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Mark your calendar and send in reservations now for yourself and friends for this exciting and educational event. It will be held on Saturday October 11, 1986 at The Dover First United Methodist Church, located at 1725 North Wooster Ave.

Our program Chairman Ernest Thode has arranged for three interesting and knowledgeable speakers and an opportunity to visit popular Ohio Historical villages of Zoar and Schoenbrunn which are nearby. This is Moravian country and you may have an interest in the three Moravian churches which are still in existence. On the way to Dover, if you are coming from the North, you may decide to visit the Amish Heritage Village located down Rte 39 after coming through Berlin, and may also feel like stopping at Sugar Creek, also on Rte 39, to purchase a supply of famous Swiss Cheese.

Speaker John W. Heisey, from York, PA is a native of Dillsburg Pennsylvania and holds an M. A. degree in American Studies from Penn State University. His undergraduate degree was gained at the University of Maryland. Mr. Heisey is a retired Warrant Officer of The United States Army, was formerly Director of Library and Research at the Historical Society of York County Pennsylvania. He is a Professional Genealogist, Author, Lecturer, (National Palatines and State Palatine Chapters are among his appearances) Teacher of Genealogy, Columnist for the *Tri-State Trader* and for *The Mennonite Family History*. Among the books he authored is *A checklist of American Coverlet Weavers*, Genealogy Instructor at numerous schools and institutions in Pennsylvania, Maryland



and other areas. He is a Genealogical Consultant.

In the morning he will present a slide illustrated talk entitled **They Came From Europe**. He will discuss the life and times of our ancestors in Germany and Switzerland in the 18th century and earlier, interspersed with extracts of accounts of people who made the journey to America in those days.

His afternoon presentation will be an informal talk on the researching of German and Swiss ancestors in the American areas in the 17th century. He is calling this **The German Connection**.

The second morning speaker will be Rev. Albert H. Frank, Pastor for The First Moravian Church in Dover. His topic will be **History of the Moravian Church**. He is a graduate of Moravian College, The Moravian Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), The Drew Theological Seminary ((Doctor of Ministry) and did graduate work at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Dr Frank did mission service on Tobago in The West Indies, and has served pastorates at Philadelphia and Dover. Mr. Frank is a member of the Dover Historical Society. He and his wife Judith (Knauss, another good Deutchy family name) have four children..

The second afternoon speaker is to be Dr. Thomas Hauptert Phd., Moravian Archivist from Winston-Salem North Carolina. His undergraduate degree was gained at Moravian College in Bethlehem Pennsylvania. His Masters is from Yale and the Phd is from University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He, too, has served in the West Indies, at Kingston, Jamaica. He was a staff photographer at Bethlehem for The Globe Times and while at New Haven Dr. Hauptert sold stereo components. Mr Hauptert served assistant pastorates for a Congregational church and a Baptist church at Banford Conn.. He, Hauptert, will tell us about **"Genealogical Research on Moravian Church Members"**.

AN UNUSUAL GERMAN SURNAME

A list of purchasers of a German Bible in Ohio in 1819 was published in issues of this newsletter about a year ago. Among the surnames was an odd and unusual one: Moscherosch. Its origin is not German and is fascinating.

In 1520, a Spaniard named Ruiz went from Aragon to the Spanish Netherlands. He was of good family and possibly a diplomat; the name is next attested in Strasbourg, Alsace, where he was known as "Monsieur Ruiz," French being the language of diplomacy.

To understand what happened next to the name, it must be given a French pronunciation in the usual abbreviated form. "M'sieur Ruiz." The French S and Z had a sound that cannot be spelled in English; it is closest to the G in "rouge," and is here approximated by the letters ZH: "Muhzhur Ruzh." These sounds cannot be spelled in German, either: "M'sieur Ruiz was run together and given a German spelling closest to the sound; the result was Moscherosch. The name, so spelled, is found in the earliest records (1666) of the Reformed Church in Bischweiler, Alsace.

(Taken from The Origins, Development, & Meanings of German Names, by Arta F. Johnson. The book is available from the author (\$6.80 postpaid) 153 Aldrich Rd. Columbus, OH 43214.)

