. T. V.	30.9

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS

1. Marie Sue Walther, S. T. V.	38.30
2. Theresa Salzmann, N.Y.T.V.	36.30
3. Sharon Sawitzke, S. T. V.	36.10

CALISTHENICS

1. Marie Sue Walther, S. T. V.	38.70
2. Sharon Sawitzke, S. T. V.	37.20
2. Christine Keuler, Roxborough	37.20
3. Nancy Shank, McKeesport	36.30

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2. Nancy Shank, McKeesport	29.70
3. Marie Sue Walther, S. T. V.	28.30
4. Sheryl Diaz, McKeesport	24.90

ALL-AROUND

1. Marie Sue Walther, S. T. V.	151.80
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12. Sheryl Diaz, McKeesport	111.90
13. Inge Tiejen, N.Y.T.V.	90.30

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Ladies

Dear Girls:

This time I am not sure at all whether or not this will get printed. I forgot that I had a job to do. And it looks as if our dear editor is catching up with all the back issues since we have a replacement for Mr. Frank Kirchner in the office. Anyway, I shall try to sneak this one in.

The opening of the Turner Club found many ladies present, and the weather was with us. It was a beautiful day, and everyone had a good time. Our ball drill was done nicely, and the performances on the parallel bars were applauded well.

I saw a number of formerly active ladies at the club, now minding one, two and three children, and it was very nice seeing them again. There

was Margo Eickhoff, Diana Reimus, Pat Hofmann (the latter expecting her first), and a few more whose names don't come back at the moment. For that matter I don't know the married names of these girls, but they all look splendid and like proper young matrons with adorable children.

In my last column I neglected to announce the forthcoming marriage of one of our very active ladies, namely Hannelore Simon. She will say "I do" on June 25th to a young parson named Max Gray Rogers and they both will move to North Carolina where he will be teaching. Sincere congratulations to the young man, and the best of a happy future for both of them from the whole ladies section. We are very sorry to see Hannelore go, she was a most devoted and faithful Turner.

We will have our last meeting before the season closes on June 15th. I believe I reported this already in my last column.

I have no more to say at the moment, and I am going to take this opportunity to wish you all a very pleasant summer, have nice vacations, and please come back in September

See you all in the fall,

Edith Rauh

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HENRY BLOCH'S BIRTHDAY.

Wednesday, April 19th was an unusually festive evening for the Altersriege for besides the usual round of birthday celebrations and routine business there was a gala observance of the birthday of our Life Member and Honorary Member of the American Turners, Henry Bloch.

A good dinner was served, there was the presentation of a scroll in honor of the birthday child, a unique number in Chinese added to the merriment of the evening. This number was given an accompaniment of firecrackers in the China manner and had to be seen to be appreciated. A deplorable lack of knowledge of the Chinese language makes it difficult for this reporter to describe this part of the proceedings in any detail but it was a great night. There also was a birthday cake, presentation of pens as a souvenir gift, address by the First Speaker, by Past Speaker Sammer and others and a appropriate response by Turner Bloch in the style to which we have become accustomed but which is ever refreshing and heartening.

As our departed friend Turner Konrath used to write the Salamander was delivered with volcano effect. There was a good and enthusiastic attendance. Among the other birthdays celebrated was that of Turner Loops who made his first appearance after a long illness. It was at the same time his last appearance for some time since he advised us that he was about to retire to Florida. It was the pleasure of this writer to accompany Turner Loops to the Northern regions that night in a rather hilarious taxi cab ride.

We believe the spirit of this affair is best represented in a very fine and original poem delivered by our Past

First Speaker First which we are happy to reproduce below to which we can only add that Bahn Frei! offers a belated Happy Birthday greeting to our dear Turner Bloch.

TO HENRY BLOCH
BIRTHDAY

APRIL 21st, 1961

It is with great pleasure,
That we are gathered here,
To partake of some victuals,
A glass or two of beer.

It's an outstanding night
And we're all at the dock,
To welcome the good ship "Birthday",
For our Henry Bloch.

His long Turner History,
Should interest all ages,
So with your permission,
I'll go through the pages.

He came to us, a youth,
Just chock full of vigor,
And on the gym floor,
He cut quite a figure.

It didn't take long,
He became quite proficient,
But for a Turner like him,
This wasn't sufficient.

He succeeded well,
In an athletic way,
His trophies and medals
Are his treasures today.

In his Turner activities,
Always the simon pure,
Turned with our immortals,
John Bissinger and Moore.

But this wasn't, enough,
This Turner's no fool,
Bes'des Turner activities,
He continued with school.

It took quite sometime,
And unlike you and me,
He worked hard and long
And got his degree.

It was a good thing for us,
That he traveled this way,
His legal talents, he offered,
Day after day.

To his way of thinking,
Never the thought of compensation,
As a Turner, he probably felt
It was his obligation.

He came to our aid,
When torn by want and strife,
The society responded,
Made him a member for life,

In the years that followed,
He never lost his touch,
His generous contributions,
Amounted to much.

And so it was, always,
Up to this present day,
This party's on him,
For his natal day.

We don't see him often,
More's the pity,
Perhaps because he lives
So far from the city.

Just a few weeks ago,
Some Turners were worried,
But an affair like this,
Just can't be hurried.

We just had to insist,
That they wait for a while,
To put this party over,
In a very fine style.

And we hope that by now,
They have learned their lesson,
That it pays to wait,
For their drinking and fressen.

I feel that I know him,
A little better than most,
And because of this,
I offer this toast.

To you Henry Bloch,
We all shout and say,
The very best for you,
On your Birthday.

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PERSONALS! — PERSONALS!

We have accumulated quite a bit of personal news items, since our last issue, and are happy to be able to print them here. Perhaps these important events in the life of members are of more interest to our readers than history. Hence no history in this edition but you may be sure we have not laid history aside permanently. As for the personal column any member having an item of interest for this department please mail direct to the Editor and we will try to find room for it in due course. Do not rely on our learning it by hearsay, because in that manner we may very well miss it.

WEDDING BELLS

KEYES-ROHLF

The late morning of Saturday, April 15th was marked by an important event at the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck, namely, the marriage of Miss Caroline Keyes to Peter A. Rohlf. The small but attractive colonial style building with its devotional and proper liturgical interior stands as an oasis on Baisley Avenue amidst the read building that is causing so much concern to the innocent residents of that area and which, some time ago, forced the church's removal from Bruckner Boulevard to its present site.

It was in every sense a lovely and moving scene as the bridal party proceeded down the aisle and seldom was seen a more beautiful bride or a more handsome groom. Mrs. Judy Hansone was the Matron of Honor and the Misses Dorothy Henzel and Donna M. Rohlf were the bridesmaids. Robert Rohlf served as Best Man for his brother and the ushers were John Ames, Ronald Bauer, Rudy Schmatz and Dean Wilkes. Rev. T. E. Bartus, Pastor of the church, united the young couple in Matrimony.

A gay reception was held at the Parkway Casino in Tuckahoe. Thereafter the newlyweds proceeded to Bermuda the famous honeymoon Isles. The groom and his brother have been members of the society since they reached the eligible age. They are the

sons of the late Turner Hans Rohlf, who was an outstanding and highly regarded member for more than 40 years, an Honorary Member of the American Turners and a life long member of the Turner Club and of the ever popular Ekfrida Rohlf who joined with her husband in active devotion to our society. With more than usual enthusiasm Bahn Frei! extends hearty congratulations and every best wish to the newly weds.

SCHULZE-SAMMER

On Saturday the Tenth of June at about 4:45 P. M. Miss Dora Henny Schulze and Hans H. Sammer, knelt before the same altar of the same church and were pronounced man and wife by the same Minister. This happy event was also greeted with enthusiasm by the many members and friends of our society who have long viewed the Sammer family with affectionate admiration. It is hardly necessary to recount the important role that Turner Hans Sammer (a former First Speaker of the Verein and President of the Club) has played in the life of our society since 1923 in which he has been joined by his wife Minnie and daughter Elsa Phin. This alone would make this wedding of unusual importance to us. The groom himself, however, in his own right, merits the same consideration for since childhood he has been a loyal and able participant in our organizations life, on the gym floor, in competition and in the social activities. A leading force in the Actives Section and among the younger set in the Turner Club he is highly regarded in both organizations.

It is certainly appropriate that such a good Turner should have entered into wedlock with a Turner girl for the bride has been a member of our Ladies Section since 1959 and in fact they first met at the Ladies Nite Dance in February of last year. The moral of this for our eligible members is simple - never miss the traditional Ladies Nite affair in the Turnhall! The bride is born in Germany, which is also all to the good, and her parents Herr & Frau Georg Schulze reside there in Osterholz-Scharmbeck near Bremen.

They were represented at the wedding by their son Henry Schulze who

gave the bride away in accordance with the time hallowed ceremonial. Turner Frank Wedl served as Best Man and Turner Bruce Gathy and Mr. Don Phin, a brother-in-law, acted as ushers. Mrs. Jean Solar was the Matron of Honor. It was a beautiful wedding and of coudse a beautiful bride but we will avoid redundancy. The reception followed at the familiar Turner Club and a great time was had by all in particular the large number of our members in attendance. A honeymoon was passed blissfully in Puerto Rico.

Very sincere congratulations to both of the newly weds and every Blessing on their life's journey together is the fervent wish of the Editor of Bahn Frei!

DENGLER

A GRANDFATHER THRICE

In a recent issue we headlined "Prititzer A Grandfather Twice". With this issue we are able to better that sensational headline. Within just one day over a month our esteemed member Turner Theobald J. Dengler, who has been a grandfather for some time, was able to celebrate the arrival of three more which sets a sort of a record that will probably not soon be broken in these columns. Bahn Frei! extends sincere congratulations to the proud grandparents - all eight of them.

The first to arrive was John F. McGlew on the Sixth of May. The parents are John J. McGlew and Hilda McGlew. As the new arrivals father is a patent attorney it was most appropriate that the announcement came in the form of Letters Patent from which we gather that "One Little Angel-Male Type" weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces.

Norbert Joseph Dengler, Jr., followed on May 18th. The happy parents are Norbert J. Dengler and Marilyn Dengler nee Herman.

The trio was completed with the birth of Theobald John Dengler 10th on the Seventh of June. The parents are Theobald J. Dengler the Ninth and Mrs. Erna Berberich Dengler. Both as Mrs. Dengler and as Miss Berberich she has been a popular member of our Ladies Section of long standing. And

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now to all six parents Bahn Frei! also extends hearty congratulations.

BERTHOLD MUECKE
A GREAT GRANDFATHER!

Many years ago Bahn Frei! began reporting the arrival of children of members. In recent years we began to announce the coming of grandchildren so far as we were informed of them. It is with a feeling of elation that we chronicle in this issue, for the first time, the arrival of a great-grandchild.

Turner Berthold Muecke, now in his ninetieth year, 50 Year Honorary Member of the American Turners and an Outstanding Member and real veteran of the N. Y. T. V. announced the birth of his first great-grandchild, Alexandra Lynn Crout on March 1, 1961. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Stan-

ley Crout. Mrs. Crout is the former Eleanor Beatrice Muecke, who graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1959 and received her M. A. degree from Columbia University last year. Mr. Muecke's only grandson 1st Lt. Berthold Muecke, III, U. S. A. F. is a navigator assigned to the Strategic Air Command.

CONSTANCE FIRST GRADUATES

The 103rd annual Commencement of Northeastern University was of special interest this year since the large number of graduates included none other than Miss Constance First daughter of our Past First Speaker. She received the degree of Bachelor of Science majoring in Education. The proud parents attended the Commencement which took place in Chicago on Sunday, June the 18th.

Miss First has accepted a teaching position in Rye, N. Y. starting next September. Bahn Frei! extends best wishes for a brilliant career and has no doubt that the pupils of the school in Rye will be greatly pleased in selection of their instructor.

Club

We had our summer season opening on Sunday, May 21st. We got a good break in the weather and everybody was there. Our Gym Teacher Henry Schroeder put on a good show of gymnastics plus a drill by the ladies and a volley ball exhibition by our national champions. It was a grand day for some of our hibernating members.

On the following Sunday we had our monthly meeting with about 80 members attending and, after our regular order of business and the celebrating of birthdays, we accepted 18 new members into the club. Somehow or other the beer ran out before its time - after all what's a half barrel of beer to a handfull of Dutch and Irishmen. And now we announce a happy occasion for a Turner and a Turner from the Ladies Class. Hans Sammer, Jr. and Dora Schulze will join in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 10th at

the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck at 4:30 P. M. And so what can we say, but best wishes for a happy and successful marriage to you Hans and your adorable Dora and from your scribbler, that old chestnut, may all your troubles be little ones.

On Tuesday, May 23rd our Ladies Volleyball class had their first play at the Turner Club after a long wait for a break in the weather. After a few morning games the ladies arranged for a light luncheon by our steward. It was their annual blowout combined with a birthday party for Henry Schroeder. To accomplish this they blew the locks of a separate bank which consisted of an accumulation of monies raised thru penalties for errors in the game made through the season. The birthday celebrity was toasted with a drink usually served in little glasses of a potent nature, we had platter of shrimp salad, coffee and Henry's birthday cake and then followed a few jokes by Henry and myself. End of the party and more volleyball. As to my observation of these ladies and their game, you old birds from the Altersriege better be on your toes for that exhibition match game at the end of the season because these gals have a sneaky technique. One might say that their playing is togetherness, I am going to root for the Altersriege but my money is on the gals.

All entries for the horse show pitching contest ended on May 15th. Robert Potter, Chairman of the Bazaar Committee and Emma Wengert, Co-Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary urge all members to turn in the cash for their chance books as their contributions as early as possible for the Bazaar is on August 20th.

We are looking forward to that 4th of July outdoor weenie roast which in the past has brought so much fun and pleasure to young and old. Boss Man Paul Stroll, the creator of this affair and his Committee assures us that like in every year every one will have a good time and that there will be games for all from 8 to 80.

A NEW ACTIVITY - BOWLING

The Turner Club Bowling League has now finished its first season. A newly created activity, enjoyed by both Turn Verein and Club members of all ages, this endeavor has furnished both pleasure and exercise throughout the long weeks of a very harsh winter.

Enthusiasm has run high every Friday evening as six 4-man teams vied for position. Team No. 4, with Marquardsen, Doyle, Goddel and Blair, after trailing most of the winter, came through to win first place. That old pro Fred Horn, who sparked and organized the League, produced seven 200 games and ended the season with high average.

This playing together three hours a week for 30 weeks makes for close comradeship and leaves a residue of pleasant memories. Those flashes of memory would include Carl Marquardsen, who after falling five strikes, continued to bowl anyway - of little Joe Knoll staggering under the weight of the ball and coming up with strikes - of that inseparable pair of Jones and Blair each making a 200 game - of "handicap" George Reilly cursing under his breath after each shot (good or bad) - of countless incidents involving every member, both regular and substitute, that makes Bowling perhaps the most fascinating and frustrating game yet devised.

The entire League is deeply indebted to Charlie Ellwanger who never once failed to provide complete statistics on team standings, to Louis Meurer who dug into our pockets for fees and dues with a fiendish delight, and above all to Fred Horn who dreamed up the idea in the first place.

So let's take our "bowling widows" to the big dinner and brag about our game. What was my average; Never mind, Son, just wait 'til next year!

