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Festival growth draws discussion

Greater than any political message we are likely to hear in this campaign year is the speech given by President Reagan before the convention of National Religious Broadcasters on January 30.

His message was especially pleasing in pointing out that hope is being reborn across this land by a mighty spiritual revival. Referring to 1983 as the "Year of the Bible," he said Abraham Lincoln called the Bible "The best gift God has given man...but for it we could not know right from wrong."

"Like that image of George Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow at Valley Forge, Lincoln described a people who knew it was not enough to depend on their own courage and goodness. They must also look to God as their Father and Preserver. And their faith to walk with Him and trust His word brought them the blessings of comfort, power and peace they sought."

As an indication that more and more Americans believe that loving God in their hearts is the ultimate value, the president pointed out that 25 states and 500 cities issued Year of the Bible proclamations last year, also that an increasing number of people are reading the Good Book. He said the Book has all the answers to all the problems that face us today — if only we'd read and believe.

He continued that God's most blessed gift to his human family is the gift of life. He sent us the Prince of Peace as a babe in a manger. I've said that we must be cautious in claiming God is on our side. I think the real question we must answer is, are we on God's side?

Needless to say, that issue dwarfs all of the others in this county, and, it can be added, all the others in the world. For instance, politicians of US and USSR are fretting since Andropov's death about the need of easing tension in the two countries, and the best way to achieve it. Obviously, there would be no problem if both sides were more concerned with God's way than their own advantage.

Regarding American private lives, his priority subject was abortion. He said "this nation cannot continue turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to the taking of some 4,000 children's lives every day — one every 21 seconds. We cannot pretend America is preserving her first and highest ideal — the belief that each life is sacred — when we have permitted the death of 15 million helpless innocents since the Roe v. Wade decision...We are all infinitely poorer for their loss."

He added another grim truth we should face up to. Medical doctors confirm that when the lives of the unborn are snuffed out, they often feel pain — pain that is long and agonizing.

Raising gate fees at the annual Germanfest in April, with additional proceeds going to a future salaried festival manager, were discussed by Muenster Chamber of Commerce members during their weekly luncheon here Tuesday.

Several chamber members voiced concern that Germanfest had grown too big for a strictly volunteer effort, and that professional management was needed. They proposed a salaried position derived from the increased fees.

The suggested increase was from one dollar to two dollars at the gate. "Almost anyone in town can get a free pass to Germanfest if they want it," one chamber member said, "so any increase won't be hurting local residents."

Members also discussed a reduced rate weekend pass to help dismiss any resentment of a gate increase among locals.

One member pointed out that "everybody in town — from tent stake drivers on up — are making money off of Germanfest; everybody that is, except a handful of volunteers and we're working them to death."

Additional funds derived from this year's gate increase would be earmarked for a professional management plan for 1985.

No mention of an exact salary figure was mentioned, nor of a particular job description. Based on last year's proceeds from Germanfest, a one dollar increase at the gate would give the chamber some \$20,000 for salaries and expenses should the plan be adopted.

Members voted to strongly consider such an action and to review as many possibilities as available before the next meeting.

Also on the Chamber program was Juanita Bright, who presented a sound-slide presentation on the upcoming Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986.

Mrs. Bright urged the chamber to begin considering ways to coordinate Muenster activities with those of the state's 150th birthday.

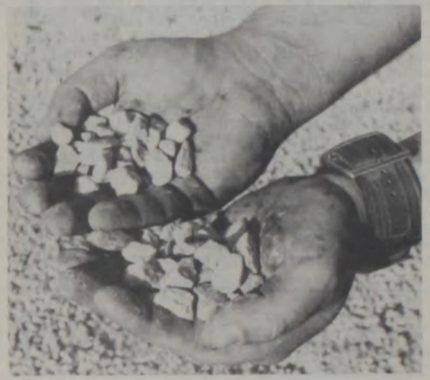
She said several projects concerning the sesquicentennial were ongoing or in the planning stage throughout North Texas, and asked for more community involvement from the Muenster area.



Muenster crews Tuesday afternoon were busy resurfacing some 660 feet of Second Street here, taking advantage of several paving projects planned within the city limits. Some down home ingenuity was displayed by the gravel spreader, a homemade engineering feat that was obviously working just fine.

A workman on the Second Street resurfacing project Tuesday compares different types of gravel the crew feels will make a big difference in the durability of the new surface. Gravel in the top hand was taken from the old surface. Workmen said it was a soft, chalky stone that didn't age well after use. The stone in the bottom hand, used on the new surface, has a higher quartz content and should provide exceptional durability, the men said.