OHIO CHAPTER MEMBERS PROMINENT AT NATIONAL MEETING

Reports are that the National meeting at Morgantown WV was marked by the participation of Ohio members. Past President Martha Agler gave an invocation and V.P. George Munsch was prominent in the Master-of- Ceremonies role. LaRouz Mentz, is National Registrar and Terry Golden is Editor of The Palatine Immigrant. All four were reelected and Mrs. Agler took an additional post, viz, Archivist/Historian. Ohio's chapter Vice-president, Ted Cunningham gave our chapter's report to the National Board of Trustees

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QUICKEST ROOTS

If you want your family history traced
And aren't worried about protection
I would say that the fastest way
Is to run for an election

Alison Wryley Birch, in The Wall Street Journal



OHIO CHAPTER OFFICERS



Left to right are :- Florence Beck, "Bill" Simons, Eleanor Brucken, Clara Harsh, Rudy Heath, Dorothy Limbach and Paul Smith. Missing, Ted Cunningham.

Photo by Paul M. Smith



"Die Elwedritsche"

SNIFE HUNTING IN THE PALATINATE

The *Elwedritsche* is a rare bird indeed, and is seldom seen. Known as "Species Utopico-Bestalis Palatinensis" it has 24 variations of spelling. This mythical bird may have up to six legs, web feet, a long pointed beak and prominent eyes. Tourists to the Palatinate will seldom have the opportunity to see this rare bird unless they travel to Neustadt. There, in the pedestrian zone, is a large circular fountain commemorating this national treasure where these birds cavort day and night. Known as the Klemmhof Fountain ... dozens of these delightful birds play in the water. The bird is nocturnal and is hunted at night. The hunter hides with a sack and a lantern waiting for others to drive the birds to him. Folklore enthusiasts will recognize this as a Palatine version of the "great American 'Snipe' hunt".

(contributed by President Bill Simons)

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**HEIMATSTELLE PFALZ *Runored to be
renamed* INSTITUT FUR PFALZISCHE
GESCHICHTE UND VOLKSKUNDE**

Our good friend of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Leo Wastler has passed along word that the Heimatstelle Pfalz, the 50 year old institution which has been compiling information on the emigration from the Palatinate since the 16th Century to the present day, has chosen its anniversary celebration to announce a possible change in its name. The new name may become **Institut fur pfalzische Geschichte und Volkskunde**. We are told this translates to "The Research Center for Palatine History and Folklife Studies" Your Editor, for brevity will herein refer to it as the **I P G V**

According to an article in "Sudwestdeusch Zeitung" on May 15 1986, the idea of establishing a research center to systematically record Palatine emigration histories had already emerged about 1900. But it wasn't until June 1936 that the present day Heimatstelle Pfalz was started. At first it was called the "Saar-Palatine Center-Fellow Countrymen at home and abroad"

Pioneers included Professor Ernst Christmann and Dr. Daniel Haberle. The latter published, in 1909, an essay entitled "Auswanderungen und Koloniegrundungen der Pfalzer in 18 Jahrhundert" (Emigration and Underlying Principles of Palatine Colonization in the 16th Century) which remains a classic even today.

After 1953 the Heimatstelle Pfalz (Palatine Local History Research Center) recorded emigrations from the Palatinate to 85 countries on all continents. And today.....at Kaiserslautern, there is a collection which records the emigration histories, including approximately 750,000 emigration information from the 16th Century to the present day.. According to Mayor Dr. Werner Ludwig of Ludwigshafen, the institut I P G V is a unique research center and only in Sweden does something similar to it exist The present Director, Dr. Karl Scherer, who took over in 1970, has set down the objectives as follows, "From The Palatinate - for the Palatinate" He further states that *the objectives include* The history of Palatinate emigration , a part of our social history andfurther includes geography and folklife studies. The Sudwestdeusch Zietung goes on to say "if the message of "Entwicklung in die Pfalz