Bob Potter

And so until next month

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Damen

Einen recht vergnügten Karten und Bunco Nachmittag verbrachten die Damen des N. Y. Turn Vereins im Jagerhouse. Der Besuch war sehr zufrieden stellend. Präsidentinnen von verschiedenen Vereinen, Frau Traeger, Badische Frauen, Frau Strobel, Rheinpfälzer, Frau Stenzel, Gute Samariten, Frau Schwalbe, Murray Hill, Frau Schnorr, Edelweiss, Freunde der Wohltätigkeit, Kreutzer Damen und viele Gäste.

Unsere Präsidentin Frau Elfriede Schall, begrüßte alle aufs herzlichste und sprach ihren Dank an alle für die grosse Teilnahme.

Nachdem sich die Damen genügend beim Kartenspiel unterhalten hatten, ging es zu der Kaffeepause, belegte Brötchen, Kaffee und Kuchen munden recht gut. Für hübsche Türpreise war bestens gesorgt. Frau Else Krell und Schall stifteten diese, Frä. Washbourn sorgte für die Süßigkeiten, vielen Dank den Spenderinnen.

Geburtstagskinder waren die Damen F. Paulakot, B. Horn, J. Felber, M. Lutz, denen wir wie üblich im Verein gratulierten, auch besondere Wünsche gingen zu Frau Krupp, Isabella Home, zu ihren 90. Geburtstag.

Wir haben 3 neue Mitglieder zu melden, wofür wir uns besonders freuen

und hoffen wir erweitern unseren Verein, Frau M. Schocke, Frau H. Stolz, Frau A. Schuek.

Den beiden Damen Glienke und Steffen vielen Dank für die Florida Grüße. Nun übernahm Frä. Oestreich die Verlosung, welche rasch voran ging - allen Spenderinnen herzlichen Dank für die vielen schönen Geschenke die wir verlosen durften.

Für meine Beamtinnen besonderen Dank für die Hilfe am Karten-Nachmittag.

Auf Wiedersehen beim Ausflug.

Der Vorstand

Der Damen Turn-Verein hatte seinen Ausflug und Saison-Schluss am Mittwoch, den 14. Juni. Die Fahrt ging nach Rock Oak Lodge, Sparta, N. Y. Die herrliche Busfahrt durch das schöne Grün erfreute alle, es war eine recht gemütliche Reise.

Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Elfriede Schall, freute sich, dass so viele Mitglieder und Gäste teilnehmen konnten. Wir besuchten diesen Platz im letzten Jahre, doch als wir ankamen, waren wir alle sehr überrascht, es sah so festlich einladend aus, alle Tische waren gut gedeckt, Blumen überall, wir wussten es erwartet uns ein gutes Essen. Die Damen erfrischten sich mit einem guten Trunk an der Bar. Bald wurde das Mahl angekündigt und jeder folgte dem Ruf. Es war alles ausge-

zeichnet, gut serviert, auch genug für jeden. Roastbeef und Broiled Chicken war besonders gut. Alle waren lustig und fidel, einen guten Zitherspieler gab es am Platz, was grossen Beifall fand. Frau Schall nahm das Wort hiess alle herzlich willkommen, besonders unsere Gäste und versprach allen eine Überraschung. Unser liebes Mitglied Erna Heidorn und Gatte, welche zurzeit in Lake Hopatcong wohnen, brachten uns herrliche Blumen von eigenem Garten. Herr Heidorn mit seinen lustigen Vorträgen ist den Damen sehr gut bekannt und fand auch dieses Mal grossen Beifall.

Herr und Frau Stenzel kamen bei Automobil und brachten einige liebe Gäste zu uns.

Frau Stenzel ist Präsidentin von den Guten Samaritanen.

Frau Schall begrüsst unsere beiden Ehren-Präsidentinnen, Frau H. Kessler und Frau Anna Weindl auf das herzlichste, sogleich danken wir Frau Weindl, sie spielte die Zither für uns, und auch Lieder die wir besonders gern hören, ernteten ihr grossen Beifall. Ein Freund von Frä. Washbourn. Herr L. Strohmeier trug einige Vorträge vor, was besonders viel Spass machte. An Unterhaltung fehlte es nicht. Alle hatten einen lustigen Tag.

Leider musste Frau Schall uns die traurige Mitteilung machen, dass wir vor kurzer Zeit ein lang-jähriges treues Mitglied, Frau H. Newray, im Alter von 83 Jahren verloren haben. Frau Schall bat alle sich von ihren Plätzen zu erheben und der Dahingeschiedenen ein stilles Gebet zu widmen.

Die Namen aller Gäste würde die Liste zu lange machen, nur möchte ich noch erwähnen, Frau Kessler begrüsst Frau Chasmar, eine gute Freundin von Frä. Oestreich. Frau Chasmar ist die Tochter des guten Fecht-Meister Mr. Reimherr in früheren Jahren in der Turnhalle.

Unsere Geburtstags-Kinder im Monat Juni: H. Mueller, E. Lacay, L. Karpinski.

Im Monat Juli: Ch. Meyer, E. Schall, M. Wilkins, (welche zur Zeit in Deutschland ist) E. Krauss, H. Schuck, E. Weinreich.

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Allen wurde das übliche Lied gesungen, geleitet von Herrn Heidorn.

Frau Schall verkaufte Kornblumen für die September Steuben Parade.

Als extra Überraschung gab es einen "Grabbag", jeder der eine Eintrittskarte kaufte konnte für sich ein schönes Geschenk mit nach Hause nehmen. Wie uns von allen Seiten gesagt wurde, die Idee war unique. Frä. Washbourn und Frau Schall übernahmen den "Grabbag" da beide Damen alles selbst angefordert hatten. Es brachte viel Spass und wir freuten uns so viel dazu beigetragen zu haben. Frau Else Krell gebührt besonderen Dank für ihr Kommen, da sie in 2 Tagen nach Deutschland fliegt. Gute Reise, Auch Frau Klein welche in kurzer Zeit ihre Reise per Schiff antritt, auch recht gute Reise, Betty.

Frau Schall wünscht allen gute Ferien bis auf ein frohes Wiedersehen am 13. September in der Turnhalle.

Der Vorstand.

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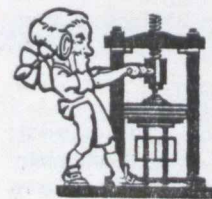
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following changes in our membership rolls since December 31, 1960 are to be reported:

New Members

Introduced into membership and heartily welcomed at the meeting of: January 23rd

Fred A. Schnitzler

February 20th

Philip Homenick Carl H. Norgrauer
Irene Theresa Zelonka (in abstentia)
from the Ladies Class

March 27th

Johanna Eiermann, Teresa Machicao,
William Martens, Robert Lee Moore
3rd, Robert P. Reiter and Walter
Rozhen.

April 24th

Sheldon Pravada, Ralph Jerome Rauch
and Jack Schlesinger

May 22nd

Michael F. O. Donnell and Orlando
Arroya from the Juniors

June 26th

Dr. Daniel Cusack and Evelyn La
France, Rudolph Ronay (readmitted)
and Donald Larkin (in abstentia) from
the Juniors.

Promotions:

On January 1st, Lewis Truckenbrodt,
a Central Turnverein regular member,
was raised to the rank of a Forty
Year Honorary Member of the American
Turners.

On January 23rd, Fred Loops and on
May 22nd, John P. Knapp were raised
from regular members to Twenty Five
Extraordinary Members.

Removed from the rolls thru death:

On February 14th Fred Truckenbrodt,
a regular Central T. V. member and on
April 2nd Joe Koref.

Resignations

The following resignations were regretfully accepted:

On February 6th, Ludwig H. Ullrich
and on May 8th Alfred and Erich
Dinsenbacher.

The following were dropped from the
membership rolls as of
Feb. 6th - Max Gerstenkorn

March 13th - William A. Messner

April 10th - Arne Aitto, Hans Brummer,
S. von Ault Bultman and
Frank Covello

May 8th - Malcom Douglass and Gerhold Fritz

June 12th - John E. Guzmann, Dr. Otto
O. Hadler, Joseph Kittel and
Frederich Loesch

Giving effect to the above changes the membership stood at 272 a net increase of two since the beginning of the year and the highest the end of 1952 when we closed the year with 279 members. While a total of 19 new members were taking up during these six months, an encouraging amount, it was necessary to drop 12 for nonpayment of dues, three resigned and two died.

A breakdown of the 272 reveals that 198 are designated as regular members, 5 are free members (4 of these under our special arrangement at the time of the merger with the Central Turn Verein) 37 are Twenty Five Year Members, 19 are 40 Year and 13 are 50 Year Honorary Members of the American Turners.

The term member as here used refers only to full voting members of the Society. If the many members of the Ladies Class who are not full members, the Damen Verein and the school children were included the total strength of the society, numerically speaking, would be many hundred persons higher.

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150 Years of the Hasenheide

The former capital of the German Empire is very much in the public eye as these lines are printed. The Brandenburg Gate appears daily in either a morning or an evening paper for weeks on end and columns are written concerning the issues involved and the various personalities engaged. In view of the nature of this particular "crisis" many of the streets and other physical characteristics of the city are described in detail so that readers who have never visited Germany seem almost to know Berlin as well as New York. It is not our intention to write an editorial on the Berlin crisis although there should be no doubt in our readers minds that we fully agree with those who are convinced that a strong stand must be taken against the continued Communist aggression regardless of cost or consequences. To fail to do this, as we have failed in Cuba, can only result in further and more vicious attacks against our freedom, national honor and, in short, our way of life.

It is of something remote from the tensions of the "cold war" and the threats of the atom and hydrogen bomb that took place in Berlin on June 17th that we wish to write about. It was the celebration of the 150th Anniversary

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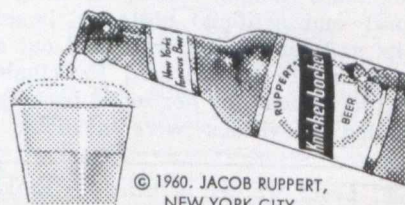
of the opening of the first Turnfield in Germany and probably in the world and thereby a tribute to the memory of Friedrich Ludwig Jahn. In the midst of all the stress and turmoil of recurrent crises Jahn was not forgotten in the very city that even in June was considered the most dangerous of all the various danger spots that afflict the world at the present time.

Both in Bahn Frei! and elsewhere there has repeatedly appeared quotation from Jahn's "Deutsche Turnkunst" in which he describes the beginning of the Turner movement. He tells us how in

the "lovely Spring days of 1810" he took a few of the older boys of his class in hikes thru the fields and woods on "school free afternoons (Wednesday and Saturday)" and there showed them the beauties of nature, exhorted them to love of country and people and to patriotic devotion, lead them in patriotic singing and in "folkstümliche" songs and "because every young thing whether human or animal desires, by its nature, to hop, skip and jump, introduced some simple physical exercises and games." Here again we would point out that the emphasis was placed on the mental or

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cultural or spiritual, if you will, and that the physical was introduced more as a means to an end than the end in itself. This point is stressed again because of a certain lack of interest in the Turner ranks in the cultural program and because of the frequent statement by some of our outstanding gymnasts that we are primarily a gymnastic organization and that everything else is of extremely minor importance. Such was not the teachings of Jahn nor is it the position taken by the American Turners neither past nor present.

Jahn goes on to say that "more and more boys joined me until the arrival of the dog days when we suspended these walks until the Fall when the pupils joined us in ever increasing numbers so that finally in the Spring of 1811 I began to lead them in more systematic exercises in a corner of the Hasenheide. More and more came to the field and in addition many boys and young men from the town itself, who were not my pupils till the number taxed my physical resources. It was at that time that I coined the word Turnen for this activity and from that came all the other words now in common use, such as Turnplatz, Turnverein, Turnwart, etc. etc."

The Hasenheide.

What was the Hasenheide? Literally translated the "rabbits meadow" it was a large meadow and open space (tho with groves of trees) far out on the outskirts of the Berlin of 1811. In a portion of this field and among a grove of trees he staked out the first Turnplatz. Apparatus, partly invented by Jahn but partly also only an improvement of apparatus in use for some time by other physical culture enthusiasts, were gradually introduced but from the beginning running tracks, including natural and artificial obstacles, jumping pits and game fields were laid out and even the trees were used for climbing and to suspend the horizontal bars. Only limited provisions were available or

were made for shelter and for nourishment for as Jahn was later to write the all important thing was that the Turners be together in physical and spiritual harmony and in the interests of fraternity eat their meals together even tho they consist only of bread and water. Halls were of course not thought of for primarily in the fresh air and sunlight of the open outdoor day could the objectives of Turning best be attained. In such a simple way the great Turner movement and gymnastic revival had its beginning.

In the century and a half that followed the city of Berlin grew and expanded and became a world metropolis. What was once afar beyond the city limits is now within the heart of the city. The meadow has been greatly reduced in size and what is left of it is a public park. At the very spot where the Turnplatz was stands the Jahn monument. It was originally set up about the time of the 50th Anniversary celebration and enlarged and added to subsequently. Interesting is the fact that in the base of the monument and in the two extensions are imbedded stones and memorial plaques from Turnvereins and gymnastic groups from all over the world with interesting inscriptions in several languages. One of these stones, in fact a number of them, represent the New York District and the late Turner Heinrich Metzner in his historical writings describes journeys he made to the Palisades and the Jersey Hills in search of striking and different stones to make up the N. Y. Turn Bezirks contribution to be sent to Berlin to the memorial. The monument was not disturbed by the

war or the turbulence of the Battle of Berlin.

Heavy traffic rumbles by on busy city streets converging at the Hasenheide. Rows upon rows of newly built and rebuilt skyscraper apartment houses circle the field in every direction and look down upon the park. The meadow of 150 years ago is now only a park in the midst of a crowded city and not by any means the best known or most important one.

Past - Present - Future

In its description of the celebration Deutsches Turnen (an excellent periodical open to all to read in our Library who will only take the trouble to look at it) emphasizes that this was not at all only an observance for the old timers or a nostalgic look into the past but had very definite lessons and implications for this day and for the future. It is particularly in this sense that we are writing this account. There is a lesson for us also.

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She headed and directed Richards Dance Studio in Detroit for 3 years. Since then she has taught dancing to many student groups in the Parochial School System of Detroit. She was also a member of Ballet Chaffee and American Dance Theatre.

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Here's hoping our plans come true and we wish Joan Edgar the greatest success.

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Since the middle of May Mr. Ernest Auer has served as our Executive Secretary that is he fills the post formerly held for so many years by Turner Frank Kirchner. Mr. Auer has been busily engaged in mastering the rather complex details of our office procedure and our societies work and is ready to serve the needs of the membership in his capacity. He is a competent accountant, well familiar with office procedure, fluent in both German and English and we wish him success in his work. He will be found in our office or Vorstand Zimmer from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M. on Mondays thru Fridays and also on some Saturdays during the season.

Now, as always, is the opportune time to check on your dues, be they regular membership dues, or Ladies Class or school fees and to make a payment on account if indicated, to notify us of any change of address, to propose new candidates for admission, to enroll children for the school or to take care of any of the clerical details you may have intended to see to but delayed for one reason or the other. Mr. Auer is ready to serve you.

CORRECTION.

In our last issue, under Personals we reported on the graduation of Miss Constance First. In this item the college was given as Northeastern University. We do not know what "proverbial printers devil" was responsible for this slip but it should have appeared as Northwestern University which is an entirely different institution of learning.