Enterprise photos by David Fette



Freeman seeks post

Bill Freeman, Justice of the Peace Precinct one, Place One, has announced his candidacy for re-election to the office for another term. Bill has served as Justice of the Peace in precinct one for the past five years.

Bill and his wife Mary Sue reside in Gainesville with their four children, Marsha age 15, Billy age 14, Starla age 9, and Julie almost 7.

Bill's qualifications for the office of Justice of the Peace have continued to increase as does his experience. Presently they include a degree in criminal justice, completion of six Certification Schools by the Justice of the Peace Training Center, Southwest Texas State University, graduate of the Texoma Regional Police Academy of which he has since become an instructor, five years experience as Justice of the Peace, past Gainesville and Cooke County Law Enforcement experience, six years military experience in USAR with an honorable discharge.



Combined in Bill's degrees and training schools he has extensive training in criminal and civil judicial procedure.

If reelected as Justice of the Peace Precinct one Place one, Bill states he will continue to serve the citizens of Precinct one and all the citizens of Cooke County as diligently as he has in the past five years.

Oklahoma men charged in truck theft

Cooke County law officers will attempt to extradite three Carter County, Oklahoma, men to face charges stemming from the January theft of a truck here.

County warrants have been issued for the arrest of Wayne Connel, James Collu, and Lee Erwin, recently taken into custody near Ardmore, Oklahoma and arraigned in Carter County district court there on charges of possession of stolen goods and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony.

The arrest came following a joint investigation by the Carter County Sheriff's Department, Cooke County Sheriff's Dept. and Oklahoma's Bureau of Investigation.

The men allegedly took a truck, an "18 wheeler" valued at some \$50,000 and owned by Bob Lee, of Muenster, from the Fin-

station here sometime during the early morning of January 15.

Officials in Oklahoma last week released the stolen truck and trailer to Lee.

Damage to the truck included torn upholstery and the theft of two C.B. radios, a "fuzzbuster" device, stereo and speakers, a pistol, and a television.

Muenster Police Chief Helen Tompkins told the Enterprise that in light of similar incidents being investigated in the area, law officers here will be checking truck traffic closely.

"Truckers drive in and out of here all hours of the night," Tompkins said. "From now on, unless we can identify the driver, we'll be checking each rig closely after midnight."

Tompkins urged truckers to leave their vehicles parked in well lighted areas, and called upon area residents to be especially observant of

anything they consider suspicious.

"If you see anything that looks out of the ordinary — vehicles, individuals or whatever — call the police department here immediately," the police chief said. "Also, if the individual can get a license tag number on a vehicle, it can be a tremendous aid should an investigation result."

Tompkins said auto and truck theft, totaling many hundreds annually in nearby metropolitan areas, is spreading into nearby rural communities.

"We've also had a rash of tire thefts in the area, and merchants need to use extra caution in securing merchandise. "We're also facing an increase in daylight home burglaries in rural areas," she added.

"Burglars learn the habits of rural homeowners, noting when family members are usually absent. They can then rob the home, often-times going unnoticed by passersby. We need the help of observant neighbors to prevent this from happening in our community," the police chief said.

MAAM group wants justice

Woman fights for abused children

A quick first impression of Stephanie Boucher might be that of an intelligent and hard-driving young woman who, instead of being put out to pasture by moving into the quiet environs of Forestburg, Texas, simply found new fences to jump.

Boucher, 29, came to Forestburg from Corpus Christi some three years ago. She had a business background in banking there, and was active in

politics. Yet she was content in Forestburg, suppressing her energies and simply sharing the rural Texas good life with her husband and two children.

Then came the murder trial.

Stephanie's husband, Jerry, an area law enforcement officer, came home one evening following sentencing in a trial of a mother accused of murdering her young stepson.

Boucher said her husband told her the facts of the case, then as gently as possible explained the verdict.

Stephanie Boucher exploded.

"The sentence was a slap in the face of justice. I just couldn't imagine how it could happen, how we could have those kinds of laws. I thought of children all across this state, their innocence, their helplessness. Those thoughts just

wouldn't leave me alone," she said.

For six weeks Stephanie Boucher attempted to block out all thoughts of the murder of the little boy. But the older energy was welling up again, the need to be working for something she believed in.