hinein", translated (Development within the Palatinate)"is taken seriously, then a widely diverse list of areas which need attention would be considered for future work *such as* assistance with the work on regional chronicles, support of local researchers and genealogists, aid for students of history and folklife studies, and aid for doctoral candidates, *also* collaboration on research projects such as festivals and festival customs in the Palatinate. (It is possible there will be) a "Handbuch fur Volkskunde" (Handbook of Palatine Folklife Studies) collaboration on big, regional academic projects such as the "PfalzAtlas" (Palatine Atlas), "Atlas uber den dreissigjahrigen Krieg" (Atlas of the Thirty Year's War), "Die Geschichte des Kriegsendes 1945 in de Pfalz" (The History of the War's End in 1945 in the Palatinate) and "Die Geschichte des Kriegsendes 1945 in der Saar" (History of the War's End in 1945 on the Saar River). A three volume "Pfalzische Landeskunde" (Palatinate Local Geography and Topography) is being planned

The Zietung reports that the **I P G V** will be working with a committee for Palatine-Rhenish Genealogy in scheduling the German Genealogical Conference in Kaiserslautern in 1987.

Mayor Dr. Ludwig is reported to have said that he is certain the Palatine District Association will also do every thing possible to insure the work of **I P G V** will be made secure with regard to finances, materials, and personnel.

The address of the Institute is.....Benzenoring 6, Postfach 2850, 6750, West Germany.

The members of The Ohio Chapter who attended the 1985 Palatine National meeting here at Columbus, will recall that Dr. Scherer's associate, Dr. Roland Paul came here to address the conference. Some copies of the books he brought along are still available through Mrs Hutchinson's Book Sales Committee

WESTERN RESERVE TO MEET

Western Reserve Historical has scheduled a seminar on German Genealogy for Sat. Nov. 8th. Milton Rubincam from Washington D. C. who spoke to our chapter a few years ago, will speak. For information write to The Genealogical Committee, Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd. Cleveland OH, 44106

INDIANA CHAPTER FALL WORKSHOP

Vicki Scott, who writes the Genealogy column for the Indianapolis Star is to be the speaker. It is slated for September 20th at Laughner's Cafeteria on West 38th St. For details contact Norma Connell, 735 Chapel Hill West, Indianapolis IN 46224

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Dorothy Anne Limbach- SECRETARY

Dorothy Anne (Dotty) Limbach was born at Dayton Ohio during 1938 and excepting for a short period in Georgia has resided and again now resides at Fairborn Ohio. Fairborn is about 12 miles from Dayton, adjacent to The Wright-Patterson Airforce Base.

She says she was bitten by the genealogy bug 23 years ago while on a trip to Woodstock Virginia with a friend who was "doing" her genealogy. She has, since that time, been involved in searching her family. She enjoys working on other families almost as she does working on her own. Dorothy teaches genealogy classes in local adult education programs, does translations of genealogical materials from German, French, Dutch and Latin, and she'd welcome inquiries for rates if any member is interested.

For herself she has traced her paternal mother's family back to ca. 1685. It was a thrilling achievement as we all can imagine.

Her genealogy tracing fits in with her love for travel, both at home and abroad, likes to read especially Sci-Fi, hiking, knitting, doing counted crossstitching, and collecting crazy tombstone photos, rubbings and inscriptions. She'd be grateful to learn where there are any strange or unusual tombstones or inscriptions.

Miss Limbach's bread and butter come from employment with *Manpower Temporary Services* as a Secretary and Receptionist. She fills her other spare time house-sitting for "critters". Our Secretary is presently working on the *1880 Census Index Committee* for The Ohio Genealogical Society.

Secretary Limbach attended the Palatines To America Annual Meeting at Morgantown WV last June. She reports it was fun, the weather was ideal and the location was great. Her opinion was affirmed by several of about forty others from Ohio.

HUNTING ELUSIVE ANCESTORS IN INDIANA, MICHIGAN OR ILLINOIS ?

The South Bend Tribune with a circulation of 125,000, offers a free service in its Michiana Roots column. Send your query, limited to 25 words plus names and sender's name and address to that newspaper, 225 W. Colfax Ave. South Bend IN 46626

LIBRARY NEWS

we acknowledge the receipt of more books for the shelves. Chairman Phil Beltz thanks the donors for their generosity.