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Once again comes the summer vacation when our school activities in Turn Hall cease.

However, some of our scholars will be taken twice a week by Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder to the Turner Club, where they swim and make merry.

The yearly closing celebration in our ballroom took place on Friday evening June 16th. This is the only event in the year, where our German Scholars can show what they have learned.

The results were more than satisfactory, in fact astonishing; reflecting great credit on our German instructors, Mr. Franz Sayer and Mrs. Hildegard Lansbury.

Turner Vincent Buehler, chairman of the Schoolboard, opened the proceedings by welcoming the assembled guests and parents.

Then 35 boys and girls from the German classes recited two line rhymed proverbs and the English translations also in verses of 2 lines.

Although many of these youngsters had never appeared before an audience, every one of them spoke clearly thru the microphone without a single error. Isn't this remarkable?

Our Dancing Classes under the direction of Miss Enid Smith, also participated. Their first number was a Minuet by the tiniest little tots in attractive costumes, too cute for words.

Then came German Recitations by those who secured the highest marks in the contest we hold each year:

"Zum Muttertag" Hans Vogel
 "Von Riesen Timpeln" M. Hambruck
 "Der kleine Gernegros" H. Stossier
 "Die Turnerei" Aina Geske
 "Bello" Steven Kleiner

Next the older scholars of our dancing classes did a dance called: "Hoe Down

from Rodeo" which was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

This was followed by 5 more recitations by the prize winners:

"D. el Paare und Eine" K. Knauer
 "Mitten auf der Wiese" Marilyn Reis
 "D. s unentdeckte Thema" F. Banholzer
 "Der musikalische Esel" A. Pfeifer
 "Hosenlaschen" Joseph Purk

All these declamations were delivered without a flaw, a feat which is truly remarkable! Three other boys also received high points in the contest: Jerry Mares, Frank Zinter and Karl Alcan.

As a finale, we tried an Experiment, a short German play, entitled: "Eine grosse Überraschung". (A Surprise Birthday Party). This little sketch also went over big.

Special credit must be given Marion Hennigs who played the unsuspecting Birthday Girl, her mother portrayed by Aina Geske, hr sister by Paloma Horness and her brother by Theodore Wood, with their doggy.

The enthusiasm and cooperation of these actors together with 15 German scholars made it possible to produce this play with great success.

Surely the parents must have been proud and delighted to witness the flawless work presented on this evening.

Now came the distribution of prizes to the most deserving scholars. Mr. Sayer presented the following:

1st BOYS CLASS:

1st prize gold medal Joseph Purk
 2nd prize silver medal Steven Kleiner
 3rd prize bronze medal Karl Bechler

2nd BOYS CLASS:

Gold Medal Friedrich Koetzel
 Silver Medal Jerry Mares
 Bronze Medal Alexander Meldiert

Mrs. Landsbury dealt out the following:

1st GIRLS CLASS:

Gold Medal Marion Hennigs
 Silver Medal Marilyn Hambruck
 Bronze Medal Theresa Rosner

2nd GIRLS CLASS:

Gold Medal Paloma Horness
 Silver Medal Aina Geske
 Bronze Medal Marianne Pfeifer

Turnlehrer Schroeder presented the gymnastic prizes:

1st BOYS CLASS:

Gold Medal Robert Krupka
 Silver Medal Steven Quirong
 Bronze Medal Edward Going

2nd BOYS CLASS:

Gold Medal Joseph Novak
 Silver Medal Werner Hug
 Bronze Medal Richard Peretti

3rd BOYS CLASS:

Gold Medal Edward Horn
 Silver Medal Ernest Suwara
 Bronze Medal Günther Gottwald

1st GIRLS CLASS:

Gold Medal Barbara Kozak
 Silver Medal Donna Sue Levy
 Bronze Medal Carol Kaefer

2nd GIRLS CLASS:

Gold Medal Kristine Krupka
 Silver Medal Louise Kaefer
 Bronze Medal Dorothy Shubert

Diplomas were also awarded the 10 scholars in each gymnastic class who attained the highest points.

Thanks are due the ladies from the Damen Verein, Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Schall and Miss Washborne, who with Charles Zenker did the judging of the German Declamations.

As usual, Turnlehrer Henry Schroeder did an enormous amount of work before, during and after this performance, for which we are indeed grateful.

Our heartiest thanks to all the boys and girls who participated in this happy event and made us proud of the accomplishments of our school.

Happy vacation to you all.

Charles F. Zenker

Club

Here we are in midsummer and enjoying it. As for the spring which we passed thru. all I can say is P. U. but July has been good and therefor has been enjoyed by the Turn Verein children at their Tuesday and Friday outings to the Turner Club under the supervision of our Gym Teacher Henry Schroeder, who, as of every year, has secured permits for free rides on the subway and gives all the kids lessons in swimming.

The Altersriege, as in every year, are with us again on Wednesday nights during the summer vacations and joining with us are the Altersriege of Mt. Vernon, fighting it out for supremacy on the volley ball court but getting nowhere in the process. The lazier ones go in for pinocle or poker and billiards, etc. At 9 o'clock a hot lunch is served by our steward Karl Kraus and they roll out the beer barrel. All this is a real night of Gemütlichkeit.

Paul Troll the originator and bossman of our Fourth of July Weenie Roast reports it was the biggest one we ever had. The attendance to this affair was between 500 and 600 and I must add a commercial to this; Paul Troll representing Swift's premium frankforters and Bill Siering, Ward's Tip Top rolls supplied by these Turners at a cut rate price made it possible for everybody to get their fill of franks, beer, sodapop and what have you with the notable exception of one Jonnie come lately, Alfred Horn, who fell asleep in his beach chair.

Joe Knoll the big brass of our bar reports that the bar business is good and the ladies happiness hour, as always, is from 4:30 to 6 P. M. and our male members the so called bar flies have agreed to relinquish the bar seats to our lovely ladies for their happiness during this period. Jim Doyle, our entertainment chairman, was very pleased with the turnout at our ship and shore dance on July 15th. Sunday, August 13th is our club swimfest, August 20th the Bazaar, August 27th

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the Interclub swim meet, September 10th the closing Fall Festival. An old fashioned beer party is scheduled for September 23rd and last but not least, October 21st will bring our 40th Anniversary dinner dance. Big things are in the process of arrangement, particulars later.

Have you heard? No you couldn't have - another Horn is born! Karl Horn, Jr. and his lovely wife Pat are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy who, after six weeks, already weighs nine pounds. Congratulations to you parents, grandpa and grandma and uncle Ed.

The following lines were written by Joe Doyle to one of our most ardent volleyball players:

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As he seeks to spike,
With all his might,
And give it the Brinkman flair.

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Than any gazelle,
A picture of nonchallant grace.
Wearing a pair of droopy drawers,
And a toothpick stuck in his face.

Brave men tremble,
And women shake,

When Eddie leaves his feet.
And the graceful arc of his overhand,
Puts the ball in the enemy teeth.

The score is close.
We need this point.
So Paul gives him a set.
He goes up for the play;
Like a hawk on it's prey.
And puts the ball in the net.

Wiedersehen

Fritz Hoering

"Das meist zu lobende Turntalent"

Gegeüber einer internationalen Konkurrenz aus Norwegen, Schweden, Finnland und der Sowjetunion setzte sich dieser Tage beim Kunstturnen in Stavenager (Norwegen) der 19 jährige und in Königsberg geborene Deutsche Juniorenmeister, Hans-Jürgen Bischof vom TV "Gut Heil"-Itzehoe, durch. Er holte sich die Höchstnote am Pferd. Im übrigen konnte sich das angetretene deutsche Zwei-Mann Team vor Schweden (112,05) und der Sowjetunion (112,35) mit 112,55 Punkten in der Gesamtwertung an die Spitze setzen.

Der Ostpreusse Bischof bekam für seine erstaunlichen Leistungen im Kunstturnen von der norwegischen Presse ein ausserordentliches Lob. So schrieb der Berichterstatter der "Stabanger Morgenpost": Jürgen Bischof ist das meist zu lobende Turntalent, das ich je gesehen habe.

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MRS. FRANK GRAF.

We have recently received the belated information of the passing of Dorothea E. Graf, beloved wife of our veteran Turner Frank Graf. She died on Dec. 16th, 1960 at the age of eighty two. Besides Turner Graf three sons, Frank Graf, Jr., William Graf and Charles Graf survive this long and happy marriage.

Turner Graf himself is over 85 years of age and is the fifth name on our membership rolls in order of continuous membership joining the society in 1894 that is 67 years ago and is truly entitled to be designated as a real veteran of the N. Y. T. V. since only four preceded him on the rolls. Together with Dora, who always shared his enthusiasm and devotion to our society, he began his Turner career at our second Turnhall on Fourth Street and of course joined

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the trek of the society to 85th Street in 1889. Both were very well known in Camp Jahn, of fond memory, the summer home of the New York & New Jersey Districts of the American Turners at Keansburg, N. J. where they were summer residents for many years. Turner Graf served for many years as Vorsitzender of the Altersriege and was outstanding in his efforts to preserve the Deutsche Sprache und Gemütlichkeit in that section.

He now resides at 49 Brixton Road, Merrick, Long Island and would be happy to hear from some of his old friends and comrades in the Altersriege; Turner William Krupp is maintaining contact and presenting the best wishes of the Turn Verein in an unofficial way but a postcard or two from the Altersriege would be appreciated. Bahn Frei! extends sincere sympathy to Turner Graf and the other members of the family on their loss.

FRIEDA BIEHL.

On July 9th Miss Frieda Biehl, past 75 years of age, entered into eternal rest after a long illness which had confined her to her home during the past four years. Burial followed on the 12th at Lutheran Cemetery with the Regent Funeral Home officiating.

Miss Biehl was the sister of our veteran and honored member, Turner Albert Biehl, member of the Society since 1911,

Honorary Member of the American Turners, one of the first of our members to be designated as an Outstanding Member, back in 1940, principal auditor for more years than we can remember and in every sense a devoted member and true Turner.

All of her life our departed friend made her home with her two brothers, an unequalled record of devotion and affection. All of her nearly 76 years were lived in Yorkville, for she was born in 58th Street, the furthest North that she resided was 88th St., and at the time of her death they lived on 87th Street. Always East of First Avenue. A true Yorkville family.

Bahn Frei! extends sincere sympathy and condolences to her surviving brothers Albert and William.

STEUBEN DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30th.

The Fourth Steuben Day parade will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 30th up Fifth Avenue, regardless of weather. Last year we wrote in these columns that the Third Steuben Parade would prove to be a critical one; its success or failure would go a long way to establish the permanence of this important demonstration of the German-American element. The undoubted success of the Third Parade followed and now we feel that this may well be considered as an established part of our civic life.

That the New York Turn Verein would take part in this march may now also be considered as an established tradition. It comes as no surprise that the Vorstand has authorized participation this year the same as it did in the three preceeding years. New York Turn Verein therefor will proudly march up Fifth Avenue on the last Saturday afternoon in September and gladly joins in the great out-pouring that serves to mirror the deeds and accomplishments of Americans of Germanic Descent.

The origin of this parade and the story of its patron namesake General Baron Friedrich von Steuben has been adequately treated in Bahn Frei! in previous years and the importance of a worthy participation in this function by our Society from a publicity standpoint and in justice to its reputation and traditions hardly needs repetition.

Our principle concern remains the same as in previous years, namely, as large as possible a participation of marchers rather than spectators. Of spectators we probably have sufficient. It will be noted that the parade this year is set at a somewhat later date than on preceeding years. This date was selected, among other reasons, because it was felt that this would make it easier for the organizations to muster their maximum strength. Most of the organizations are comparatively dormant during the summer months and full activities resume directly after Labor Day. It was felt that these extra two weeks would make it easier for the various groups to rouse their membership to the urgency of a large participation and this should also be helpful in our case.

It must be stressed again that all members, sections and affiliates of the New York Turn Verein are urged to take part; only physical disability should be considered a valid excuse. Our participation in this demonstration should in no wise be based on our school even tho they play an important role therein. Adults are just as urgently required as children, senior men and women as much as Actives and Active Ladies. We count with confidence that the Fencing Section will turn out in corpore (which they did not do last year) because we want to show our society in all its activities. Damen Verein and Altersriege you are both needed and wanted. Turner Club?

Why not! Let us all march along on September 30th.

Exact details as to time and place of assembly are not yet to hand but will be given in the September issue, which will appear before the parade, and other notification will also be given. As of today simply note the date.

Saturday afternoon, September 30th

and let nothing come between you and your participation. In accord with the wording of a certain legal document served upon witnesses to courts and tax hearings, resolve now "to disregard all other matters and laying all other business aside" march all with the New York Turn Verein in the Fourth Steuben Parade.

BERLIN

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This stress upon the present was clearly shown by the fact that a leading feature of the celebration was the arrival of 300 Juniors, both girls and boys, selected from all parts of Western Germany and even some from the so-called Eastern Germany (actually more properly called Middle Germany) and of course from both sides of Berlin. Visitors from the East further attended the actual observance day in considerable numbers. It was then one of the last occasions where this was possible before the Iron Curtain was actually let down to divide the city for the immediate future.

This delegation of Turner Youth arrived on Thursday morning and was housed in tents erected in the park directly before the Jahn statue so that the residents of the apartment houses looked down with astonishment on the tent city below their windows and admired the activities of the well disciplined and happy Turner youth. Considerable sightseeing and special features were arranged for their benefit and they appeared in a body all over the city and their bands and drums and trumpet corps, their singing, their folk dancing, their exercises, including the use of special apparatus equipment not so far used here served as a background or more properly encircled the entire

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observance. They were the background with their Four F flags at the monument when the "Regierender Bürgermeister of Berlin" laid down the wreath of the city at the foot of the statue and stood at attention in silent contemplation of the past and the future. This is of course the same Mayor Willy Brandt so much in the public eye and appearing in all press accounts in these days of the Berlin crisis.

Thousands were seated on the Hasenheide for the elaborate ceremonies of remembrance on that Sunday afternoon. Many important personalities were among them and delivered impressive orations. At the same moment the Bavarian Turnvereins marched in corpore to the Walhalla (Hall of Fame) at Regensburg to place a wreath and observe a brief commemoration at the bust of Jahn in that building. At the same time the President of the International Gymnastic Federation, Mr. Charles Thoeni placed a wreath and bowed his head in reverent respect at the grave of Jahn in Freyburg a. d. Unstrut. The World Turnfest - the Third Gymnaestrada was to begin in Stuttgart on July 26th.

"Der Mensch ist Frei - und wäre er in Ketten geboren."

In a characteristic manner the celebration itself was opened on Sunday afternoon with a symphonic orchestra, a mixed choir and a Baritone solo, producing Schiller's "Drei Worte des Glaubens". The leading theme therein - "Man is free even tho he be born in chains".

How appropriate a theme this was for a festive occasion in the divided and beleaguered city and in the historic standpoint of Jahn and all true Turners for freedom and liberty. Freedom was also inscribed on the metal memorial stone of the Cincinnati Turngemeinde together with the date 1861, one of the few stones clearly visible in press photos of this event.

