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GET WELL WISHES TO OUR PRESIDENT,
 JANE JACKSON, WHO RECENTLY HAD SURGERY.
 Loving thoughts are being sent your way
 to add a sunny touch to your day!



**The towpath and the canal
 Looking north towards Monroe St. – 1987**



1989 NEWS



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW BREMEN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD IN THE ZION'S CHURCH AUDITORIUM THIS YEAR.

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1989 AT 6:30 P.M.

MENU: CHICKEN, BAKED POTATO, CORN, ROLLS, COFFEE, SALAD BAR & DESSERT BAR.

PROGRAM: SPECIAL MUSIC YOU WILL ENJOY!

A SLIDE SHOW CALLED "MORE NEW BREMEN" BY PAUL AND MARGE LIETZ. THIS SHOW FEATURES WORK ON THE CANAL, A STROLL DOWN NORTH MAIN ST., AND OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST.

TICKETS: THE COST IS \$6.00 PER PERSON AND MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE CORNERSTONE SHOP AND SCHWIETERMAN'S DRUG STORE. THE TICKETS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 1ST OR CALL JACQUI KUCK AT 629-2566 FOR RESERVATIONS.

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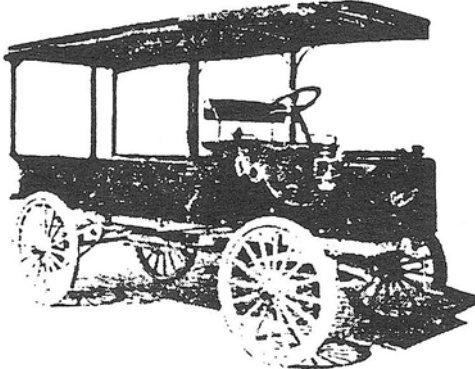
NEW BREMEN'S ENTRY INTO THE AUTOMOTIVE FIELD

The Case Motor Car Company was organized during the summer of 1910 "to manufacture and deal in motor cars and to operate a repair shop" in New Bremen, Ohio. Capital stock was \$50,000 and the backers of this venture were J. H. Grothaus, Edmund Grothaus, J.F. Lanfersieck, Louis Huenke and Otto J. Boesel. The steel plow producing Lanfersieck-Grothaus factory was subsequently outfitted for vehicle production, but it appears the only vehicles to follow were trucks.

There is no available evidence, but in all likelihood the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company of Racine, Wisconsin challenged the New Bremen firm to use the name of "Case" as the J. I. Case Company of Racine, Wisconsin was also producing an automobile. Therefore the name was changed to the "Auglaize Motor Car Company". It is not known just how many of these 2 and 4 cylinder trucks were produced. According to old-timers that I talked to prior to World War II, the factory was located at 20 East First Street in New Bremen, the present site of the Auglaize School.

Oscar Dammeyer, the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane automobile dealer, had in his possession for many years an "Auglaize" name plate taken from the radiator of one of the trucks.

The advertisement below was taken from a historical scrapbook produced by Floyd Clymer in 1944. The original ad appeared in the December 1911 issue of THE CYCLE AND AUTOMOTIVE TRADE JOURNAL.



AUGLAIZE COMMERCIAL CARS

700 pound capacity,	2 cylinder,	5 x 4	motor
1200	“	“	2 “
1500	“	“	4 “
2000	“	“	4 “

Any style body to suit purchaser will be made
Good, live agents wanted. Send for catalogue

THE AUGLAIZE MOTOR CAR CO., New Bremen, Ohio

Submitted by Robert Heinfeld - Ada, Ohio



I REMEMBER THE 4:30 P.M. CHURCH BELLS

IN NEW BREMEN YOU COULD SET YOUR CLOCK BY THE CHURCH BELLS THAT RANG EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30. THERE WERE THREE LUTHERAN CHURCHES AND THE CUSTODIAN OF EACH WAS ALWAYS ON TIME. BY THEN EVERYONE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THEIR DUTIES OF THE WEEK TAKEN CARE OF. THE BELLS SAID THAT TOMORROW WAS SUNDAY, THE DAY TO GO TO CHURCH. THIS CUSTOM WAS STILL IN PRACTICE IN 1928, AND SINCE MARGUERITE KOOP AND RICHARD KUNNING WERE MARRIED AT 4:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1928, THEY BECAME OUR WEDDING BELLS.