"I wanted to block it out, I wanted it all to go away," she said. "But it simply wouldn't."

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Stephanie Boucher

Phasing Out

Another item in the Enterprise this week reveals that R.N. Fette is vacating the position of editor to make room for a successor, Gary Lantz.

The change is heartily welcomed by R.N. Fette. After more than 47 years on the job, including some on a part time schedule, he is pleased to move closer toward retirement.

However, knowing that it would be difficult to leave, he has decided only to be less interested in duty and more interested in just being there occasionally when inclined to be useful...

Good News

Philippians 3: 12-14

It is not that I have reached it yet, or have already finished my course; but I am racing to grasp the prize if possible, since I have been grasped by Christ (Jesus). Brothers, I do not think of myself as having reached the finish line. I give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead. My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize to which God calls me — life on high in Christ Jesus.

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Still like spring

The past week has been like spring with low temperatures reaching as high as the fifties and the highs being mostly in the seventies. In addition a bit of hail came with the calm weather. Ranging from marble to golf ball size, it limited rainfall melted down to .41 inches. Moisture for the month now is .94 inches and for the year to date is 1.89 inches.

Low and high readings of the week were recorded as follows by Steve Moster.

Feb. 952 in. rain plus - 38 and 69
Feb. 1001 in. rain plus - 40 and 76
Feb. 11 - 56 and 76
Feb. 1241 in. hail plus - 39 and 64
Feb. 13 36 and 70
Feb. 14 40 and 77
Feb. 15 54 and 74

News writer comes to paper "Texas-sized" birthday plans considered by commissioners

Publisher David Fette announced this week the Muenster Enterprise has enlarged its publishing capacity with the addition of a new editor.

Gary Lantz, 36, formerly of Wichita, Kansas, will serve the paper as editor, writer and photographer, Fette said. Lantz served the Wichita Magazine and Fin and Feather Magazines as columnist and contributing correspondent before coming to Muenster.

Previous to that he worked as a feature writer for the Ruidoso, New Mexico, News and as a stringer for the Associated Press El Paso, Texas, Bureau.

Lantz, has worked as a free lance magazine writer and photographer in Arkansas and New Mexico. His background also includes newspaper and magazine work in Oklahoma.

"Lantz will coordinate local news stories, features and photography" Fette

said. "We feel he can help us generate more local coverage, and help the Enterprise continue its present growth."

Fette said Lantz hopes to hear from all community and Cooke County residents with story ideas, photo possibilities, opinions, suggestions or complaints.

"We will take everyone's viewpoint into consideration," Fette said. He added Lantz can be reached at the Enterprise office, 759-4311.

At a meeting of the Commissioners' Court Monday, County Judge Jim Robertson appointed as chairman of the Cooke County Sesquicentennial Committee Mr. Edwin Alexander, Chairman of the Board of the Gainesville National Bank.

This committee, together with similar committees throughout the state, will help celebrate Texas' 150th birthday in 1986. The Texas Sesquicentennial Commission, created by the Texas 66th Legislature, functions "to coordinate celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence as a republic and progress as a state."

The Texas Centennial of 1936 proved a huge success and gave a sizable push to the Texas travel industry and the interest in history of the state. The 1986 Sesquicentennial promises to result in comparable permanent benefits to Texas and Texans.

Others appointed to the Cooke County steering committee include G.C. Ellis, R.A. Davis, Jr., Louis Stephenson, Mrs. Monica Hess, Dr. Dick Powell, Mrs. Nadine Pitzinger, R.L. Hurley, Joe Ward, Joe Stout, and Mesdames Lambert Bezner, Dale B. Bezner, David Clifton, Jerry Tucker, Parker Yarbrough, Dale Klement and Duane H.

Platt. Persons asked to serve on the committee in an ex officio capacity include Mike Murphy, Mrs. Bill R. Reed, and Margaret Hays. Persons to represent County precinct No. 1, The Muenster Chamber of Commerce, and the Cooke County Fair Association will be named in the near future, as will be advisors to the County Sesquicentennial Committee.

This County Committee will meet soon to begin formulating plans for the County's 1986 celebrations, including sending invitations to all communities, clubs, schools and other groups throughout the County to start establishing committees and planning their own celebrations of Texas' 150th anniversary.