This was also the theme of the speakers which included Mayor Brandt, the West German Minister of the Interior E. Lemmer, representatives of the Berlin Parliament, the National Chairman of the German Turners, Werner Bockelmann, Mayor of Frankfurt and others. It is from these addresses and from other features that we can draw certain definite lessons for the Turner movement for the present and the future and these reflections will conclude this article in the next issue.

(to be concluded)

THE CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL.

There has been elaborate preparation for the Centennial Commemoration of the Civil War to be of four years duration from 1961 to 1965. It is on a nationwide basis with a National Commission set up by act of Congress and with State Commissions in most states. The National Commission is appropriately headed by a grandson of the great General U. S. Grant; the grandson himself a retired Army Colonel.

The celebration commenced with the anniversary of the Secession of South Carolina in December 1960 followed by the Firing on Fort Sumter in April of this year. All the major battles are scheduled to be celebrated with actual mock reproductions, no less than 16 of the leading battles were to be commemorated with special postage stamps and much else planned to make this an impressive and worthy commemoration. North and South, Union and Confederacy were to be equally honored and the great lesson of union and reconciliation by honoring the past is the theme of the centennial.

With utter amazement we note editorially and in letters to the Editor and in the writing of various columnists in some newspapers an effort to discredit and to deplore this great celebration. So far the events have been conducted according to schedule altho the number of commemorative stamps have been reduced to five, one for each year. To our bitter disappointment the proposed Antietam stamp has been dropped and Fort Donaldson, that is part of the Western campaign on the Mississippi will be the only battle honored with a special stamp for 1962. The Fort Sumter stamp, the only one for '61, did not strike us as outstanding. Two of the engagements in West Virginia and the very important battle of First Bull Run (Manassas) have been re-enacted in impressive detail. A great deal of historical matter has appeared in newspapers and magazines.

This criticism ridicules the sham battles because of an error or failure in production here and there as tho it were possible to direct large masses of amateurs in battle re-enactment without an occasional flaw which in no way detracts from the brilliance and grandeur of the commemoration. The sad issue of intergration or segregation obtruded itself and was made much of at a meeting of the Commission held in Charlestown, South Carolina the starting point of the great war. Aside from such incidents the complaints that we have read seem to deplore the entire concept of commemorating this epic struggle and even suggest that the entire program be abandoned. As we stated above, we view these suggestions with amazement and disbelief. We reject this argument entirely. Forget the millions of men who fought on both sides of the great conflict, forget the hundreds of thousands of the heroic dead, forget a war which still remains a classic in military history, forget one of the most momentous events in the history of our country, forget this great struggle out of which our national unity was finally forged. Never - that is the only answer we can give — NEVER!

Many requests have reached us from members that we take advantage of the celebration to publicize the role that the American Turners and our Society played in the Civil War. We are pleased to be able to announce that the last meeting of the Vorstand decided to do this very thing and to give proper observance to this Centennial particularly to the Battle of Antietam the Centennial of which falls on Sept. 16th & 17th, 1962. A committee was appointed to lay plans for such an observance which includes among other things, a proposed trip to the Battlefield of Antietam on the Centennial days, in which it is hoped a large part of the society will be able to join. It will be a long past due pilgrimage of respect and honor. You will hear much of this in the months to follow. This is only in the nature of a preliminary notice or alert.

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STEBEN PARADE AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

The Fourth Steuben Parade on September 30th was perhaps the biggest and best of all. Briefly stated this claim can be substantiated by the following facts.

1) The comparatively late date, the last Saturday in September, proved to be well chosen for the convenience of the majority and fully justified in its selection.

2) This point is of course a matter of chance and beyond the control of any committee but the weather was beyond doubt the most perfect of any of the four parade days. Beautifully clear, fresh and cool but not cold, it was a perfect September day and an ideal day for marching.

3) The number of marchers was the greatest so far according to estimates about 14,000. This does not begin to compare in numbers to the Irish, Polish and Italian parades but does show an increase over the preceeding and so long as we show an increase each year we can well be satisfied and reach a comparable total in the not too distant future. We say estimated participation because strangely enough, the Parade

Committee which arranges every detail in most meticulous fashion in months of work before the event has never arranged for an official count. It should be comparatively simple to have one of the committee members assigned to the reviewing stand with a counting machine and check the marchers off as they come abreast. It would then be possible to have an official count accurate within a score or so give or take. How about it Chairman Schoeps why can't this be arranged the next time?

4) The number of bands were the highest ever, were of good quality and most effective

5) The number of floats were the equal of last year and remain higher in number quality and interest than in any of the other nationality parades.

6) The special outstanding features this year were undoubtedly the Miss Universe float displaying the beautiful Fräulein Schmidt the first German Girl to win the international contest and the Fanfare Band from Duesseldorf.

7) The participation of important political figures was the largest of all four parades including this time for the first time our Governor Rockefeller

8) The number of spectators was beyond doubt the greatest ever estimated as high as 200,000. We do not suggest that there could ever be an accurate count of spectators but the above figure seems reasonable in the opinion of experts.

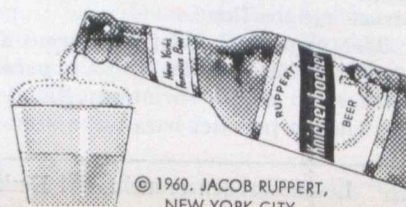
The amount of publicity given the affair in the English language papers the next day were not quite the equal of last year but it is to be noted that for the Third parade a professional publicity relations organization was engaged at considerable expense and there is no doubt that they do carry weight with the press.

N. Y. T. V. Participation

Our own participation was about in par with former years so far as numbers go. The number of children was slightly larger, of actives somewhat less; a fair delegation from the Fencing Section was appreciated. This matter of general participation on the part of our members and friends has been so frequently referred to here and elsewhere that the subject becomes monotonous. The fact remains that we have never been satisfied with the number of our marchers which could reasonably be expected to be much

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40th Anniversary Dinner Dance
of the Turner ClubMonday, October 23rd at 8:30 P. M.
General Membership MeetingMonday, November 13th at 8:30 P. M.
Vorstand MeetingSaturday, November 18th at 9 P. M.
111th Anniversary DanceMonday, November 24th at 8:30 P. M.
General Membership Meeting
Presentation of 40 Year Honorary
Members of the American Turners
Report of the Nominating Committee

Sunday, December 3rd

Morning, afternoon and evening
District Apparatus Meet
(Hallenfest) & Cultural ExhibitionMonday, December 4th at 8:30 P. M.
Vorstand Meeting

higher. On the other hand the number of marchers from the remaining societies of the District was higher than usual with the result that using our familiar stretchout tactics the length of the order of march was impressive.

A striking omission this year was our second float. For the first three parades we had two floats in our delegation which was a noteworthy feature and distinctive since no other society furnished two floats. At the decision of Speaker Horn no appeal was made to the membership this time for contributions to the cost of the second float. It is our determination to have two floats next year, however, that the 100th Anniversary of the great Battle of Antietam be signalized and it is hoped that the members will recall that they were not hit for a donation this year and be correspondingly generous in 1962 for the Antietam float will have to be rather elaborate and historically accurate one. The first float was again a Gymnastic float staffed by the Ladies with the exception of our tumbling youngster John Crosby who alternated between the street and the float.

The gymnastic float has been substantially the same in all four parades with only slight variation; this year the uneven parallel bars were used for

a portion of the journey. The Ladies were the principal performers each time except last year when they alternated with some Active Men. This float, while still effective, is of course losing its appeal as a novelty. It is a bit of a problem as to just what can be done here since we start with the conviction that a gymnastic float is a must and at the same time it appears that the parallel bars are the only piece of apparatus or form of gymnastics that can be used effectively and, what is very important, safely, on a moving truck of the size we have contracted for up to now. Perhaps it will be possible to secure a larger size trailer next year without too great an increase in the cost.

The Providence Turners

The absence of a second float was, to a certain extent, compensated for by a new feature the German Band of the Providence Turners. During the last winter our Volley Ball Team had engaged in competition at the Y.M.C.A. at Providence, Rhode Island and also visited the Turner Hall there. They became quite friendly with their President Fred W. Miller who paid several return visits to New York. Thanks to Turner Miller the fine German Band of that Society accepted an invitation from the Society and the District to march and play for us on this happy occasion.

Numbering some twenty Turners the band came down in a chartered bus at its own expense and they certainly added a happy note to the whole day. They were the guests of the New York Turn Verein and District at lunch at the Jagerhouse and at night at a dance held at our gymnasium. As a result of this feature of our parade effort we were able to march with two bands playing. The head of our long column was preceded by the band assigned by the Band Committee of the Parade

at no cost to us. This band, incidentally was also a very satisfactory one. It was called the Forty Niners and while quite youthful they played well and were most cooperative doing their best to include German marches and music in their repertoire. We do appreciate this band and wish we had an opportunity of expressing our appreciation to them. Our Turner band was placed in about the middle of our line of march and this arrangement worked out perfectly in that all our marchers were able to step forward with adequate music and the complaint we heard last year that those at the end of our column were confused by the discord of notes of the band at the end of our section being drowned out by the music of the band of the next section did this time certainly not apply. As this writer marched at the head of the column he was not privileged to hear the Turner Band but only the music of the 49ers, but from the reports of those who marched behind them they played lustily and well.

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There was some discontent with the length of the waiting and this was justified. This year the Manhattan Division was almost the last one in the line of march - last year Manhattan was the first. The principle of rotation is employed in this regard and against this there is no complaint. The time set for our assembly at 63rd St. between Third and Lexington Ave. was 2 P. M. and this was unreasonably early. The parade was scheduled to start at 2 P. M. but is generally a few minutes late and with our location in the march order it was certain that we would not swing up the avenue before four o'clock if then. It is understandable that the Parade Marshal would want to have some leeway for the chronic latecomer but two hours is more than is required. The long and tiresome waiting on the sidewalk is discouraging to all our marchers and tends to reduce participation. We suggest that next year, after making certain of our location and based upon our position in the parade order, we set the time for our assembly about one hour later than the time given by the Grand Marshal in the printed order of march. By doing this we will be in plenty of time and eliminate most of the tedious waiting.

We were again honored by the request to furnish the honor guard which carries the two Presidential flags at the head of the parade. Our honor guard was made up of Actives and members of our Legion Post and again credited themselves very well. This writer made the march one and a half times that is first with the parade committee in the first division from 60th Street and Fifth up to the reviewing stand and then back again to join the Turners and finally up again all the way to the end. It is always a pleasureable and rewarding experience.

After returning to the hall there was the customary distribution of icecream and soda to the children marchers at the expense of the society and a real party for the adults in the gymnasium. Giving a splendid display of Turner spirit our friends from Providence furnished dance and other music for several hours at this party and a good time was had by all. Many thanks again Turners of Providence for your contribution to the parade and particularly to the Turner District participation.

All in all it was a great day for the German Americans of the Metropolitan District and the Steuben Parade Committee under the co-chairmanship of Willy Schoeps and Theobald J. Deugler are again to be congratulated on their accomplishments. Thanks also to all members of the District who took part. Hail and farewell then to the Fourth Steuben Parade and may the Fifth in 1962 be even bigger and better than any before.

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I have often been criticized for mentioning the weather so much in these reports so it may hardly seem necessary to mention (but possibly you were not aware of it) the record breaking heat we had to endure this summer, when everybody suffered with the exception of those at the Turner Club. There we had instant relief by enjoying the coolness of our natural air-conditioning and a swim in the Long Island Sound right at our front door. Some people don't know what they are missing. Our Turn Verein children that came to the Turner Club on Tuesdays and Fridays were in greater numbers than in the past few years and believe me those kids had a ball especially during the heat wave. Thanks again to our gym instructor Henry Schroeder who made this possible.

On Sunday, August 27th, we had our interclub swim meet at which the six clubs of the water front take part in an annual swimming competition. Again the Turner Club was victorious tho it had to share this victory with the Manheim Club. Both we and Manheim gathered 30 points each and by mutual agreement of the two clubs plus the committee the tie was broken by awarding first place to both clubs. Our neighbor the White Cross Fishing Club was right on our heels and a close second with 29 points. It was very close, keen and interesting swimming meet. Incidentally the club supplied all of our swimmers that took part with red swim suits.

Much gratification was expressed by the members as to the report of our Bazaar Chairman Robert Potter on the affair of August 20th which was a huge success. Many thanks to Betty Troll, President of our Ladies Auxiliary, to Emma Wengert her co-worker and all the ladies who worked so hard and diligently for this success. It was bigger and better than ever.

In our House Committee meeting in August we received a resignation, not from a member, but from our steward Karl and Francis Kraus who terminate their connection with us on October 1st. There was a team; they not alone work-

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Ladies

Hello, Everyone!

And welcome back to gym and a cooler climate (which we can stand). I hope you did not suffer too much during this awfully hot summer, it really was a Lulu.

September 21st was our first meeting and the gym floor was packed with girls. Wonderful, keep it up. We were quite fortunate in that so many new faces appeared. A special welcome to the newcomers, and I hope you have staying power.

Rita had quite a few things to say at the meeting, the first was the Steuben Parade. Since this paper will come out after, I am not going to say any more about this, except that I hope it will be a success as usual. We always have one of the best floats in the parade. - The Hallenfest will be upon us before we know it, I think it is scheduled for December 2nd and I hope that we will have a large number of competitors, especially since it takes place at home base. Ursula Holl, Cultural Chairman, urged everyone to participate in the cultural competition. Entries have to be in one week before. Girls, show your talents, I know you do have many.

The next Kreisturnen will be in Clinton, Mass. next summer and Rita announced that some money will have to be raised to help finance the team. Therefore, we are having a Halloween Social and Joint Gym Night. The exact date will be announced at the next meeting.

As a last point on the agenda was the selection of a nominating Committee for our coming elections of officers at the next meeting. The nominating committee consists of Eleanor Giordano, Lynn Bravo, and yours truly. At this point I want to stress the importance of your presence at the next monthly meeting, election night! After all, it is you who elect a new Board of Officers.

Fritz Hoering

ed for us but they worked with us and so they really were a part of us for the past four years and you may be sure that there was much pleading and persuasion used to get them to reconsider but in vain. You never in your life saw such sour looking faces in the House Committee. Never the less we had to get busy on a new steward. A committee was formed which, after advertising, interviewed a number of applicants and finally hired a Mr. & Mrs. Max Schiegner who came well recommended and if they can prove themselves half as good as the Krauses we will have to be satisfied.

The last night of the summer season of the Altersriege finally rolled around on the second Wednesday in September. It happened to fall on the 13th but good luck predominated. There was free beer donated by the Turner Club and a hot meal, sort of a last supper, by Karl & Francis Kraus. That reminds me of a German saying: „Die Alters Riege waren die Knappen, sie haben gefressen und gesoffen und brauchten nicht zu berappen.“ The Altersriege also expressed their regrets at losing two such fine people and upon their leaving they were given a scroll made by that artist Joe Knoll and worded by our poetic birthday secretary Neil Sheahan. Karl was much pleased with the scroll so you see this is farewell from the club but not goodbye. Karl is a Turner von drausen, a member of the N. Y. T. V. so you see all is not lost.

Our Entertainment Chairman Joe Doyle wants to remind you of our pre-holiday Harvest Moon Ball on Saturday, November 11th and don't forget Turners you have only 82 shopping days left before Christmas and 89 days for our New Years party.

The date of this writing is Friday September 22nd and yesterday when my wife wasn't looking I kissed that female Esther goodbye. The question is how windy can you get. Until next month "Wiedersehen!"

