

THE TOWPATH

NEW BREMEN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION
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Marjorie Lietz "Towpath" Editor

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the NBHA will be held Monday, March 25, 1996 at St. Paul Church in New Bremen. This event will be a banquet and entertainment as in previous years. Tickets for the banquet will be on sale in March. Please watch the local newspapers for more information.

WE WELCOME Martha Plattner to the Board of the New Bremen Historic Association. Martha will be doing genealogy research along with Lucille Francis (*also new*). With so many of our members doing their family roots, we try to be of help!

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Wint who has served us so well the past years in genealogy research. Mary has been very active since the start of our Historic Association, but now would like a little time off from being an officer.

THANK YOU so much for remembering me with prayers, cards and phone calls the past two months. My broken hip is healing and I am back at my job - getting "The Towpath" ready for you to enjoy.
Marjorie Lietz, Editor

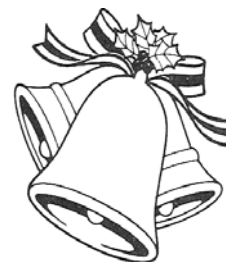
1995 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Every year we have a Christmas Tree Festival at the Museum. The churches, schools, organizations, clubs and individuals bring Christmas trees and Christmas displays to the festival for you to enjoy. Our 1995 Festival was a success again because you came! As soon as one crossed the threshold of the Museum, familiar carols filled the air. The Christmas spirit prevailed - so much beauty to enjoy, friends to chat with, a snack of homemade cookies and tasty hot cider to enjoy, beautiful Christmas music - and Santa Claus was there too! Remember - the first weekend in December is the Christmas Tree Festival in New Bremen at the Museum. It is our gift to the public - a few hours on Saturday and most of the day and evening on Sunday.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PERSONS WHO HELPED AT THE FESTIVAL. THANK YOU, ALSO TO THE PERSONS WHO DONATED TILE DOOR PRIZES. Here is a list of the happy recipients:



1. WOODEN HOUSE: won by Mary C. Ahlers.
2. SNOWMAN JAR OF CANDY: won by Amber Niekamp.
3. ANGEL: won by Terry Wigginton.
4. CHRISTMAS STOCKING: won by Emily Rutschilling.
5. REINDEER: won by Julius Jutte.
6. SERVING TRAY: won by Sue Maxson.
7. CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT: won by Allen Fenters.



SCHOOL KLOCKEN

De Ferien Suend nu to Enn,
De Kinner moet nor Schoole hen,
De Druben werd nu blau un riep,
Dat meent "Adjoe du Ferientied."

Un Korl de sach, "Tis nich so slim,
Ick fueg mi dor jo gerne drin
Doch suend twee Dage mi de leewsten,
De suend von allen doch de besten."

De een, dat is de erste Dag,
De kennt keen Arbeit un keen Plag.
Denn mokt de Lehrer ok noch Spos,
Doch noh denn geiht de Arbeit los."

De anner Dag de mi so freut,
Kummt wenn de Obstboem wedder bleuht.
An denn leg ick mien Book tor Sied,
Denn morgen is dat Ferientied."

D. Worthman

A letter to the editor of *The New Bremen Sun* in June 1933 finds D. Worthman of Elmore, Ohio wondering if recognition will be given to the language which the 1833 pioneers of New Bremen spoke.

In the early 1930s, the *SUN* printed a Low German poem every week and I can remember my Great Aunt Emma Hartwig reading the poem to me – first in Low German, then translating it to me in English. D. Worthman said, "Should there not be one article in your paper which tells of the dignity, fervor and expressiveness of the language of our fathers?"

Lucille Francis, (new genealogy researcher for the NBHA) found this poem in an early issue of the *SUN*, all about a "School Clock". Read the poem out loud – it is easier to translate.

EXCERPTS FROM NEW BREMEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

In 1983, New Bremen celebrated her 150th birthday. It was a great time. There were all kinds of committees working to research early New Bremen. The Public Library was a very busy place! The book committee found they had far too much material and not all of it could be printed. However, now is a great time to use it in *The Towpath*.

June 1, 1886: The mayor was William Schulenberg. Mr. G. Waterman accepted his appointment to take care of, light and extinguish the street lamps on the west side of the canal and one lamp in the engine house, at the price fixed by the council – 30¢ a month for each lamp. This was approved by the council. (The lamps were coal oil lamps.)