The County Steering Committee, with the help of these support committees throughout the area, will develop a master plan for the 1986 celebrations. This master plan, under the Texas Sesquicentennial guidelines, is to be based on the following general criteria: (a) Projects should be developed that celebrate the county's past, present and future; (b) projects should be chosen that insure participation by all segments of the community, and by a large proportion of its citizenry; (c) projects should be chosen which celebrate the uniqueness and diversity of the community, whether ethnic, cultural, social, or economic; and (d) one or more projects should result in permanent good for the community — a tangible and lasting reminder of the Texas Sesquicentennial of 1986.

When the county's master plan is completed, approved by the County Commissioners' Court, and "sanctioned" by the Sesquicentennial Commission in Austin, Cooke County will then be known as a Texas Independence

County. Its planned events may then be listed on the official state Sesquicentennial calendar which will be distributed nationwide and even abroad. For local events to be included on this calendar, however, the planning process must be completed by fall 1984.

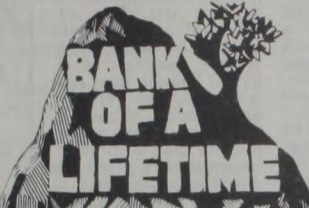
At the state level the Sesquicentennial Commission works in official cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Tourist Development Agency, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Texas State Historical Association, the State Fair of Texas, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, the Texas Film Commission, the Institute of Texas Culture, the East Texas Historical Association, and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, as well as many other statewide organizations.

Under the guidelines of the state Sesquicentennial Commission a county, a city or a privately organized group may be sanctioned as a Sesquicentennial entity. One such private group which has been sanctioned is the Texas Wagon Train Association, whose headquarters are in Sulphur Springs, Texas. This group plans a 2800 mile journey through Texas by wagon train, with the theme "Circle Texas for the Past and Future." They expect a total of 1,000 wagons and 20,000 people to participate as the train circles the state. Originating in Sulphur Springs, the train will start traveling on January 2, 1986 and will circle in a south-westerly direction to Austin, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso. It will then journey north to Midland, Odessa, Amarillo, Abilene, Wichita Falls, and will terminate in Fort Worth on July 3, 1986. Its schedule provides for stops in Muenster on June 21, 1986 and in Gainesville on June 22 and 23, 1986.

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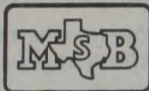


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Karen Koch receives degree at Benedictine

Karen Koch graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas in December. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in business administration. Karen is a graduate of Sacred Heart and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King A. Koch. Benedictine of Atchison is the largest four-year, Catholic, liberal arts college in Kansas.

County college cuts sports program here

Cooke County College has discontinued its athletic program effective at the beginning of the 1984-85 scholastic year. The decision was made unanimously at a meeting of the board of trustees Monday night.

Financial problems were named as reasons to give up the program, which includes basketball and tennis. In addition to the present funding policy of the state, as well as anticipated changes by the state, there is the matter of dwindling school funds for the program.

Dr. Laird explained that the school cannot use tax funds, and the present sources from sales in the bookstore, cafeteria and

dormitories are not generating enough fees to support the program.

It was agreed, however that all students on athletic scholarship will continue to have their tuition aid for the remainder of their terms, provided they continue to meet academic requirements.

Regarding the coaching staff, there will be no change. Dr. Laird, president pointed out that CCC is required to give notice by January 20 if a contract is to be terminated. Since that deadline has passed the contracts remain in effect. Coaches will continue to work in physical education areas.

Kyle Waggoner, 56 dies at Odessa

Final service for Kyle Waggoner, 56, of Odessa was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Odessa and graveside service was held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Saint Jo cemetery. He died Monday morning at the Odessa Medical Center.

He was a native of Era, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Waggoner, and was a former resident of Muenster and Saint Jo. A former employee of Rexene Co. in Odessa, he was retired about

six months ago. Survivors are his wife, Sue; two sons Kirk and Kevin; and a daughter Becky Wilson, all of Odessa; five grandchildren; four brothers, Seymour of Longview, Venson of Sanger, Vernon of Boyd, and John of Granbury; five sisters, Olive Rowe and Roxy Schoppaul of Denton, Reba Beall of Boyd, Billie Morrow of Austin and Joyce Bledsoe of Gainesville.

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The engagement and approaching marriage of Robbie Lynn Ready and Jeffery Lynn McComas have been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ready of Chandler, Oklahoma. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert McComas also of Chandler. The future groom is also the grandson of Ouida Beavers and Casey Jones both of Forestburg and the great-nephew of Mrs. Audley Martin of Bowie. The couple plans to be married on March 2 in First United Methodist Church in Chandler. Both are 1983 graduates of Chandler High School. The bride-elect is employed at The First National Bank of Chandler. The future groom is employed at Daleo, Inc. of Meeker, Okla.