On the gossip side I have to report the baby daughter of Eleanor and Guenther Mueller, born July 1st, weighing 6 lbs., 3 ozs., and this new little bundle was named Marlene. Congratulations to the parents and here is hoping that she will turn out as enthusiastic a Turner as her parents are.

Charlotte Taeger has been in and out of Lenox Hill Hospital several times past summer, so she really had a rotten time. She was quite ill, first with an operation, later with an infection, but she is mending nicely now. It will be quite a while before she will come back to gym, but we all hope at least to see her occasionally at the social functions.

Two of the ladies have gone on late vacations, Irma Plessing to Miami, Florida, and Betty Boecklen to Bermuda. Have fun girls.

More next month, (if I get stuck with the job again).

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IN MEMORIAM

PAUL E. HEINIG

Dated July 19th, the following communication was received from North Haledon (near Paterson, N. J.):

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of our dear Uncle, Paul Heinig, who passed away yesterday, July 18th at the age of 94. He was always proud of being a life member of the New York Turn Verein. It was his wish that I write this letter to you.

Respectfully yours,

Friedrich Heinig

In view of the customary let down activities at the Turnhall during the summer months this letter was not

officially drawn to the attention of the society till the Vorstand meeting of August 14th at which time the Board expressed its sorrow at the loss of this valued member and instructed the Corresponding Secretary to send a letter of condolence to the family and at the general membership meeting in September the membership stood in a moment of silent meditation in respect to the memory of our departed member.

In a society which has itself attained the venerable age of 111 years it is understandable that instances of members who attained a great age and have a record of almost life long membership are not uncommon. We believe, however, with justified pride, that the proportion of members who have reached the age of 80 or more and/or have records of fifty or more years of consecutive membership is greater than in the average society. We consider this a tribute to our health and physical teachings and to the loyalty and faithfulness of our membership.

The record of Turner Heinig in this regard is exceptional and outstanding. Born in Crimenitichen, near Leipzig, Germany on June 17th, 1867 he came to America as a very young man. Almost directly thereafter he joined the New York Turn Verein and was welcomed into membership on October 25th, 1887 in our second hall on Fourth Street. That was then nearly 74 years ago. As these lines are written only one member survives who proceeded him into membership and that is Turner John Aichele who became a member in 1884.

We are not in a position to write much of his activities as a Turner in those far distant years and as stated before all but one of his contemporaries preceeded him in death. What we can testify to is his almost unprecedented faithfulness to our Verein in continuing his membership for almost three quarter of a century. Nor was this in latter years merely a nominal connection. On the contrary in his old age, when he was privileged to travel considerably he never failed to write us from such points as Florida and Hawaii and, as his nephew has written

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us, was always proud of his membership and standing in our Verein. On April 12th, 1938 he was made 50 Year Honorary Member of the American Turners.

This writer had the privilege of meeting Turner Heinig only a very few times one of which was at the time of our 90th Anniversary Celebration and clearly recalls what an agreeable impression this ruddy faced, healthy and handsome Turner produced on all who met him then. As he stood in front of the dias with the bakers dozen of the oldest veteran members who were introduced to the guests at that festive occasion he seemed to be the most youthful of them all; of course he was only 74 years old. At that time also he donated a new parallel bars to our gymnasium which bore a modest plate acknowledging the generous donor. Many a gymnast has used it well in the following twenty years.

At the publication of our Centennial Journal Turner Heinig was listed as fourth on the membership roster preceeded by the Turners Aichele (mentioned) Urz who joined in 1880 and Braun in 1879. Turner August Braun and Carl Urz did slightly pass Turner Heinig's membership record before they were called home. Turner John Aichele has now been a member of N. Y.T.V. for 77 years which we believe is an unbroken record so far as consecutive membership in our society is concerned altho it has been equalled in total years of membership in a Turner Society when the years on the

rolls of another society are added to the years of membership in our Verein. With the death of Turners Braun and Urz respectively Turner John Aichele became the No 1 man on our roster and Turner Heinig No. 2 man and they have held this position for the past eight years. With the passing of Turner Heinig, Turner Berthold Muecke has moved into second place; Turner Muecke joined in 1892 which leaves a gap of five years to be made up before he equals our departed friends record.

Bahn Frei! in the name of the New York Turn Verein extends sincere condolences to the family of our departed Turnbruder and at the same time expresses gratitude at the privilege of having counted as one of its own, for so long a time as faithful a member as Turner Heinig.

Damen

Der Damen-Verein des New York Turn Vereins hatte seine erste Versammlung nach den Sommer-Ferien am Mittwoch, den 13. September in der Turnhalle, leider waren nur 20 Mitglieder anwesend, betreffs der starken Hitze und einige reisen noch in Deutschland und California. Wir versprechen uns für Oktober den 11. zu unserer Card Party ein volles Haus.

Frau Elfriede Schall unsere Präsidentin hiess alle recht herzlich willkommen, auch begrüßte sie einige Gäste. Frau Lotte Trager, Präs. von Badischen Frauen, Frau Hempel und Frau O. Muller, Frau Traeger lud zum Card & Bunco Party für September den 30. um 1 Uhr im Jagerhouse; Einladung von Welfare Island, Frau Stenzel, Präs., zu einen Luncheon, verbunden mit Card Party, am 17. Oktober um 12:30 Uhr, beides wurde angenommen.

Frau Schall verlas das Protokoll, Frä. Waghbourn den Finanz-Bericht, beides wurde dankend angenommen. Frä. Alice Hienke gab ihren Bericht über die Mitglieder-Beiträge, auch diese waren in bester Ordnung. Frau Schall dankte allen Damen für die vie-

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Geburtstage im August sind: Horn, Spengler, Warneke, Washbourn, Waldmann, Baur, Marsche, Privitzer, Sigrist, Merena, Voegeli.

Geburtstage für September: E. Rohlf, A. Steffen, A. Oestreich. Allen wurde das übliche "Happy Birthday" gesungen. Nachdem alles geschäftliche erledigt war, ging es zur Kaffee-Pause bei belegten Brötchen, Kaffee und Kuchen, wofür das Jagerhouse bekannt ist, unterhielten sich die Damen und erzählten sich viel von allen Reisen und Sommer-Ferien.

Wir hatten einen Besuch von Herrn Sayer der Lehrer der deutschen Schule er gab uns einen kurzen Vortrag und sagte es wären noch viele Plätze frei für deutschen Unterricht, sollte jemand für seine Kinder oder Enkelkinder gebrauchen machen. Die Kosten sind so gering. Die Damen versprachen ihr Bestes zu tun, um mehr Schüler zu gewinnen. Frä. L. Oestreich fungierte am Gabentisch mit Hilfe von Alice Glienke und alles ging schnell voran, da wir noch Bingo spielten. Jeder hatte einen vernünftigen Nachmittag. Für Bingo gab es schöne Taschentücher als Preise.

Frau Schall dankte allen recht herzlich für die schönen Geschenke für unseren Gabentisch.

Auf frohes Wiedersehen im Oktober zur Card Party.

NACHRUUF:

Der Damen-Verein bedauert sehr, ein langjähriges Mitglied verloren zu haben, und zwar unser sehr beliebtes Mitglied

HELEN GRAF

Leider war sie für lange Zeit krank. Viele Damen des Vereins waren zugegen bei der Beerdigung.

Wir werden Helen stets in Ehren halten.

Elfriede Schall, Präsident

Der Damen-Verein des New York Turn Verein hatte sein Kartenfest am 11. Oktober im Jagerhouse. Präsidentin Frau Elfriede Schall begrüßte alle Anwesenden aufs herzlichste und dankte allen für ihr Kommen. Wir hatten uns auf grossen Besuch gefasst, leider kamen nicht alle, auch die Mitglieder waren weniger dieses mal, wir hoffen auf starken Besuch das nächste mal

Von Vereinen hatten wir, Frau Traeger, Badische Frauen, Frau Cross, Freunde der Wohltätigkeit, Mrs. Stenzel, Welfare Island, Mrs. Strobel, Rheinpfälzer, Mrs. Sturm, Kreutzler Damen, Mrs. Schoor vertrat die Edelweiss Damen, Frau Schwalbe, Murray Hill Schwaben, Frau Prechtel, Socrates Schwestern-Zirkel, als neues Mitglied

durften wir Frau O. Muller begrüßen. Wir heissen sie recht herzlich willkommen.

Frau Schall gab uns die traurige Nachricht über das Hinscheiden eines langjährigen Mitgliedes, Frau Helen Graf, zugleich ein guter Freund unseres Vereins Turner Frank Kirchner. Alle Damen erhoben sich um beiden im stillen Gebet zu ehren.

Als Geburtstagskinder wurden E. Buttweiler, H. Kessler, G. Laendner, O. Witt und H. Zenker gefeiert mit den üblichen "Happy Birthday" wozu Frau Traeger am Piano begleitete. Nachdem Kartenspiel gab es belegte Brote, Kaffee und Kuchen, was allen recht gut mundete.

Unser Gabentisch war wieder recht reichlich gedeckt. Recht herzlichen Dank allen die daran halfen.

Türpreise stifteten Frau E. Weinreich, Frau J. Wallichs, vielen Dank den Damen. Frau Voegeli überraschte uns mit schönen Blumen vom eigenen Garten und eine schöne Vase für unseren Verein zu Gebrauch, vielen Dank liebe Voegeli.

Frau Schall ermahnte die Damen an unseren am 8. November stattfindenden Basar im Jagerhouse und bat alle hübsche Geschenke zu bringen. Der Ertrag geht wie immer der deutschen Schule zu gute. Die Verlosung übernahm Frl. Washbourn, Frl. Glienke und alles ging schnell vorwärts. Gute Besserung den Damen die sich entschuldigen liessen, krankheitshalber, wir hoffen sie alle wohl und munter am Weihnachts-Basar zu sehen.

Alle Einladungen von verschiedenen Vereinen werden die Damen folge leisten, nochmals allen meinen herzlichen Dank für die Mithilfe.

Elfriede Schall

150 YEARS OF THE HASENHEIDE (Concluded)

In the preceeding article we have described the circumstances which led to the opening of the first Turn Platz by Jahn in 1811 and the beginning of the Turner Movement. We also gave a brief description of the Anniversary Celebration itself. From the speeches delivered at that occasion we wish only to extract a few thoughts which we think are valid to the present and future of Turnerism.

In the first place it was stressed that the Turner principles are by no means a historical curiosity but a real, live and potent force applicable not only to the present but also to the foreseeable future.

Turning is not a narrow, rigid and on the whole minor form of athletics but rather represents, properly understood, a broad philosophy of life. Jahn clearly recognized this and for example in 1818 he wrote to his colleague Vieth concerning the book on gymnastics published by Gut Muth (who actually preceeded Jahn by a few years in the field of physical culture) "...to my taste the book breathes too much of the military drill spirit. For my part I will never concede that Turning is anything other than a very important part of the individuals total and general education."

In the second place in spite of its venerable historical age the Turner movement is not something for the aged and ageing alone but for all ages. No other movement has emphasized youth and the training of the young so much and so emphatically. Its spirit is young and youth is of the very fabric of its being.

The methods used to accomplish this may and should change in detail. The introduction of new and the modification of existing gymnastic apparatus, the addition of many varieties of games and of track and field events, the addition of new forms of cultural activities, the transition from Turnfields to Turnhalls and numerous other changes in details of operations during the past 150 years gives evidence of

the truth of this statement. These changes in detail however have not and dare not change the guiding, fundamental principles of Turnerism. In its appeal to the youth the Turner movement with all its adaptability to changed conditions and modern developments rejects one modern development namely the so-called progressive system of teaching which suggest that an educational system should not endeavor to give the youth that which ages of experience have proven to be valuable and good but rather should give to the youth that which it thinks it wants and is best for it.

Thirdly if we are repeatedly ridiculed and attacked on the ground that what Jahn stood for is completely outmoded under the changed conditions of modern times we reply that the changes are not fundamental. The fundamental problems and their cure have not changed. To cite only a single example - when Jahn began his work the unity of the German people was one of his prime objectives and burning desire. Badly divided and splintered as the German nation was in 1811 we find 150 years later that a division more cruel and terrible than ever in the past exists in the present day and the aspiration of Jahn in this particular is still valid.

Jahn Neither a Red Nor a Brown.

The Deutsche Turnerbund Chairman the Lord Mayor of Frankfurt warmly defended the historical personage of Jahn and stated that he could not with any sense of justice be termed as either a red shirt (Socialist or Communist) or a brown shirt (Nazi or Facist). He pointed out that the Communist dominated Eastern Germany (the so-called German Democratic Republic) had gone very far to claim Jahn as one of its own. Its propaganda machine takes every opportunity of using Jahn and his writing (in distorted form) to its own advantage. In other lands this same misconception exists. Actually Jahn was neither a radical nor a revolutionist. In a letter to his daughter in 1848 after the German Turners were split between a right and left wing, with Jahn a staunch supporter of the right wing, he wrote

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"Napoleon was indeed an evil but the Reds" are a much worse evil. "They would gladly murder me".

Ironically on the other hand, in these days, Jahn and the German Turners have been assailed in certain sections of the German Press, Radio and Television as extreme nationalist, militarist and reactionaries.

To this indictment we can only plead guilty to one count namely that Jahn had a great love of his country and people. But the love of country involved not the slightest desire or design of conquest or of subjugating any other nation; it sought only peace and security of the Fatherland and freedom within its existing boundaries. As for the people "das Volkstum" Jahn had no conception whatsoever of the wretched race theories and teaching of the Nazis of more than a century later. Das Volk to him were his neighbors, the inhabitants of German lands, the possessors and carriers of the German cultural heritage; it had nothing to do with race or religion. Far from being a reactionary Jahn was a definite liberal in the best sense of that word and one of the earliest fighters for freedom of speech, press and assemblage and for the basic democratic rights of the people.

Patriotism, love of country and people (without any superiority over any other peoples) and upholding of the concept of unity, liberty, freedom and real democracy those were the Jahn principles, those are the principles of the German Turners today, those must be the principles of any true Turner movement in whatever country it may be.

That which has been written above in our opinion applies with equal force to the American Turner Movement. We can substitute the United States for Germany and American for German without changing a single other word or an iota of the physical, cultural and spiritual standards and platform.

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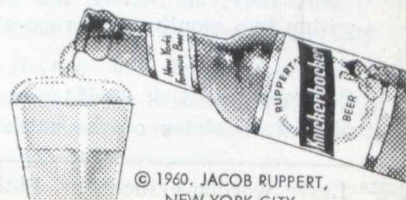
ANNUAL ELECTION

The attention of all members is drawn to the annual election of officers of the District Delegates and of certain standing committee and board members. The majority, tho not all, of these are chosen for a 1 year term which accounts for the need of an annual election. In actual practice we do not, as a rule, have a new slate of officers each year since many of them are repeatedly reelected in view of their able and devoted services. Contests are not very common in the past decades.

This may partly explain the apparent indifference to the annual election by the greater part of our membership as evidenced by the fact that for many years the number of votes cast has averaged between 20 & 30% of our voting membership. Should the lack of many close contests be the cause of this deplorably low percentage (and we are by no means certain that this is the main reason) we must say that this is not a realistic attitude. Our system of elections and the forms of our ballot permits a negative or protest vote against any candidate even where there is no contest. It is a very fair democratic form of ballot and the effect of such protest voting is not at all insignificant

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but has its influence on subsequent nominations and elections.