On motion, the street commissioner was instructed to put two holes in the floor of the Monroe Street canal bridge under the direction of the chief for use of the fire engines.

The following bills were presented and referred to the committee on finance, who after due examination recommended the same for payment:

\$7.80 - H. Koeper - tending street lamps
4.95 - J. Schlesselman - lumber
25.00 - T.W. Broetherton – 5 months solicitor's fee
1.50 - P. Wolff – mason work
7.81 - I. Steinebrey – 6¼ days labor
25.87 - G. Waterman – tending street lamps & labor
8.23 - H. Pape – 1 month Marshal's salary
31.60 - Fare for firemen's delegation to Defiance
\$112.86 – TOTAL

August 3, 1886: The committee on Fire Department reported that two new fire cisterns are necessary in the corporation – one on the corner of Ash and Herman Streets and one on South Jefferson Street. The committee was instructed to draw plans and specifications for the building of the same, and the clerk was directed to advertise a notification that bids will be received up to noon September 7th at the clerk's office for the building of the same, the council reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

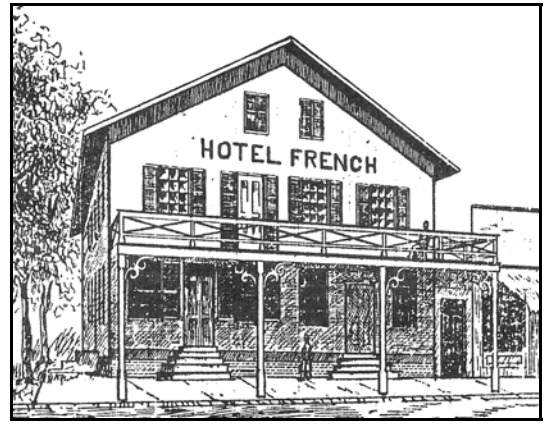
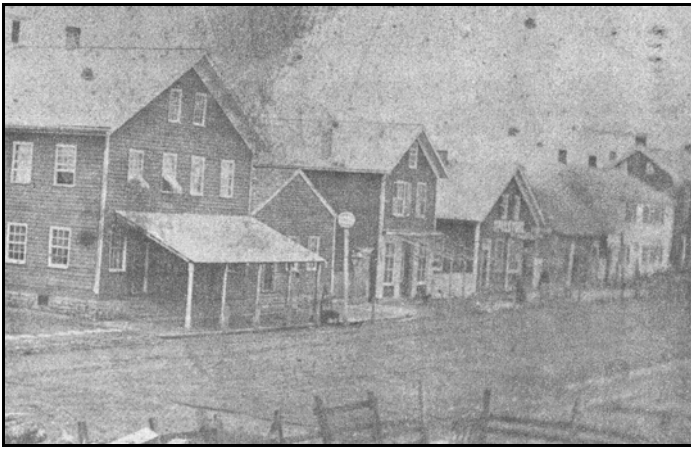
September 11, 1886: On motion, the contract of building two fire cisterns was awarded to Fred Schoettley at a total cost of \$286.50.

ORDINANCE NO. 158: An ordinance to authorize the council of the incorporated village of New Bremen, Ohio to borrow \$1000 for the purpose of the building of new fire cisterns and paying general expenses.

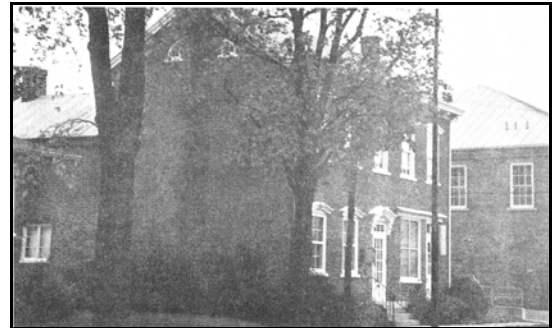
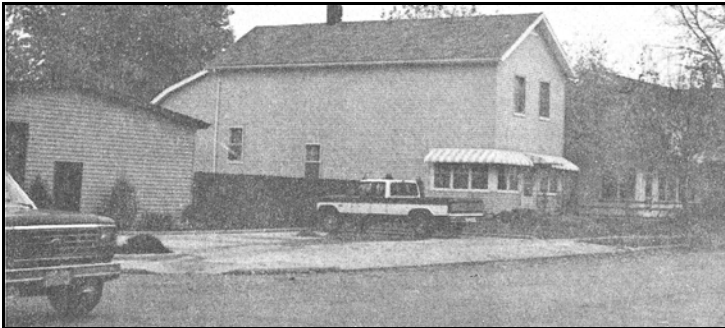
November 2, 1886: Mayor Wm. Schulenberg resigns, having been elected the Sheriff of the county.