IN 1971 WE WERE SPENDING SOME TIME IN GERMANY WITH OUR DAUGHTER AND OUR TWO GRANDCHILDREN. ONE SATURDAY WE WERE WALKING ABOUT IN THE VILLAGE OF LANDSTUHL WHEN ALL THE CHURCH BELLS BEGAN TO RING. WE CHECKED THE TIME AND IT WAS 4:30! AT THAT MOMENT WE WERE "YOUNG" AGAIN AND BACK IN NEW BREMEN, OHIO. *[by Marguerite Koop Kunning]*

Do you have an interesting event of New Bremen that you would like to share? If so, please jot it down and send it to M.L. Lietz, 34 South Herman St., New Bremen, Ohio 45869. We will be glad to put it in "THE TOWPATH".



PINA Schmuetzer IHLE

THE EARLY 1900s

Were you born in the early 1900s here in the New Bremen area? If so, then it is a very good chance that this good lady brought you into the world!

Mrs. Martin (Pina) Ihle was born August 29, 1870 in Stuttgart, Germany. On October 26, 1890 she was united in marriage to Martin Ihle and the young couple emigrated to the United States.

PINA IHLE was a midwife and it was here in New Bremen she practiced her profession. She was excellent in her work, very kind, and loved by the community. There were not very many cars in the early 1900s and I am told Mrs. Ihle made countless trips on foot through all kinds of weather, assisting in childbirth, then taking care of the mother and new baby for at least 10 days.

Mrs. Ihle did not lose her heavy German accent in the years she lived in New Bremen, but probably felt right at home because the German language prevailed in many homes at that time. Pina Ihle lived to be 87 years of age, making her home with her daughter, Martha (Mrs. Robert Schroeder).

Mrs. Ihle was a Gold Star mother, her son Cort having sacrificed his life at a training camp in WWI. He died of Spanish Influenza. The Ihles were parents of 5 children: Hilda, Paul, Herbert, Cort and Martha.

NOTE: Our thanks goes to Roman Stueve of New Bremen who provided the news articles from *The New Bremen Sun* and the pictures. Roman has a place of honor too. He says he was the last baby Mrs. Ihle brought into the world. Who was the first? Roman Stueve says 'Reuben Wissman'. Mrs. Ihle brought me into the world too. (MLL)



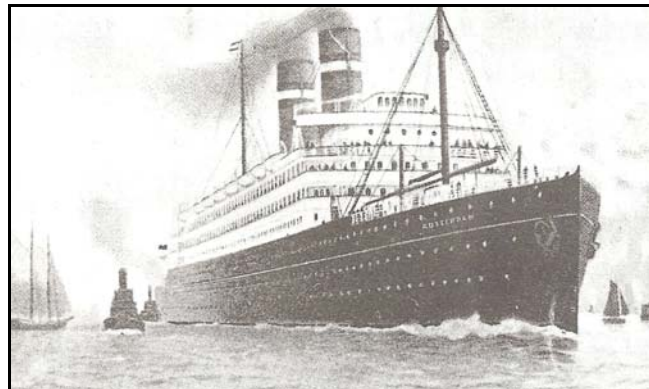
THE PINA IHLE HOME (APRIL 1976)
323 SOUTH WALNUT ST. - NEW BREMEN



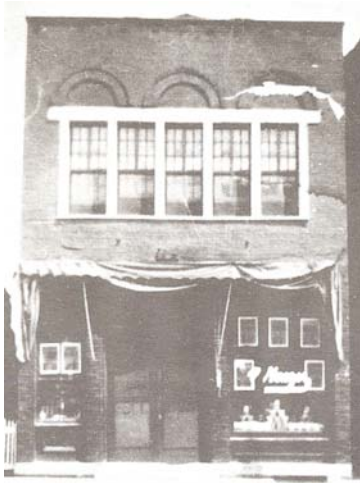
THE SAME SITE IN 1989 - GILBERG APARTMENTS



LEFT: MRS. PINA IHLE WITH DAUGHTER, MARTHA, AND SON CORT.



RIGHT: MRS. PINA IHLE AND HER SISTER, SISTER HILDEGARDE, SAILED FROM NEW YORK IN 1927 ON THE S.S. ROTTERDAM FOR EUROPE. THEY PLANNED TO SPEND SEVERAL MONTHS IN EUROPE.



LEFT: 106 West Monroe Street, the home of the old Kroger store and the home of the first Lee's Printing.

[Photo courtesy of Lola Dietrich]

RIGHT: 106 West Monroe Street, the home of LEE'S PRINTING – 1988. [Photo by Marge Lietz]

Some of "The Towpath" readers have commented on the fine printing and the excellent quality of the pictures in "The Towpath", so on this page we have a picture of the two men who are doing this good work! It was during the big depression that the building to your left was known as Kroger's. When they moved to a new location, several restaurants occupied this building over a period of years. Then in May 1972, Lee's Printing was formed and the business was established in this building. On March 13, 1976 the building was damaged by fire.