Grandparents entertain; parents play in snow

Krista and Leslie Cooley, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Cooley of Irving are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Schoech while their parents are on a skiing trip in Colorado. They will also visit the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cooley of Walnut Bend.

Last week Thursday the Schoechs were in Irving to attend Leslie's first birthday party. Uncles, aunts and cousins were other guests. There was a decorated cake with one candle.

On Friday the two children accompanied the Schoechs to Muenster.

With the Cooleys, enjoying the snow are Glen and Barbara Schoech of Irving. Their daughter, Jennifer is visiting her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cullum.

Phone 759-4311 to report news items, or send notes to Box 190, Muenster.

Garden Clubbers here hear a tale of a quail

The Story of Robert, the Quail, by Margaret Stanger was a delightful book review presented for members of the Muenster Garden Club Monday evening by Mrs. Joyce Billingsley of Lake Kiowa. The true story recounted the several years experiences of a family on Cape Cod after they befriended a newly hatched quail.

Daryl Ferber was hostess in the Cooke County Electric Co-op meeting room.

In a brief informal business meeting that followed, Marcy Wilde, president, led a discussion of

plans for the club's participation at Germanfest.

Holly Koch and Loretta Felderhoff told about acquiring a new piece of equipment for the little children's Mini-Park. Daryl Ferber accepted chairmanship of the club's Yard of the Month project.

Following a report by the nominating committee, members voted to accept by acclamation this list of officers: Dolores Miller, president; Alice Roark, 1st vice president and programs; Angela Antonetti, 2nd vice president and yearbook; Marcy Wilde 3rd

vice president and membership; Merle Brock, secretary; Eileen Luke, treasurer; Marie Endres, parliamentarian.

Members paused after the book review to enjoy refreshments of a strawberry dessert and hot and cold drinks. Decor followed a Valentine theme. Eleven members and one guest, Brenda Lantz of Muenster and two guests from Lake Kiowa attended.

Maxine Sparkman will be hostess in March and Sue Endres will present a program on Water Conservation.

Lindsay hosts Franciscan monk

Secular Franciscans of Muenster and Lindsay parishes will host the annual visitation of a representative of the provincial office in Chicago. This was learned at the local group's meeting Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Leo Henscheid, prefect told members that she and Mrs. Tony Hermes, Lindsay prefect have received confirmation that Franciscan Father Thomas Gardner will meet with Lay Franciscans on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at St. Peter's Parish, Lindsay.

The day will begin with mass at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish meal at noon and a conference directed by Father Gardner. The trip to Texas will be his first. He will be in Muenster on Wednesday to meet with the local

fraternity's council.

At the Sunday meeting members heard a letter from one of the two families the fraternity has adopted in India. Mrs. Henscheid read the inspiration: "What Shall

I Leave My Children?"

Mrs. J.W. Fisher read an article on the value of the prayer "Hail Mary."

The meeting was preceded by the fraternity's prayer service in Sacred Heart Church. Eleven members were present.

Driver retraining offered for mature drivers here

An innovative, classroom driver retraining program, 55 Alive-Mature Driving, designed specifically to help older drivers improve their driving skills, will be offered here.

Mrs. Alice Hellman announced this week that she will teach the classes on Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The location is the Cooke County Electric Co-op Building. She said also that classes will end early enough to permit attendance at the S.N.A.P.

noon meal, by those who wish.

The program is sponsored by the Cooke County Chapter 1049 of the American Association of Retired Persons. Persons 55 years of age or older are eligible to participate.

The course fee is \$7.00. Upon completion of the course, persons qualify for a 10 percent savings on Auto Insurance Premiums per year for three years. For more information call Alice Hellman, 759-4966.

Schedule of meetings

VFW Auxiliary The regular VFW Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for the third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. (Feb. 20).

Immunization Clinic set at Sacred Heart

The Texas Department of Health announces a free immunization clinic to be held in Sacred Heart Community Center Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will provide immunization against Diphtheria - tetanus - pertussis (DTP), Polio, Rubella (red measles) and Rubeola (German measles) for children 2 months through 18 years.