Snively-Snavely, Donor & Author **Elizabeth Fessenden Washburn** Lantz/Lentz Emigrants. from the files of Die Heimatstelle Pfalz. Donor **Bernard Goelzer**. Cemetery Records for the Lycoming County Pa. Family Book. Donor **Richard Mix** Gottwald Family Files. Donor **A.P. Gottwald** Pennsylvania Genealogical Findings, Burks and Lehigh Counties. Donor, **Warren Ziegler**. The Palatines of New York State, compiled by and donated by **The Palatine Society of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of New York and New England** Pennsylvania German Tombstone Inscriptions Vol.1, donor, **Carole Paprocki** Will Abstracts of Northampton County PA. donor **Carole Paprocki**. The Tuttle Family. Donor, **Jonathan Edward** Joseph Harrison & Ada March Stager, Authors and donors, **Helen and Evelyn Stager** The Early Deerys of Chester County PA. Author and Donor, **George W. Weldy Jr.** German Emigration to America in the 19th Century. Donor, **Joyce M. Thompson**.

May the donations of books inundate us!!!

The library is in Room 339 Renner Hall, Capital University, 2239 E. Main St. Columbus, OH. The hours are 1 P. M. to 4 P. M. Wednesdays. We are not open the 5th Wednesday of any month Until August we were open Wednesday evenings, but our volunteer who opened the library at that time has transferred away from the area. If we can enroll more volunteers, we can be open more hours.

===== **WILKOMMEN** =====

We welcome more new members to The Ohio Chapter, viz. Carol M. Little, Dr. Lewis & Rebecca Lindner; and Henrietta Nichols, Columbus; Judith E. Coleman and Helen Mettler, Chillicothe; Roger Bollinger, St. Paris; Ruth G. Brill, Tiffin; Jay & Dorothy Cope, Salem; Dale Wade, Brunswick; Carl & Rosalind Siek, Berea; Carl Fockler, Ashland; Suzanne Strick, Vermillion and Judy Cheney, Worthington all of Ohio, Out of Ohio are:- Susi H. Cooper, Florida; Marjorie Joyner and John Aichele, Indiana; Max & Florence Kuespert, Washington; Mary K. Rau, Virginia; Lovena Hamblen, California; Clifford Henke and Elizabeth Biggart, New York; Marilyn Powers, Mass.; and Eldon Weber, Ontario, Canada.

DARKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY recently published *DARKE COUNTY OHIO MARRIAGES, 1851-1898*. Cost, \$30.00 + postage \$2.50 & tax 5 1/2 %. Contact Ruth Schieltz, 11820 Reed Rd, Versailles, OH 45380.