NOTE: this page of early New Bremen was researched by the late Don Kettler. The material had to be copied by hand when viewing the *New Bremen Suns* of yesteryear. Now in 1995, we have a copier! Don was a graduate of New Bremen High School. His wife Mabel and son Joe live in New Bremen. The other children – Jim, Nancy, Jay and Patty, live in neighboring states.

THE HOTEL FRENCH



[from the 1880 Auglaize County Atlas]



LEFT: 26 N. Main St. - Homan & Stucke Construction, Inc.
Once the site of the Hotel French, which catered to canal trade.
Known first as the Dicke House, the owner was J.H. Mesloh,
with Christian & Dorothea Dicke as operators.
Later owner was a French man – Alex Bourquin.
[October 1995 photo by Paul Lietz]

8 North Main St. – Pauline & Hedwig Paul home.
Former owner: J.H. Mesloh (1862-1880?).
Front room was a bake shop.
Ovens were in the summer kitchen.
Present owner: Crown Equipment Corp.
[October 1995 photo by Paul Lietz]

The mystery of the old tintype (Oct. 1995 issue) is solved! A big Thank You to Mervin Niekamp of Burbank, California, formerly of New Bremen Ohio. Mervin is a Life Member of the NBHA and enjoys history of New Bremen. He chose genealogy and history as a hobby for his retirement years. As a young boy, Mervin attended the New Bremen Schools and also spent many happy hours at the home of his grandparents and other relatives who lived in New Bremen.

It was a challenge when Mervin received the last issue of *"The Towpath"*. He unraveled the history of the early New Bremen tintype that was found recently and was featured on page 3.

If you stand at the corner of North Main and First Streets, in front of the old Zion's Church building (now, in 1996, owned by John Hoffman), and look in a southeasterly direction, you will see one of the most historic streets in New Bremen.

After all these years of having only a line drawing of the famous French Hotel, found in the 1880 *Atlas*, you can now see the real thing in the picture (upper left) - New Bremen, with mud roads and a hotel that catered to the canal trade.

Why was the hotel called the "French Hotel"? Only because it was sold to a Frenchman, Alex Bourquin? Prior to this the hotel was named the "Dicke House" because Christian and Dorothea Dicke were the proprietors.

Another big THANK YOU to Jim Cooper, formerly of New Bremen. Jim is a Charter Member of the NBHA and only a few years ago (1982) moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma. Jim was visiting here with his mother, Katherine Knost, and his sister, Anna Mae Hudson and family, and like all sisters and brothers, the two had a friendly discussion about the tintype picture in *"The Towpath"*. Jim stopped at our home and had a very good explanation of the buildings – in 1995 and "way back then". So – we are very satisfied in knowing this picture is of North Main Street.

PHOTO REQUEST

I am looking for a nice picture of my wife's great-great grandpa, Henry Weinberg. He was born June 3, 1854 and died April 11, 1929 in New Bremen. Henry was on the Fire Department and was the Town Marshal for a number of terms. I believe he was also a member of the Little Six Band. Since he was the Marshal for so long, surely someone has a picture of him. I don't want anybody to give up their picture – I only want to get a print made.

Thanks for your help.

Rod Carpenter – Lima, Ohio (Life Member)

NEW BREMEN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1995

\$6,780.01	Balance January 1, 1995		
	RECEIPTS:		DISBURSEMENTS:
2,412.81	Dues and Donations	\$4,071.23	Property, Maintenance (Includes Painting)
1,383.40	Special Events (Annual Dinner Meeting, Christmas Open House, Notecards, Prints, Ornaments, Ralph May books)	333.78	Utilities
		470.00	Insurance
835.00	Grants	1,163.60	Special Events Expenses
280.47	Interest	1,174.78	Newsletter Expenses (Printing & Postage)
\$4,911.68	TOTAL RECEIPTS	88.23	Miscellaneous (Office Supplies, Stamps, Curators Supplies, etc.)
\$11,691.69	TOTAL		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
<u>-7,301.62</u>	-DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,301.62	
\$4,390.07	Balance Dec. 31, 1995 (Checking Acct.)		
\$1,500.00	Reserve (American Budget)		<i>[Betty Schroer, Treasurer]</i>