The picture on your right shows the new LEE'S PRINTING building, built by Cooper Construction Co. The owners are Richard LEE Custis and Larry LEE Kuhn. (Now you know where the name LEE'S PRINTING originated!

Richard and his wife, Liz, live in Sidney, Ohio and Larry and Ann Kuhn live in New Bremen.

This photo was taken in December 1988. The weather was mild and we did not have a "White Christmas". The snow came December 26, 1988!

Note: If any reader of this page has more history on this site, please write to us. We welcome your "memories" of New Bremen. [MLL]

"OLD PICTURES"

ISN'T IT FUN TO SIT DOWN ON A COMFY COUCH WITH RELATIVES AND FRIENDS AND LOOK AT AN OLD BOX OF PICTURES? TODAY WE ARE SHARING WITH YOU A PHOTO OF THE 1920 NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM. WHO ARE THEY?



STANDING

PAULINE (VORNHOLT) GILBERG
SELMA (SPECKMAN) BRIGGS

MIDDLE ROW

LULA (BESSEL) LA POOK
BRUNHILDA (HENNINGER) KOESTER
LEOLA (SPECKMAN) WISSMAN

SEATED

LILLIAN (HEIL) DIXON
ISOLDE HENNINGER

I HOPE I HAVE THESE RIGHT. IF NOT, LET ME KNOW. -MARGE

A PLEA FROM PAUL LIETZ: DO YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF YEARS AGO YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRINTED IN THE TOWPATH OR HAVE INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE NEW BREMEN SHOWS? MAYBE IT IS IN ONE OF YOUR OLD ALBUMS. THE PHOTO CAN BE ANY SIZE. I DO MY OWN COPY WORK AND YOUR PRINT WILL BE IN SAFE HANDS AND RETURNED TO YOU! THANK YOU - PAUL





SIXTY TWO YEARS AGO, IN 1927, PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN THE NEW BREMEN SUN BY THE WHITE MOUNTAIN CREAMERY OF ITS RAINBOW END CONTEST WERE AS FOLLOWS :

1ST MEN'S PRIZE - REUBEN THIESING - BASEBALL AND GLOVE

2ND MEN'S PRIZE - RICHARD VITZ, ROLLER SKATES

1ST LADIES' PRIZE - ELOISE BLANKE, LADIES' COMPACT

2ND LADIES' PRIZE - SELMA HOFFMAN, ROLLER SKATES

THE JUDGES WERE MRS. HERMAN LAUT AND MRS. PAUL GILBERG.



"HOLIDAY MAGIC" WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The New Bremen Historic Association sponsored the 14th Annual Christmas Open House at the Museum on December 5th, 1988. A special Thank You is extended to all the helpers, exhibitors and visitors who helped to make it a "HUGE SUCCESS." We could not have done it without everyone's support.

-by Jacqui Kuck

THE WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Baby quilt - Audrey Wietholter, New Knoxville
2. Watch - Jan Clune, New Bremen
3. Pumpkin basket - Robyn Rump, New Bremen
4. Poinsettia - Rita Niekamp, New Bremen
5. Crate and Christmas Towels, Jerry Maxson, New Bremen
6. Christmas cards - Nancy Heitkamp, New Bremen
7. Christmas cards - O.C. Ruedebusch, New Bremen
8. Christmas Ornaments - Tim Rosenbeck, New Bremen
9. Christmas Ornaments - Paul Moeller, New Bremen
10. Christmas Ornaments - Jim Knapke, New Bremen
11. Christmas Ornaments - Kelly Knapke, New Bremen
12. Christmas Ornaments - Elodie Sollman, New Bremen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



THANK YOU: THROUGH YOUR GIFTS, DONATIONS AND DUES, WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP OUR HISTORIC ASSOCIATION ACTIVE. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! ANNUAL DUES FOR 1989 ARE \$3.00 PER PERSON OR \$50.00 FOR A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL THE STATUS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP: (89) YOU ARE CURRENT, (CM) CHARTER MEMBER, (LM) LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP, (CC) COMPLIMENTARY COPY. IF THE NUMBER IS (11) IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

OUR THANK YOU GOES TO KARL MESLOH, WHO TAKES TIME TO MAKE THE LABELS FOR THE NEWSLETTERS. THANK YOU TO SUSIE HIRSCHFELD WHO KEEPS THE MEMBERSHIP BOOK. THANK YOU TO ANNA MAE HUDSON WHO ARRANGES THE DISPLAYS IN THE MUSEUM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!