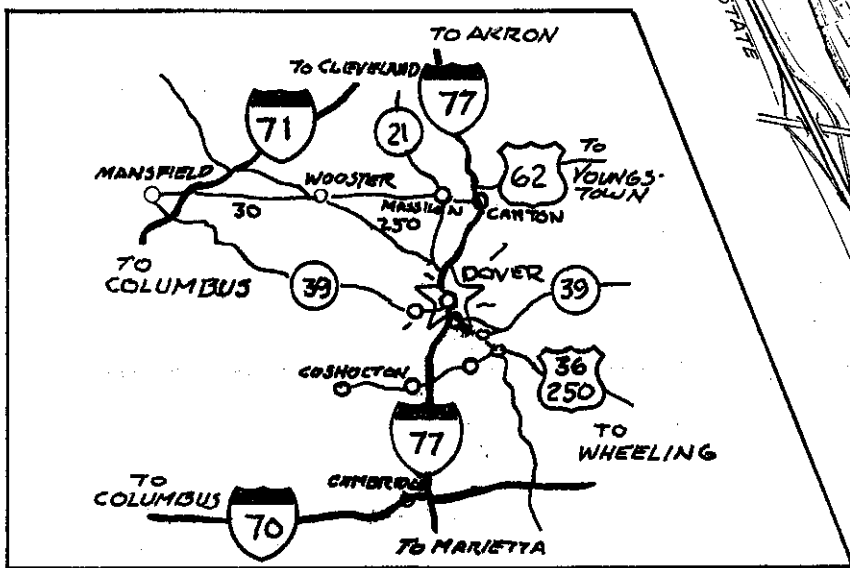
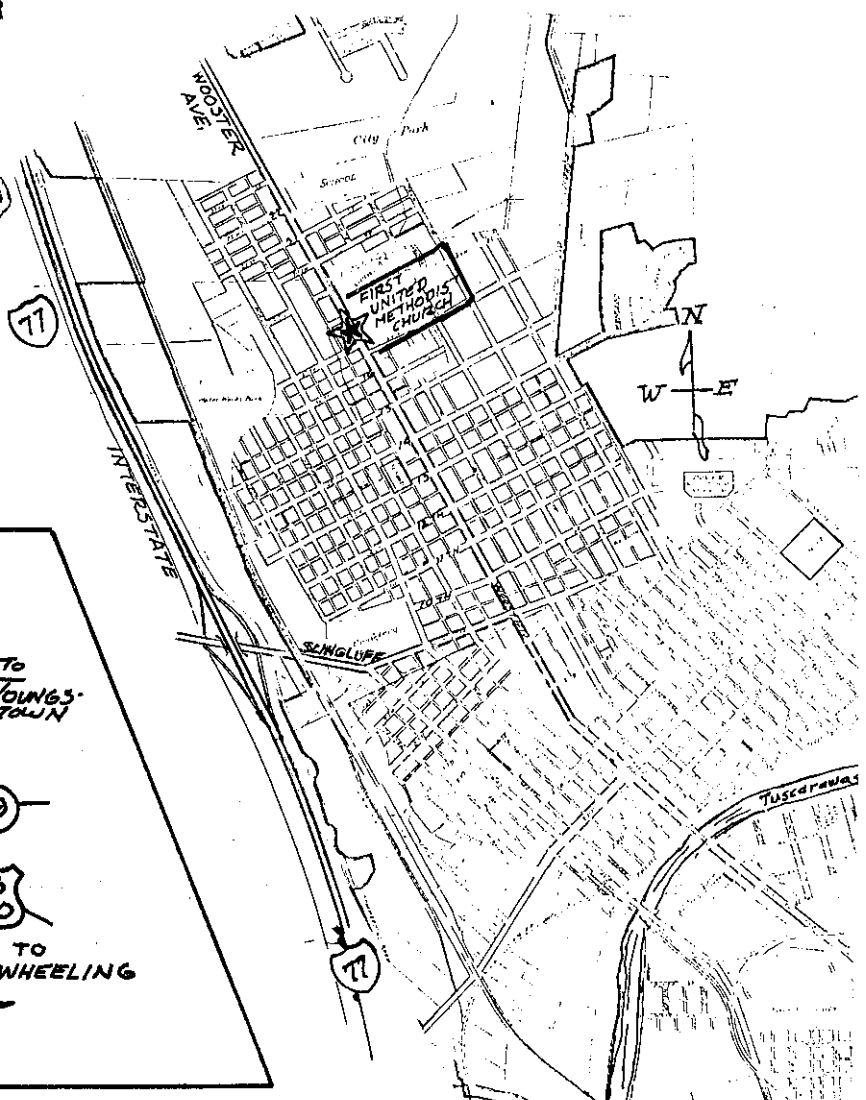


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FALL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 11, 1986**

Location - Dover, Ohio - Tuscarawas County - First Methodist Church, 1725 Wooster Ave (see maps on reverse side)

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Donuts Juice and Coffee

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration.

9:00 A.M. Meeting opens, Ohio Chapter President Ira W. Simons presiding.
Announcements and Introductions.

9:15 A.M. *THEY CAME FROM EUROPE*, A SLIDE PRESENTATION interspersed with extracts of accounts of people who made the journey from Germany and Switzerland in the 18th century and earlier - by JOHN W. HEISEY

10:30 A.M. Book browsing.