NEW BREMEN'S NIGHTCLUB - WAY BACK IN THE 1930s

NOTICE

There will be Round and Square Dances
at SHANGHAI GARDENS
New Bremen, Ohio
Tuesday Night, November 6, 1934
Music will be furnished by E.J. Topp's Orchestra
All lovers of dancing are cordially invited
[The Evening Leader - November 2, 1934]

SHANGHAI GARDENS CLOSED

OWNER PLANS TO OPEN IN ST. MARYS

After operating three or four years at 12 West Monroe St., New Bremen, Shanghai Gardens was closed this week by the owner, H.J. Snethkamp, of St. Marys. The bar fixtures and other fixtures were moved yesterday and today to St. Marys, where Mr. Snethkamp is opening a new place in the Camille Building.



THESE DEAR OLD SWEET MEMORIES ALL PLAY THEIR SPECIAL PART
IN BRINGING JOY AND OPENING THE LATCH STRINGS OF THE HEART.

NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

An appeal for aid in purchasing new uniforms and instruments for the school band was directed this week to NBHS Alumni by the Band Mothers. More than 500 envelopes were distributed among the Alumni carrying the following appeal written by Mrs. H.H. Huenke. NBHS is justly proud of its band and the Band Mothers believe the Alumni, as well as other friends of the school, will be glad to encourage the students.

[New Bremen Sun – 1935]

APPEAL TO NBHS ALUMNI

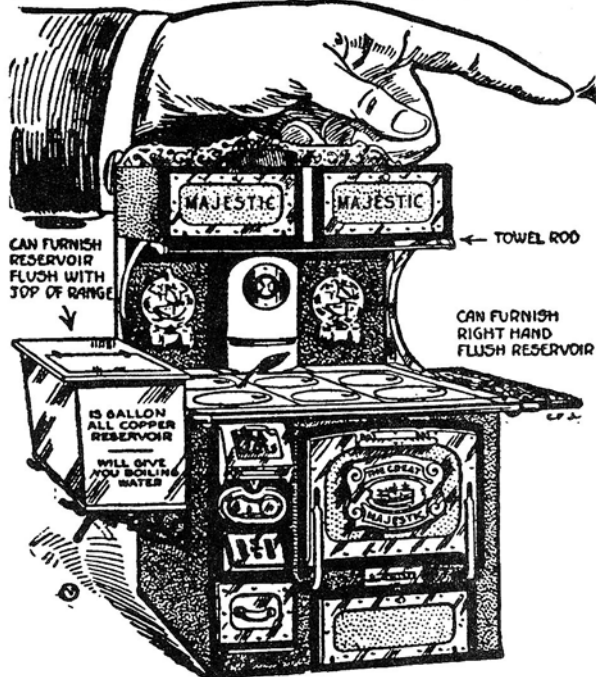
New Bremen High School has a band of fifty pieces of which we are proud.
"Tis the best in the land" we've heard it said, and its praises are sung aloud.
But alas and alack, in case you've not heard – depression has come to our town.
It has caused plenty of trouble and last but not least our finances it has cut down!
The children must pay for their instruments and of course for their lessons too.
So, when it comes to their uniforms, we're sending an appeal to you!
Just any amount will be welcome, and we hope someday very near,
You'll be able to visit your old town and school and the New Bremen Band you will hear.
Perhaps at our next Alumni, their appearance for you they will make
In all the splendor of new uniforms, all former records they'll break.

-by Mrs. H.H.Huenke

The Arcade Dept. Store Co.

New Bremen, Ohio

FREE



THE GREAT AND GRAND MAJESTIC RANGE

THE RANGE WITH A REPUTATION
MADE IN ALL SIZES AND STYLES.

If you are over 65 years of age, give or take a few years, then you will remember when the kitchen range "reigned" as queen of the kitchen!

The Majestic Range was built so strong an adult could sit on the oven door.

Perhaps you will recognize some names listed on your right - folks who were very happy with their purchase of a Majestic Range.

The stove had so many features - plenty of room on the stovetop, hot water in the reservoir, food being kept warm in the upper warming closets, heat radiating in every corner of the big old-fashioned kitchen, bacon sizzling in the pan, corn bread in the oven, suppertime!