Our Turner Movement and the New York Turn Verein is historically devoted to the democratic ideal. In many of our societies the membership no longer selects the officers but only votes for members of the Board of Directors. These in turn elect the officers. We think this is a dilution of the democratic process and have guarded against its introduction in our society. All except a few of the minor posts are filled by the free choice of the entire membership. In order that this fine and proper democratic system be maintained it is essential that the membership make use of this voting right. Failure to do so is a blow at our principles.

For the benefit of our newer members or for those who, for one reason or the other, have never cast a ballot in our elections we wish to point out a few features which may clear up any misunderstandings. In the first place every full member is entitled to vote. Full members are all males over 18 years of age, whether Gymnastic, Actives or Altersriege, Fencers, or what is sometimes (incorrectly) referred to as Passive Members. As far as the Fair Sex is concerned those who have applied for regular membership and been properly introduced at a regular society membership meeting, in addition to the Ladies Section meeting are full members and entitled to vote on the same basis as the men. Those who are members of the Ladies Class or of the Fencing Section but have not filled out the regular membership application cards and who pay a slightly lower fee than regular members, altho accepted into Ladies Class or Fencing Section are not full members of the Society and hence have no voting privilege. Women have the choice of either type of membership - men do not. A member of the Ladies or Fencing Class who is not a full member may become such rather easily by making application at our office to the Secretary Mr. Auer. This may be done at any time and after certain formalities required by our Constitution are complied with they can become full members within two months after requesting it.

In the second place it should be noted that the exact status of the members

dues at the time of the election has no bearing on his right to vote. Certainly all members are expected and urged to keep their dues as near to current as possible and in fact if they do not do so they will ultimately be dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues. Until this action is officially taken, however, he remains a member in good standing and is entitled to vote. No member therefor is embarrassed on voting by reference to any arrears of dues which may unhappily exist at the time; the election board merely verifies that the voter is a member should he not be personally known to them.

The ballot is a secret one and is not identified in any way and the members vote is entirely confidential as it should be. While his attendance at the meeting is desirable it is not a condition of voting. The actual election is held outside of the meeting in the Vorstand Zimmer or office. The poll will be open from 7 to 9:38 P. M. Hence if a member has another engagement that evening he can still vote at any time within these two and one half hours and then go his way. We can guarantee him that there will be no waiting line and that the entire process will take only about three minutes.

Fourthly the form of ballot is such that each post is listed separately with a notation under the office of the number to be elected. Thus under Recording Secretary for example it will state - two to be elected. If there are only two names listed thereon NO marking is necessary and by leaving this section blank the effort is an affirmative vote for both. Should there be more than two names then there is a contest and the member is requested to draw a line thru the name of any candidate for whom he does NOT wish to vote. Should there be a contest he must strike any names above the number to be chosen; if he fails to do this the vote will be void so far as the office is concerned.

Even if there is no contest and only one to be selected and only one nomination he may if he wish strike this name by drawing a line thru it which will then be counted as a vote AGAINST this candidate as we have mentioned at the beginning of this article. If there is no contest and the voter does not wish to vote against any nomination he need make no mark on the ballot of any kind, no X or cross marks, and above all no comments or notations. In such a case he need only to fold the ballot and deposit it in the ballot box. It is therefore a simple and easy system of voting.

Finally, while we would prefer to have the pleasure of greeting you at the hall on election eve, this is not absolutely necessary. If you should not be able to visit the hall that night for even a few minutes you may send in your vote by mail. Every member will receive a ballot in the mail. Mark the voting slip as explained in the preceding paragraph. Then place it in a plain envelope, after folding, and seal that envelope. Enclose the envelope in another one addressed to the Turn Verein and marked to the attention of the Election Committee.

Enclose a brief note giving your name and address, advising that you are unable to attend and wish to cast a proxy vote. Make sure that it is mailed in time to reach our office by Monday afternoon, December 18th. The election committee after verifying your name as a member will enter it on the register the same as tho you had been there in person and will deposit the ballot in the box without examination so that complete secrecy will be observed.

In the light of the above explanations we do hope that every member entitled to vote will make a real effort to do so on Monday, December 18th either in person or by mail. By so doing you will help the maintaining of our Turner Principles and the democratic traditions of your society.

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Club

The day that marked the closing Festival of our Summer Season was everything we wished for weatherwise with a good attendance to boot. There were games for everyone from 8 years to 80 and as for the success of the season as a whole we may say "It's money in the bank".

Our 40th Anniversary dinner and Dance was an outstanding success with about 185 in attendance (more than we expected). A full course dinner was served with a Manhattan Cocktail as an appetizer, then a fruit cocktail served in a unique fashion, namely in the hull of a half of pineapple, prime ribs of beef, with all the fixings, ice cream cake and coffee. This was a real test

for our new steadard, Max & Mary Schiegner, in serving such a crowd so well. The dinner was highly appreciated by everyone and to you Max and Mary keep up the good work.

As for speakers - Oh yes we had them. Jim Doyle, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee who says so much in a few words was our M. C. and arranged the seating with a name on a journal as place cards. Our President Frank Steiner also has that gift and never falls short for words and puts them over in such an oratorical fashion that you have got to believe him and deep down we know that he speaks in all sincerity. His main topic was in honoring 2 charter members that were present that is, Henry Steffen and Fritz Hoering, while the remaining two charter members Berthold Muecke and Ernst Just were absent. The words, praises and remarks were easy to listen to but he did not have to go overboard just because we were around when the club started so what can we say but thanks for the kind words, the plaques so wonderfully done and the pewter beer steins. Three other members were remembered for their meritorious service and they were Karl Horn, our custodian who has an all year around job, Karl Buttweiler, who's job around the club never ends and believe in do it yourself and does it and last but not least that darling wife of Henry's, Anna Steffen, our locker stewardess was presented with a gold bracelet.

And now for a bit of entertainment for the evening which hit the high spot for this affair. It was written, produced and directed by that genius and talented Milton First depicting and portraying the events from the beginning to the present day of the club. The players were the members and the show was pantomimic. Some of the scenes were as follows: Hoffmann, Kues and Schmidt original buyers of the Klondike Club. Then members working with hammers

and saws, painters and also the pick shovel gang.

Another scene portrayed our Turner Veterans Post with 51 out of 51 passing their physical test another testimony to the truth of our slogan - A Sound Mind in a Sound Body.

Another - our Ladies Auxiliary. Another - fraternizing of the Dutch and the Irish. Still another - a singing quintette depicting our Liedertafel singing two songs accompanied by Miss Ursula Roggenkamp at the piano.

There were a lot more but the finale was the entire ensemble singing "Hoch sollst du leben" and "When Irish eyes are smiling". Thank you Milton for supplying this entertainment - it will be long remembered.

The Turner Club bowlers started their new season in October where their strikers, sparsers, poodlers and bunch bowlers are again showing a certain amount of dexterity in establishing their expertness in this artful pastime. So success to you, Pres. Robert Potter and to your bowlers "Ein dreifaches Gut Holz".

Our married ladies volleyball players had their last game on November 15th and now back to the Turn Hall for the winter. I was told by the Ladies Auxiliary President Mrs. Betty Troll that everything is set for the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th and that Mrs. Dorothy Steiner will produce a Christmas play with our children.

Another year goes by and with it again an election of officers. Paul Roggenkamp, Chairman of the Nominating Committee is on the loose again with a pocket full of cigars - he reminds

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me of the Canadian Mounties - they always get their man. Something new is brewing at the club. After that marvelous performance that the singing quintet gave at the anniversary dinner so much enthusiasm was aroused that there may be a rebirth of our Liedertafel, meaning a singing section or glee club. Paul Troll our Meister Singer has already the ball rolling. Our New Year Eve party needs no advertising but reservations are in order so see your table captains.

Our President Frank Steiner asked me not to forget the Seasons Greetings to be extended to all Turners, friends and Bahn Frei! readers. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you next year. Wiedersehen!

Fritz Hoering

Ladies

HI, GIRLS,

As you see, I did get stuck with the job again for another year, which means you'll have to put up with me and my gossip.

Our last monthly meeting was mostly for the purpose of electing a new Board of Officers. Here is the new set-up.

President	Rita Mastic
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Secretary	Ursula Holl
Treasurer	Eleanor Mueller
1st Turnwart	Irmgard Plessing
2nd Turnwart	Theresa Salzmänn
Zeugwart	Lynn Bravo
Columnist	Edith Rauh

You will notice that Irene Luparello is no longer 1st Turnwart, she declined re-nomination because she is expecting a baby this coming April. Lots of luck to you, Irene, and thank you for the long and faithful services you rendered. I am sure that everyone will miss you and your friendly, even-tempered competence.

This moved Irme up one notch on the ladder, she has been doing a fine job as second Turnwart for a number of years now. After all, it does take a lot of devotion.

Otherwise, the meeting was very well attended. Rita urged that everyone do her best to help make our forthcoming yearly production of Ladies Night in February a success.

Ursula asked for as many entries as possible in the Cultural Competition of the Hallenfest. As you all know Ursula is the Chairman of the Cultural Section of the N. Y. Turn Verein, and her job is difficult enough with all the help she can get.

Our X-Mas party will be on December 21st this year, and I am sure that everyone will want to attend. Talk to Rita if you have any questions concerning it.

I hope this does not come too late for print. It would look very silly in January. However, the Hallenfest will have taken place by the time this appears in print, even if it does get in in time. I wish every participant a lot of success, I am sure we will make a good showing, especially since it is on home grounds.

More next time. Until then Good Luck.

Edith Rauh

Actives

On Friday, November 3rd, we had our last Actives Meeting with approximately 25 members present. One of the important topics discussed was the upcoming election of officers on December 1st at our Christmas Knepe. A nominating committee was elected in preparation for the election with Hans Sammer, Jr. as Chairman.

One of the highlights of the evening was the appearance of two Actives who had been absent for a long time. They were Junior Rauser (Our Ambassador to the Philippine Islands) and Nick Cherrytree (who has been away at school). They were warmly welcomed by Pres. Bob Widmer and all present with 3 hearty "Gut Heils". I now extend an invitation to our Christmas Knepe on December 1st, to all those inactive Actives whom I haven't seen late-

ly. Bring a small gift for the grab bag, worth approximately 2 dollars, and I promise you a very pleasant evening.

The Actives volleyball team has gotten off to a very good start this year. On Saturday, November 4th the team of Vinnie Buehler, Jr., Albie Buehler, Hans Sammer, Jr., Bob Widmer, Rupie Horn, Artie Schmidt and Ronnie Straka journeyed to Newark, N. J. The team placed fourth out of twelve teams after much spirited play. They beat the Grand Central "YMCA", the Wilmington, Del. "YMCA", the Baltimore, Md. "YMCA", the New Haven, Conn. "YMCA" and then lost to the Scranton, Pa. "YMCA" in a 16-14 game after two players were injured.

The N. Y. T. V. has dominated American Turner volleyball for the past two years and will be seeking an unprecedented third victory in succession in Cleveland, Ohio on April 14 - 15, 1962. Rumor has it that both the Monessen and N. W. Chicago Turners have no intentions of letting this occur.

In closing I say again "Let us see some of those old familiar faces at our next meeting".

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To the members and friends who participated in the funeral services of Frank Kirchner at the New York Turn Hall on Saturday, October 7th, we are most grateful for the honor you have bestowed upon him; which will linger in our memories.

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WELCOME BACK - ACTIVES.

We welcome the reappearance of the Active Column after a long lapse. It has been sorely missed for surely this important part of our activities is entitled to adequate coverage in Bahn Frei! which has tried to record all the doings and work of the Verein. We are happy that Turner Rudolph Suwara has accepted this assignment and we hope that he will not tire of the chore but continue to send us articles regularly and for a

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long time to come including, of course, gymnastic activities, proper, as well as volley ball.

On the same subject we beg to state that we would also welcome the resumption of a regular report on the part of the Fencing Section so that our readers may be kept informed of the fine work that is being done in this fully revitalized and growing Section. Incidentally what has happened to our Librarian? Has he stopped reading books as well as some of our members. Let's hear from the Library again one of these issues.

Damen

Der Damen-Verein des New York Turn Verein hielt am letzten Mittwoch seinen jährlichen Weihnachtsbasar ab in der Turnhalle. Wir hatten sehr guten Erfolg, unser Dank gehört allen Mitgliedern und auch Gästen für die vielen schönen preiswerten Geschenke die zum Wiederverkauf zur Geltung kamen. Alles wurde schnell verkauft und brachte uns eine nette Summe, welche wie schon früher erwähnt wurde für unsere deutsche Schule in der Turnhalle zu gute kommt. Am Verkaufstisch waren die Damen M. Washbourn, E. Weinreich, A. Hienke fleissig und ihnen gehört besonders Dank, alle hatten sich vorbereitet um die Käufer zufrieden zu stellen, meist alle Gaben wurden verkauft, was schnell und gut voran ging. Fr. Lulu Oestreich verkaufte Weihnachtskarten mit Erfolg, alles half um unsere Einnahmen zu vergrössern. Donationen von Frau Spengler, vielen Dank.

Unsere Präsidentin Frau Elfriede Schall begrüßte alle aufs herzlichste und dankte allen für ihren Besuch. Von Vereinen waren anwesend Frau Träger, Präs. Badische Frauen, C. Cross, Präs. Freunde der Wohltätigkeit, Frau Schoor., Edelweiss, Kreutzer Damen, Frau Maussner in Vertretung, Welfare Island, Herr und Frau Varnecke kamen für kurze Zeit.

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Die Geburtstagskinder wurden begrüßt mit den "Happy Birthday" Lied begleitet bei Frau Traeger am Piano. Geburtstage: O. First, K. Marks, Betty Klein.

Vielen Dank Frau Witt für die schönen Blumen aus eigenem Garden für den Vorstandstisch.

Entschuldigt waren, Frau Wallichs, Marks, Voegeli, Felber, Frau Stenzel. Einige Damen versprochen Geschenke das nächste mal mitzubringen, was wir dankend annehmen.

Nun ging es an die Kaffeepause, belegte Brote, Kaffee und Kuchen, gute Berliner gestiftet von Betty Klein und Frau Panlakot Krapfen selbst gebacken. Alles schmeckte wunderbar nach all den überstandenen. Vielen Dank beiden Damen.

Frau Schall macht bekannt für unsere Weihnachtsfeier am 13. Dezember 1 Uhr im Jagerhouse. Für gute Unterhaltung ist bestens gesorgt, auch hörte ich von St. Nick, er wird uns einen Besuch abstatten.

Nochmals meinen herzlichsten Dank an alle die so viel halfen um unseren Basar so schön zu machen.

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IN MEMORIAM



FRANK E. KIRCHNER

And so he left us forever in the early morning hours of Thursday the Fifth of October, our dear friend, the friend of all from whom no unkind word was heard and of whom none was uttered. Here then ended a life of unequalled loyalty and devotion to our Society and an empty niche left in the fabric of our organization which and this we write with utter confidence, can never be filled. It has been our sad duty, for nearly twenty years, to chronicle the passing of many members who were held in affectionate regard by our readers, of some (though rarely) who had even exceeded the life span or the years of membership of our departed Turner Kirchner, of many who were far more prominent than he in the administration of the society's affairs and of those whose contributions to the welfare of the society and of Turnerism exceeded his. Not, however, anyone who for more than a quarter of a century had become so completely a part of the Verein and more particularly of this Turn Hall that it seems almost impossible to believe that he has really left us in a physical sense that is to say,

for his spirit, his memory will remain with the building so long as it will stand.