10:45 A.M. *HISTORY OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH*, by Rev. Albert H. Frank. First Moravian church

12:00 NOON Lunch served in the meeting room. Menu includes Roast Turkey with gravy and dressing, noodles, peas and carrots, home-made applesauce, rolls and butter, coffee, tea or Sanka and fruit salad with cookies.
Cost, \$5.50 per person

1:00 P.M. *THE GERMAN CONNECTION*, by John W. Heisey

2:15 P.M. Book browsing

2:45 P.M. *GENEALGICAL RESEARCH ON MORAVIAN CHURCH MEMBERS*, by Dr. Thomas Hauptert, Archivist

4:00 P.M. WIND UP and CLOSING - PRESIDENT I. W. SIMONS

MEET YOUR OFFICERS
CLARA HARSH -TREASURER

Your newly elected Treasurer, Clara Harsh, is a graduate of Hiram College in Portage County Ohio, and The Ohio State University. She and her husband Robert have raised seven children and sometimes find themselves too busy with descendants to pay attention to their ancestors.

Their current genealogical project is to put into book form the vast amount of material collected by the Rev. Harvey Harsh, late President of *Palatines To America* before his death in 1983. This includes information gathered by Robinson H. Harsch as well as many additions by present-day family members.

Clara owns a personal computer and has been working on additions and an up-date to the Hickox Genealogy prepared by her father in the 1930s. This includes the families Watkins, Russell, Brown, Case, and Humphrey-- all New England families. (Your Editor has Hickox, Case and Humphrey families in his line). She assisted her mother in compiling and editing a Morrow-Wells-Essex family history

Mrs. Harsh, since moving to Columbus, has been an active member of First Congregational Church and has worked as a volunteer Income Tax counselor. She gave valuable assistance to the Annual Meeting Committees when the National *Palatines To America* met at Capital University in June 1982 and again in June 1985

QUERIES

This space is available to Ohio Chapter members for queries which they may have run in the national "Palatine Patter" but for which there was no inquiry.

Wolgemot - Wohlgemuth. Seeking the descendants of Holmes County Ohio residents viz. Armstrong Wolgemot 1828-1857 m Ann Wheaton -- and Henry Uhl m Catherine Wolgemot b. 1830 --also Lemon Leander Wolgemot b. 1832 m Nancy Cook. Write Robert S. Rudy, 1492 Guilford Rd., Columbus, OH. 43221

McAuley dies. We have learned of the passing of the New York Chapter President, Mr. Arthur J. McAuley on June 18th at age 62. We offer our sympathy to his wife Eileen and the members of the chapter. He will be dearly missed.

FISCAL YEAR DUES
HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership Dues cover from October 1st to the following September 30. This year is an unusual year, inasmuch as it is a transition year from the June/May year to the new October/September one. Therefore those paying dues for the year commencing June 1st 1985 are gaining an extra four months of membership. Both National and "Ohio Chapter" fees are included in the single payment of \$12 INDIVIDUAL membership, or \$14 FAMILY (2 persons, same address). Add \$4 per membership if outside of USA. Include SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) with your check payable to **PALATINES TO AMERICA**. Box 101 Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 43209. Members receive both the National and Ohio publications and any member discounts for events

1986 OHIO CHAPTER HONOREES



Left to right are:- Dr. Geart Droege, Jean Hall, Paul Millikin, Florence Beck, and Ernest Thode. Missing, Lois A. Rudy Photos by Paul M. Smith

OHIO MEMBERS ARE SPEAKING

TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of Troy is presenting a full day workshop on genealogical research. Date September 27, from 9 am to 4pm at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center at 302 W. Main St. in Troy. Speakers will be Ohio Chapter Palatine members **Dr. Arla Johnson and Kenneth Smith**. One of Dr. Johnson's topics will be "Back-Tracking German Ancestors in the USA". Kenneth Smith has topics, "How To Know If You Have The Right Ancestor" and "Researching in Eastern Pennsylvania". Cost of the workshop (pre-registration by Sept. 20 \$5.00) at the door is \$6.00. Their library will be open for research and instruction.

Dr. Richard B. Simons will be speaking to the Seneca County Genealogical Society on "Emigration from Northern Germany & Bavaria, 1820-1850. October 7th, 1986

CORRESPONDENCE pertaining to or addressed to NATIONAL is sent to "Palatines To America, Box 101, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394., Phone 614-236-8281; to OHIO CHAPTER use Box 106 same address. We have no telephone, there.

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Other times subject to advance confirmation with Jean HALL, Cols.;--614) 885-4223.

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