THE MAJESTIC Extra Heavy Stamped Iron Marbleized Kettle, complete with cover and handle that holds on cover.

THE MAJESTIC 18-oz. All Copper Nickel-plated Tea Kettle. Handsomely nickel-plated outside, tinned on inside.

THE MAJESTIC Copper Nickel-plated Pot. Handsomely nickel-plated outside and tinned on inside.

Majestic Range Demonstration

AT OUR STORE

NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER 2nd To 7th 1911.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO USE AND RECOMMEND MAJESTIC RANGES

Allen, F N	Interrieden, Julius	Plaspohl, Herman
Aufderhaar, E	Kipp, F W	Purpus, F T
Burmoister, Fred	Kuck, H W	Quellhorst, Ferd
Bay, Chas	Kuenzel, Ewald	Quellhorst, Aug
Bergman, John	Klanke Geo	Rabe, Theo
Bergman, Henry	Koenig, Wm	Roettger, Fred
Brueggeman Wm.	Koenig, Aug	Roettger, Frank
Bruns, F W	Kettler, Louis	Smith, Chas
Cardo, Mrs	Koop, Theo	Schoettle, Fred
Dickman, Julius	Lanfersleek, Ed	Schoettle, Albert
Doonges, Wm	Limbach, C F	Schroeder, Henry
Dammeyer, Fred	Lammers, Herm	Schowe, August
Dabbelt, Ignatz	Lutterbein, Henry	Schneider, Henry
Dicke, Wm	Luedeke, Leo	Schwabero, Wm
Erb, Peter	Luedeke, John	Strasburg, Dck
Eckmeyer, M S Dr	Luedeke, Frank	Strasburg, Ben
Ellerman, Quido	Lochtefeld, J H	Schultz, Henry
Fark, Christ	Laut, John	Speckman, Frank
Frey, Arthur	Mesloh, J H	Tangeman, Henry
Fark, John	Moyer, Wm	Thiesing, Ernst
Gilberg, Fred	Moore, S J	Teacklenburg, Lafa
Grundisch, Louis	Mohrman, Herm	Topp, Chas
Grothaus, Lillian	May, Henry	Vornholt, Henry
Grothaus, Wm	Meyer, Henry	Weber, Joseph
Geib, Cornelius	Menton, Henry	Welskittel, Henry
Geib, Adolph	Neuman, Aug	Westerbeak, Chas
Gagel, D C	Neuman, Walter	Wittich, Ph
Holtvogt, Ben	Niemeyer, Christ	Wiethoff, Ernst
Heltkamp, J H	Nuessmeyer, Aug	Weinberg, Henry
Heinfeld, Aug	Nieter, Henry	Wiemeyer, Fred
Hilgeman, Henry	Nieter, Leo	Wieggers Herman
Hawkey, Roy	Nieter, Ferd	Wiehe, Wm
Huckeriede, Ben	Nieter, Roy	Wolters Bros

A FEW TESTIMONIALS

Sebastian, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1911
The Arcade Dept. Store Co., New Bremen, Ohio.

Gentlemen:- It pleases me to write you that seven years ago, I bought from The Arcade Dept. Store Co., a Majestic Range, and that it has given satisfaction in every way as a fuel saver, and a good baker. In this period of time I have not paid out one cent for repairs.

Mrs. Ignatz Dabbelt.

New Bremen, Ohio, Sept. 20th, 1911.
To Whom it May Concern.- After having used the Majestic Range that we purchased from you four years ago, we are glad to recommend same to any one who wants a stove that will save them fuel, give them perfect satisfaction when baking, and above all need no repair.

Mrs. A. H. Vornholt.

New Bremen, Ohio, Sept. 20th, 1911.
The Arcade Department Store Co., New Bremen, Ohio.

Gentlemen:- This is to Certify that we have been using a Majestic Range for the past five years and in that time has given perfect satisfaction in every way. We can heartily recommend same to any one that wants a stove that will please them, in this period of time we have not paid one cent for repairs.

Mrs. John Laut.

New Bremen, Ohio, Sept. 20th, 1911.
The Arcade Dept. Store Co., New Bremen, Ohio.

Gentlemen:- We are using a Majestic Range that has seen 20 years of service and its cooking and baking qualities are as good today as the day we purchased it.

E. C. Kuenzel.