Immunizations are incomplete if a child has not received three (3) doses of DTP and Polio vaccine with at least one dose administered past the fourth birthday. All children under 18 years must have an informed consent form read and signed by the parent or legal guardian. If possible, the parent should accompany the child to the clinic. Immunization records should accompany the child to the clinic and be examined by the Public Health Nurse who will answer any questions. The following children would have immunizations deferred:

- (1) Those acutely ill and with fever;
- (2) Those taking antibiotic treatment for an acute illness; and

(3) Those who have completed antibiotic treatment for an acute illness, but have not been pronounced well by their physician.



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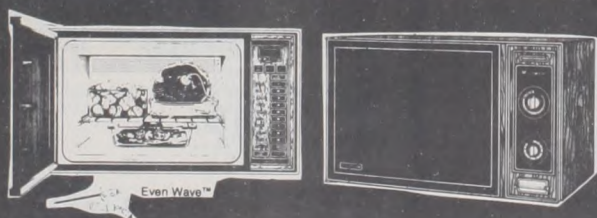
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After a few moments of olfactory bliss, you begin to make the connection between the "Fischerhaus" sign swinging from a limb of a big hackberry tree and the alluring scents wafting from inside. Fischerhaus is food. German food. The real thing. German food straight from the unwritten memories of Helmut Hanns, master German sausage maker, memories only 1 1/2 years removed from where they originated.

The idea for a German restaurant in Muenster came when the Fisher's of Fischer's Meat Market, 304 N. Main, began noticing comments coming from their customers.

Fischer's Meat Market sells traditional German food, and customers often voiced a wish for a "good" German restaurant nearby.

The Fishers — Louise, Johnny, Butch and Eileen — considered ways to market their products in a "cook and serve" fashion for several years. Then arrival of Hanns from Germany provided the catalyst that would soon bring Fischerhaus to the corner of 233 N. Oak.

"When Helmut Hanns came to work at the store, he had all these great recipes in his head," related Eileen Fisher.

"We had bought the house about five years ago, and planned to tear it down and use the space for parking. But I guess we saved it because deep down inside, we thought we might eventually do something like Fischerhaus," she said.

The house was originally John Gehrig's Tack and Hardware at the turn of the century. Gehrig owned the house and the block facing Main Street.

Originally, the tack and hardware store faced Oak Street. When Oak Street failed to develop as Gehrig anticipated, he simply turned the entrance of his business around to face Main.

"The house eventually got too small, so Gehrig turned the entrance back around to face Oak and in 1914 added living quarters to the Main street side," Eileen Fisher said.

She said he lived there with his wife, son, and five daughters, eventually moving the hardware store to the present site of Gina's School of Dance here.

The old Gehrig place saw a variety of tenants as rental property until it was purchased by the Fishers. The arrival of Hanns with all those recipes in his head saved it from the bulldozer.

After decision to open a German restaurant, the Fishers cleaned and painted the structure throughout the summer of 1983, then called in a carpenter in October to make minor structural changes.

The house retained the original window panes — with the "shimmer" still in, according to Eileen — and all of the original hardwood floors except one.

"One floor was too rotten to save. We had to replace it, but the new one has some history of its own," Mrs. Fisher said. "We put down a 'new' floor taken from the old Muenster cheese plant."

Fischerhaus dates itself by its lack of closets and the unique shed on the Main Street side.

"This place was definitely designed for wardrobes," Eileen said. "And, the old

shed back there was originally the summer kitchen."

Even the soup stove currently used in the restaurant is an oldie. Hanns prepares each day's German dishes in the store across the street, then brings it over to the steam tables at Fischerhaus. But the soup is stirred up on the old stove on the spot.

Fischerhaus, open since December, serves a different lunch special during the six days a week the restaurant is open. Menu items include Rouladen (eye of round, sliced thin, seasoned, layered with ham, slice of pickle, rolled and cooked in wine gravy sauce), Fricadellen (German hamburger steak), bratwurst, sausage plates, the traditional soups, and desserts like Amaretto cake, black forest cake, and German cheese cake.


Restaurant hours are presently 10 a.m. to four p.m., although plans include the possibility of opening for evening trade soon. Seating capacity is thirty-two.

Fischerhaus also offers "country style" crafts and special gifts imported from Germany, including nutcrackers, hand-carved nutcrackers, scherenschnitte (scissors cuttings) and theorem painting (stenciling on velvet), a craft developing in New England during the 1830's.

"Business is really growing," enthuses Eileen Fisher. But then, how can people resist? All Fischerhaus has to do is lure them somewhere near a certain corner on Oak Street. The aroma does the rest.



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








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