Frank E. Kirchner was born in Leipzig, Germany on Jan. 13th, 1872. He was brought to America when he was about 8 years of age. Naturally the greater part of his schooling was received here but the result of this happy combination plus his life long contacts with the German-American community was to produce the nearest to a perfect bilingual individual that we have had the privilege of knowing. His occupational career was almost entirely devoted to clerical and accounting pursuits and so excellent was his training and experience in this field that the clarity and beauty of his handwriting and the accuracy of his calculations at the age of nearly ninety can only be described as amazing.

A LIFE LONG TURNER.

In the Summer of 1891 he joined the Sociale Democratic Turn Verein at the age of 19 and he remained a member of the Turn Verein without a break until his death at nearly 90 years of age making his Turner life span a little over 70 years.

On April 13th, 1895 he transferred to the New York Turn Verein. His ability was soon recognized for within three years he was elected to the post of Cashier. That was in 1898 & from that year on he served continuously on the Vorstand until he resigned a few months before his death so nearly 63 years. This is a record without equal in our history. He held the posts of Cashier, Statistical Secretary, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and for 13 years the important office of Trustee. In his funeral oration this writer stated that the Turner record of this departed Turner was found not only in the minute books and ledgers of the Verein, but that there was also a pictorial record since he appears on every single picture of the Vorstand which crowd its walls starting with the Vorstand of 1908. There existed pictures of even earlier years up to some time ago, but they finally gave way to the passage of the decades.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

In 1934 the growth of the society's business, plus some unhappy developments in the Cashier's Department made it desirable to engage a full time Financial & Statistical Secretary for the first time in our history, so far as we know. Turner Kirchner accepted this assignment at a very modest rate of compensation. He continued to serve in this capacity for nearly twenty six years. They were 26 years of love and devotion to his work and to his society and he set a standard of performance in this regard which it is almost impossible for anyone else to attain.

Night and day and almost every day he was in the office and to the thousands of adults and children who met him in this room during this period of more than a quarter of a century, it must have seemed that he was an integral part of it and that he had always been there and always would be there. With justice it was suggested in the funeral address that this room which had been variously designated as the Vorstand Zimmer, the Board of Officers room, and just plain office could appropriately be designated hereafter as "Frank's" room.

With time many additional duties and obligations were added to the original job specifications as the Secretaries of Sections and affiliates and the Chairmen of Committees found it convenient to have him do the work that they were actually supposed to do. He accepted these additional burdens cheerfully and without complaint. The full extent of these extra chores were not fully appreciated until others tried to take over his routine. Frank der Treue was the title given to him at his funeral service, no title was ever more fittingly bestowed nor better deserved.

Our friend enjoyed sound health during the greater part of his life, but in the last ten years he naturally was subject to considerable illness including two major operations. During these periods of illness this writer at times and at other times the late Speaker Fleischmann took over his duties on a temporary basis and it was then that we fully appreciated how much he had done. After each of these bouts with sickness

he returned and the question of ultimate retirement was never discussed.

During the year 1960 his heart developed serious trouble and there were recurrent attacks. He always returned to his desk notwithstanding but finally even his brave spirit had to yield to the inevitable. He put in his last full day of work in his beloved office on Christmas Eve of last year. On the day after Christmas he attempted to go to the office and then suddenly there was the realization that he could not go on, not even a single day and sadly he so notified the First Speaker. During the next nine months he had severe attacks but was fairly comfortable between them so long as he avoided physical exertion. During this period of confinement to his home he was frequently consulted on details of the office work and he always cheerfully answered our questions and gave the benefit of his experience.

Just before the fatal attack his health seemed to have improved and his family and friends dared to hope that he would be spared a little longer so that he could attain his 90th Birthday Anniversary only a few months off. Even further that he could observe in the following month of March the 65th Anniversary of his marriage, again a record rarely attained. Regretably this was not granted to us.

On a beautiful Fall Saturday afternoon, October 7th, the sorrowing members and friends gathered before the coffin in the ballroom of the Hall where he lay in state against an impressive background of flowers. An Honor Guard of 16 men and women representing all sections stood at attention during the long service. On short notice, this and other arrangements were prepared by Turnlehrer Schroeder as an act of devotion to his long time associate.

The Rev. Robert E. Wiltenburg, Pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, at 88th Stret, conducted the religious service. The ritual, as well as the address was delivered alternately in German and English absolutely verbatim. It was indeed a linguistical accomplishment but somewhat of a strain on the

Honor Guard in view of the resulting length.

At the request of Speaker Horn, who was out of the city, this writer delivered the eulogy in the name of the society, which was for him a moving experience. Thereafter the mortal remains of Turner Kirchner were carried for the last time from the building in which he had spent so large a part of the last 25 years of his life. It was an appropriate ending to his career.

Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery under the auspices of his fellow Turner, Charles Ekholm of the Regent Funeral Home. To his faithful helpmate of 65 years, Mrs. Katie Kirchner, who has herself been in ill health for many years and unable to attend the funeral on that account, we extend most sincere condolences. Also to his children Edgar and Miss Martha Kirchner who are the only close survivors on either side of the family. When we speak of the void his passing has left in our ranks we are well aware of how much greater this feeling of pain must be in this closeknit and devoted family. It must be a consolation to them on the other hand that so many others mourn the passing of this quiet, unassuming friendly man. Still more that the influence and effect of a good life leaves its permanent marks upon society itself and brings about a sort of earthly immortality for - "the work's of good men live after them".

MINOR CORRECTION

Thanks to an editorial error the last issue of Bahn Frei! was designated as Jahrgang 78 No. 9 & 10; it should have been No. 10 & 11. For this reason the present issue is marked No. 12. This will explain the seeming absence of No. 11.

We mention this only to allay the anxiety of those of our readers who watch our Volume Numbers closely and in case of this kind are apt to write in and complain that they did not receive No. 11. Only the other day we received a request for Nos. 1 & 2

of Jahrgang 1961 for the Bibliothek of the Institut für Auslands-Beziehungen of Stuttgart since this was missing from their otherwise complete files of Bahn Frei! Yes our humble little sheet has wider outside connections and is in more libraries in many countries than our members realize. This Stuttgart Institut, incidently, is a fine organization which publishes a scholarly yet interesting quarterly bearing the simple title of "Mitteilungen". They have sent us this, free of charge, for years and we hope in an early issue to pay proper tribute to the excellent work of the Institut in the field of international cultural relationships.

TURNERS AND CHICKENS

Someone once said that bad publicity is better than no publicity. If this is true we ought to be gratified with the issue of Life Vol. 51 No. 20, dated Nov. 17th, 1961 where the American Turners received publicity, of a sort, on page 33 in an article by Robert Wallace entitled "Stamps with a Big Stamp of Disapproval." There, on top of the page we find first the American Turner Stamp of 1948 and next to it the stamp depicting the Centennial of the Poultry Industry. Beneath this is the following not so complimentary description - "Among the 29 commemoratives of 1948 were the crowded horror above, honoring gymnasts and the nonsensical stamp at the right, featuring an impossible fowl and marking an improbable anniversary".

It is not the first time we have had this kind of slurring reference. It was at the end of 1948 that a Magazine by the name of The New Yorker, which had some pretensions at serving a sophisticated clientel, writing an article on the commemoratives of that year went out of its way to hand us a barb by referring to an episode of 31 years earlier. We have not seen the magazine since but believe it still is published.

Life to which we subscribe and which is in our library is of course a successor to the unforgettable Life which no equal exists in our country a humorous and satirical weekly of which no equal exists in our country today. It used to bear the motto - While there is Life there is Hope. If

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this article represents the extent of Life's research department one might wonder if there is any Hope for Life? In the body of the article itself the writer Robert Wallace deals rather gently with us, concentrating his fire on the chicken stamp, for which we hold no brief. Mr. Wallace is a capable writer in his field, beyond a doubt, but we think he has little if any knowledge of the American Turners. We have not enough space in this issue to defend our beloved stamp adequately but will do so in the next issue along with a few observations on postage stamp collecting and other stamps, dealing with the Turner Movement.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On Friday, December 1, we had our last actives meeting. The annual election of officers took place with the following results: President Guinta Taeger, Vice President Henry Sonderegger, Secretary Bob Moore, Treasurer Guinta Mueller, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee Carl Buttweiler and Sargeant at Arms Ronnie Straka. Incidentally there is only one holdover in our new government, Treasurer Guinta Mueller, who refused to give up his position because he is making so much money.

A highlight of the evening was the visit paid by Ferdinand Beinert, a former Active now in the Altersriege. He kept everyone in hysterics for at least ten minutes with his story telling.

Congratulations to Bob Pulchinski and Pete Pheiffer on their fine showing in the Hallenfest. Unfortunately, Al Buehler suffered an accident and was unable to compete.

Our volleyball team went to it's second tournament of the year in Schenectady, N. Y. on December 9th.

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A date that should be put on all of our calendars is January 27, 1962. It is the occasion of the third annual "Winter Dance". This dance, and the raffle run in connection with it are for the benefit of the Vorturnerschaft. It is up to the Actives to help as much as they can to make it a success.

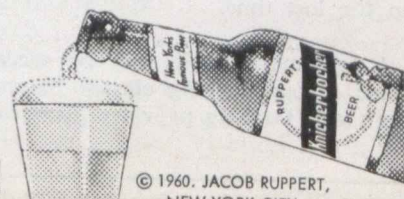
We are mighty glad to hear our traditional Xmas Knipemaster, Willie Kesper, has recovered from his broken ankle. Even with a cast on his leg, Willie was still "active" making visits to the Turn Hall. I use Willie as an example for all you "inactive" Actives, who have so many excuses for not showing up at the Verein.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Rudy Suwara

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On that day she failed to appear, but a letter we had mailed to her three weeks before, came back marked "Not found". Her telephone had been discontinued and, later on, we found her apartment vacated.

What happened to her we have been unable to find out. Possibly she went back to Detroit. It reminds us of the Judge Crater case some years ago - the man who left his office one morning, stepped on a street car and disappeared completely. Unknown to this day what happened.

It took us some weeks to locate a new instructor. Qualified teachers who have Saturdays available are scarce indeed. Fortunately we were able to secure the services of Mrs. Tatjana Frischenfeld, a competent dance instructor, who is assisted by her husband.

Judging by the attractive dance numbers she put on at our Christmas show, with such little time for practice, promises a great future for our dancing classes.

The scholars who registered for the term from September to December were deprived of about 6 weeks instruction, so they will get an extension to make up for lost time.

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Ladies

Hello Everyone!

I don't recall just now whether I have wished you all a Happy New Year, so even if I repeat myself, best wishes for 1962 and may it bring all of you what you are hoping for.

Our X-Mas party was very nice and well attended. Rita had seen to it that the club room was decorated which she did beautifully, and in all that soft glow and candle light, the ladies looked positively lovely. The men must have agreed because they stayed until the wee hours of the morning and everybody appeared to be having a wonderful time.

I think the success of the party is partially due to good timing, we did not seem to be interfering with any other activity.

On that occasion I learned that Dora and Hans Sammer have become the parents of a new little Hans Sammer, and I want to take this chance to wish all three of them the best of luck. The young father was beaming proudly at the party, and we all hope that Dora will be back with us soon, we have been missing her. This being a true Turner family it goes without saying that we will have Hansi in the First Boys Class in six years.

Preparations for Ladies Night are under way full force and our ace dancer Jean Turney is working harder than ever. Rita is all smiles to have such talented assistance, it is extremely hard to try to put on a show every year. February 10th is the BIG NIGHT this year. I won't say more at this time, come and see for yourselves.

I hear that Rita was a little ahead of herself at the 11th Anniversary Party

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of the N. Y. T. V., her dress zipper quit on her, and it began to reveal the bare necessities. A good thing the party was a ritzy one, her table companions wrapped her in a table cloth. Imagine a thing like that to happen at Nedick's! What would she have grabbed? Rita, please save your splendid impromptu performance for our own show! ! !

And now I'll stop. Next time I'll report on the success of Ladies Night. Please girls, come and bring lots of friends.

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EDITORS NOTE.

We are pleased to reproduce the historical poem composed by Turner M. First at the 40th Anniversary Dinner of the Turner Club. The affair itself was fully described in the Club Column in our last issue but there was not sufficient space at that time to print the poem.

TURNER CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY.

The magic number is forty, that's why we're here tonight,
And by the looks of things around us, they're going to do it right.
They promised there'd be few speeches, and we hope they keep their word
But a resume of our history, just simply must be heard.
So bear with us, while presenting, this simple bit of rhyme,
As the past unfolds before us, in pleasant pantomime.
Three men got it going, it was they that had the thought,
And the Alters Riege came through and the Klondike Club was bought.
We owe these men so very much, in their debt we'll ever be,
'Cause without their original efforts, no club for you and me.
I'll simply have to mention, though no longer they are here,
'Twas Hoffman, Kues and G. Schmidt and the club they dreamed so clear.
From a very modest beginning, a really elementary start,
The Turners started working, in earnest and very hard.
At first they made some lockers, they cleaned and built like mad,
As Turners liked the out-doors, this made them very glad.
One thing after another, the place was taking shape,
Expansion was the watch-word, the place was looking great.
Room after room was finished, the membership grew and grew,
The dining room was completed, enjoyed by you and you.
Because of their noble efforts, their devotion to a cause,
This Turner Club was finished, they were our Santa Claus.
The pressure now was lifted, there was time for relaxation,
Pleasure was the order of the day, there was no complication.
As Turners always were the type, it didn't take them long,
To form a Liedertafel, to enjoy their Beer with Song.
Their Turner Songs rang through the hall, a crescendo loud and clear,
Brings joyful memories to them all, lucky indeed to be here.
Perhaps this will inspire you, as we listen to days of yore,
To organize another group, to continue as before.
As nature had intended, the wives stood silently by,
Until the year of '36, when arose a hue and cry.
We've got to have an auxiliary, we want to have our say,
And who were we to stop them and suffrage had it's way.
From then 'till now they've functioned, a very great success,
Their contributions welcome, relieves financial stress.
The Club was really rolling, we set a terrific pace,
And who is here among us, who knows a better place?
Something for all the family whether athletic or not,
Here you can be happy, secure in a perfect spot.
Their part in our activities, were to the club a boon,
So innocently it started, they wanted a powder room.
And then the dark clouds gathered, we've seen the signs before,
The world situation was gloomy, we were again at war.
Our young men had to leave us, throughout the world they went,
To fight for our Old Glory, they were glad that they were sent.
"Sound Mind Sound Body", our motto, really stood us in good stead,
Not one service rejection, need anything more be said
Before the war was over, before the battle won,
Our service flag was crowded, the total fifty one.
As we settled down to normal, we were on our way once more,
The tempo really quickened, just like it was before.
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The 25th Anniversary, now we really were of age.
 The hall was over-flowing, the banquet quite a spread,
 A testimonial to our progress, proof that we went ahead.
 This night we'll long remember, everything went just fine,
 'Twas the entry of a new landlord, the New York Turn Verein.
 Thus at long last was accomplished, the original intent,
 The fusion was completed, at a most reasonable rent.
 We can go just one way, forward, our difficulties past,
 'Twas a long road that we traveled, but we made it, at long last.
 And so we went along our way, to provide the very best,
 For a Sunday of activity, or the sun and well earned rest.
 Everything went on smoothly, but then arose the occasion,
 What seemed to us at the time, a full fledged Irish invasion.
 From right and left they came at us, it seemed much more than gesture,
 The fact of the matter really was, that most are from Parkchester.
 There were some rears, anxiety, this created quite a doubt,
 We've reached a crisis, that's for sure, it really won't work out.
 As time went on, it dawned on us, we surely were quite wrong,
 This influx of new members, surely made us very strong.
 Now on our roster are the names, of Schmidt and Stein and Knoll,
 With Maguire, Doyle, O'Brien, how could this place be dull?
 Our bill of fare is made up, of Mulligan and Irish Stew,
 Schnitzel, Pork and Sauerkraut, to mention just a few.
 Now with this grand new mixture, we've had to change our style,
 We learned to mix Erin Go Brach, with "Ein dreifaches Gut Heil".
 "Never the twain shall meet," an axiom, and it really makes you think,
 Only in this Turner Club of ours, we're not referring to the chink.
 The magic number is forty and we celebrate tonight,
 The Irish and Dutch go hand in hand, it's got to come out right.

MILTON FIRST 10, 21, 61

Damen

Der Damen Verein des N. Y. Turn Verein hatte seine Weihnachtsfeier am Mittwoch den 13. Dez. in der Turnhalle und es war ein grosser Erfolg. Alle Tische waren mit Tannengrün, Christbäumchen und Kerzen geschmückt. Es sah so festlich aus, jeder hatte seine Freude daran.

Präsidentin Elfriede Schall hiess alle recht herzlich willkommen und sprach Ihre Freude darüber aus, dass so viele Vereine erschienen waren, speziell die Mitglieder von verschiedenen Vereinen und folgende Präsidentinnen: Frau Cross Freunde der Wohltätigkeit, Frau Träger Badische Frauen, Frau Strobel Rheinpfälzer Damen, Frau Alice Paul, Edelweiss, Frau Hahn, Murray Hill, Frau Emy Paul, Westpfalen Damen, Frau Stenzel, Welfare Island, Frau Brechtel, Socrates Schwestern-Zirkel, Frau Ulbricht, Cannstatter Damen. Um alle Gäste bei Namen zu nennen würde die Liste zu lang machen. Herr Simmet spielte Klavier, und Frau Träger erfreute uns

mit einigen Gesangs-Vorträgen, und erteilte dabei grossen Beifall. Frau Arnold Meyer trug einige Gedichte vor, sowie auch Frau P. Kuehnel und Frau Schnoor diese fanden wohlgefallen unter den Anwesenden. Und nun kam der Weihnachtsmann, dieser war sehr lustig und originell von Frau Voegelivorgetragen. Er brachte für jedes anwesende Mitglied eine schöne Ansteck-Nadel sowie für jeden Gast ein kleines Geschenk. Alle waren sehr erfreut. Die vielen Weihnachts-"Goodies" waren von den lieben Damen: Weinreich, Marie Washbourn, Karpinski, Klein, Paulakat und Frau Voegeli gestiftet.

Die folgenden Damen feiern im Dezember Geburtstag und wurden mit dem Geburtstags-Lied beglückwünscht: Frau Eichenlaub, Frau Weindl, E. Shibly, Frl. Weiler, und Frau Doris Fisher. Wir danken alle für ihre Stiftungen.

Frau Schall dankte alle Mitglieder für die schönen Geschenke welche zur Verlosung kamen, auch den Beamten dankte Sie für ihre immer treue Unterstützung.

Die Damen: Oestreich, Glienke, Krell Lutz, Klein, Karpinski und Steffen be-

fleissigten sich mit der Verlosung und die Anwesenden liessen die schönsten Weihnachtslieder ertönen. Bestimmt ein erfolgreiches Fest.

Frau Schall schlug eine Stiftung für den Berliner Kinder Fond vor, und die Mitglieder waren damit einstimmig einverstanden.

Unsere nächste Versammlung findet am 10. Januar 1962 in der Turnhalle statt, und hoffen wir alle lieben Mitglieder begrüßen zu dürfen.

Eine frohe Weihnachten und ein Segnetes Neues Jahr wünschend.

Elfriede Schall.

A CORRECTION EACH MAN IN HIS PLACE

Our Verein is justly proud of the longevity of so many of its members both in point of age and length of membership and examples of this frequently been cited in these columns. The members in question also take a keen interest and satisfaction in their venerable standing in our roles which is quite understandable. In this connection we wish to make another correction.

In the October issue in the obituary on Paul E. Henig we naturally laid great stress on his age (94) and length of membership (74). We pointed out that he was the No. 2 man on our roster and that his passing Berthold Muecke had moved into second place. Our attention has been drawn to the fact that in writing this we were in error tho only by a narrow margin.

In point of fact the second place rightfully belongs to our dear old friend and most faithful member Robert A. Wimmer. The vital statistics are as follows:

Wimmer

Born October 12, 1874, Age 88
 Joined May 28th, 1892, Member for
 69 years 7 months

Muecke

Born March 28th, 1872, Age 89
 Joined August 6th, 1892, Member for
 69 years 4 months

We made this error inadvertently to our Centennial Journal instead of the membership register which was

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not available at the time this obituary was written. In the Journal the late Speaker Fleischman had prepared an excellent membership roster with year of entry and therein next to the year 1892 the names of Muecke and Wimmer appear in that order. We should have realized that within the year the members were arranged in alphabetically and not in the order of admission. There is no question that while Turner Muecke is the second oldest member in point of age Turner Wimmer precedes him by three months in continuous membership which is what

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counts in this ranking. The correct order of membership therefor is Aichele, Wimmer and Muecke. We regret any disappointment this unintentional error may have caused Turner Wimmer and it is not necessary to stress in what great affection and respect he is held by the membership in general and by this Editor in particular.

A WORD FROM OUR No. 1 MAN

This year the undisputed member No. 1, John Aichele (96 on January 4th - member for 77 years, actually more than 80 if his school membership were included) wrote to the annual dinner of the Forty-Fifty Club expressing regret that he was physically unable to attend because of the distance and enclosing a check for his annual contribution. At about the same time he wrote a letter to the Editor in his own, highly legible handwriting from which we quote:

In a recent edition of Bahn Frei! you make mention of my long years as a member of the New York Turn Verein. Dear Alfred - Thank you very much. With the names of August Braun and Charles Urz it brings back

"Zoegling" Memories

The sons of Veterans of the Civil War were recruited as Cadets, formed into 3 Companies under the able command of Herman Bennecke assisted by the instructors Born, Burckland and Falk. Discipline was strictly observed. I recall the names of the Betz boys.

John Steil, Phil Tousaint, Hartfield, Emil Schroeder, Wm. Rich, Phil Kampf and many more who served under their command.

The present day youth would never fit into the goings on of past years. I never regretted my youthfud days which I spent at the School of the New York Turn Verein under Heinrich Metzner, Oberlehrer, They show results:-

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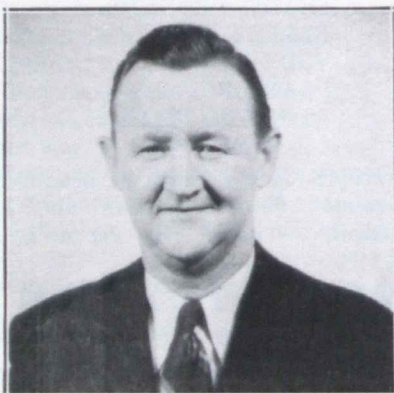
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Anniversaries of all sorts have become rather commonplace in our venerable society and we are hard pressed to cover them all in Bahn Frei! Today we wish to record one of more than usual interest and which we are sure strikes a warm sympathetic note in an unusually widespread number of persons going beyond the present membership and readers. This anniversary fell on the second week in September and was observed in November but could not be reported until this issue, due to other commitments, this event is named in our headline, namely the Silver Anniversary of Henry Schroeder as Instructor in Physical Culture of the New York Turn Verein.

The importance of the Gym Instructor (Turnlehrer) in the life of a society which observes the Turner principles and offers a full course of instruction in physical culture can hardly be overemphasized. In his hands are placed the care of the physical development of the children and it is perhaps not too much to say of their future health and well being. And there is nothing which our society does that is more vital than the training of the children and the maintenance of our school. We say this without in any way minimizing the importance at the other end of the life scale of our members of advanced years to whom we have paid tribute in almost every issue in one form or the other. It is nonetheless in the children that our greatest source of satisfaction is found not only from the angle of future adult membership (we are well aware that only a frac-

tion of them do finally become full members) but much more from the realization that we have done a useful social and educational work.

The Turnlehrer guides the children thru the various classes until they become Juniors when they enter upon a new phase of their gymnastic work and again he is indispensable at this stage. Then follows their entrance into the ranks of the Actives (if they have persisted to this point) and here champions are developed but in any event the crowning of all the preliminary work is accomplished at maturity. The years pass and the child of forty years ago is ready for the Matrons Class or Altersriege. The Turnlehrer is still essential although in somewhat reverse fashion he must now guide the members to conserve that which he has learned thru the years and to engage in that measure of physical exercise suitable to his years.

Now to be really successful and to be of maximum value to his society technical or professional skill and knowledge is not enough. The personality of the teacher and his patience, his friendly spirit, his kindness and his encouragement plays a more vital role here than even in academic teaching. These very qualities Henry Schroeder has displayed in his quarter of a century with us to a superlative degree.

The Turnlehrer, of course, does not confine his instruction to the Gym floor. Repeatedly he accompanies his classes and teams to a great variety of events in many different places ranging from routine competition in Turner or A.A.U.

meets to National Turnfests from an exhibition at a Sports Festival to a great patriotic parade up Fifth Avenue; in distance from a nearby hall to a thousand miles away. Here also he instructs, directs, coaches and encourages. It is, no doubt, in the line of duty but it knows no "30 hour week" nor is the long week end sacred to his own leisure.

Beyond the direct line of professional duty but essential for the benefit of the general morale of the Verein is his attendance at many functions directly or indirectly affecting the organization and its members ranging from the brightness of happy social affairs to the sadness of Turner funerals. In emergencies he should also be qualified to handle details of some work not at all connected with his teaching office, perhaps an urgent mailing that can not be delayed or handled that day by the regular Secretary. Who can question the faithfulness in all these manifold ways during a quarter of a century by our Henry?

Finally, if he is a conscientious Turner Teacher, he can not confine his interest exclusively to his own Turn Verein but dare not be indifferent or even ignore the Turner Movement as a whole. No more than, let us say, a Minister or Priest can confine his concern to his own parish to the exclusion of the denomination or church at large, can a good Turnlehrer refuse to be of service to sister societies, or to the Turner District or National Organization. How ably Turnlehrer Schroeder has done this is evidenced by the posts he had held and does hold of District Turnwart and of Chairman of

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the National Physical Education Committee of the American Turners and by the awarding to him of the Honor Key of the American Turners which was one of the outstanding features of our imposing 110th Anniversary Banquet in November of 1960.

SUITABLE RECOGNITION

Turner Schroeder has met everyone of the qualifications outlined above, and worked effectively for these 25 years in our midst. During 15 of these his understanding and sympathetic wife Gretchen has been at his side and has given him the necessary moral encouragement and support. In itself not too difficult for Gretchen since she has been a lifelong Turner, a member of the Brooklyn Turners and the daughter of the late Chris Wuest for many years our Turnlehrer, and in fact the predecessor of Henry. Turner Schroeder's professional career is longer than the 25 years we celebrate. His early training was in his native Germany, and his continued ability to converse fluently in German is of particular value to precisely our Verein with the not inconsiderable influx of new German immigrants coming to us in the last few years, particularly in the ranks of the Ladies Class. On arriving in America he first settled at Schenectady and did good work in that Turnverein where his brother and family are resident to this day and where Henry is still highly regarded by the officers and members of that strong Turn Verein. Then to the Normal College of our Turnerbund at Indianapolis and after graduating in 1934 became the instructor of the Brooklyn E. D. Turn Verein until he accepted the call to his present post.

At the dance which observed our 111th Anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 18th, this long record of service was properly recognized with appropriate words by First Speaker Horn. In the course of this short moving address he presented him on behalf of the society with a beautifully worked solid silver plate inscribed - "In recognition of 25 years of devoted service" and the dates. Sept. 1936 - 1961. Further an excellent tape recorder of the latest type. The entire

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audience joined in a tribute of applause and cheers to the anniversary child.

On the Wednesday night before the Altersriege celebrated the same in its own inimitable way at its regular Kneipe which may well have been designated as Henry Schroeder night. Nearly everyone was there, including some who for various reasons seldom appear, but made a special effort in this instance such as the venerable Dr. Macher, Life Member Henry Bloch, Al Biehl and our member Fred Meyer the well known instructor, member of the Olympic teams and the popular replacement as instructor in our Gym from 1942 to 1945 which marked the only interruption in Henry's work with us, a break brought about by his entry into the Army during the late world war. Henry was extolled in speeches of varying length but all of hearty sincerity delivered by Vorsitzender Privitzer, First Speaker Horn, Past Speakers First and Sammer (the latter in German) and the gymnastic experts Fred Meyer and A. Zink.

A commemorative scroll was presented by Turner Al Schmidt and quite a piece of work that was in accordance with the best traditions of the Altersriege with the poem by Turner Schmidt, himself, and the art work by Turner Knoll. Then came the solemn entry of the Honorary Award Committee of the Altersriege (a more recent tradition) with Turner Bienbert directing his aids who seemed to be pallbearers carrying a large box in the form of a coffin. On presentation, with proper humor, ceremonies and words, it developed that the casket contained a set of quality golf sticks, golf balls and other accessories for it seems, like many other famous men, that the jubilarian is developing an interest in golf. Turner Bloch read a beautiful poem which served as the frame work for a substantial check as a personal gift, a supper was served preceded even by a cocktail and so on, far into the night. The two occasions combined to make a worthy recognition of the anniversary, and a true appreciation of Henry's services.

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At one of the National Turnfests (perhaps Milwaukee) Gretchen Schroeder confided to us that she had been rather harassed as the long and lively days progressed by the endless excited queries of the teams, particularly of the Junior participants - "Where's Henry?" if for only a moment they had lost sight of their indispensable leader.

We would like to conclude this article by giving an answer to this question as tho it were asked us anew at this time and say that Henry is on the job as he has been for a quarter of a century doing his uttermost in the interest of the New York Turn Verein, its school, its members and of Turnerism in general. It is somewhat difficult to make a comparison with years of service with others in our long history because of some changes in setup for instance at one time different teachers were used for the school gymnastic classes than for the adults. The late Teacher Henry Metzner who served as Teacher or Principal of our school for over 50 years, was not the Vereins Turnlehrer for more than a few years. It seems fairly safe to write that Turner Schroeder has served us, as Physical Director for more than any other. It is certain, however, that none of those who went before have exceeded him in effectiveness or in the affectionate esteem in which he is held by all his pupils, past and present and by the membership at large. Bahn Frei! is happy and honored to be able to add its best wishes and hearty congratulations to Turner Schroeder.

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