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January - 1999

MEMBERSHIP DUES

1999 Memberships are now due.

Established members must pay their dues by March 15th in order to assure continuous delivery of *The Towpath*. New members will be given extra consideration or back issues of *The Towpath* (upon request.) These would be mailed with the next bulk mailing.

Please use the enclosed renewal notice.

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

With each quarterly mailing of *The Towpath*, a number of Complimentary Copies are sent to folks we think might be interested in reading one or more of the articles in that issue. If you are one of these people and would like to continue receiving future issues, please send the appropriate amount of dues (subscription) to the above address. (P.O. Box 73)

ANNUAL DINNER & PROGRAM

Our annual dinner and program will be held on Monday, March 15, 1999 at Faith Alliance Church on N.B./N.K. Road. The dinner will be cooked by Ruth Krieg, one of our area's most popular cooks and will be served at 6:30 pm. This year's program will be given by Glenna Meckstroth of New Knoxville, who recently published a book,

"Tales from Great-Grandpa's Trunk"

This promises to be another fun-filled evening of sharing memories of by-gone days. Tickets will go on sale in February. Watch for further notices in local newspapers, cable TV channels, etc. (Glenna will have some of her books for sale and will be glad to autograph them for you.)

OUR NEW LOOK

Did you notice the new "picture" in our header? This is a picture of a drawing done recently by Nicholas R. Grillicot, great-great grandson of William Heinrich and Anna Catherine (Beckmann) Luelleman who were the first of the Luelleman family to occupy the home we now call our museum. This home was in the Luelleman family from 1868 to

1973.

A great grandson, Jan Luelleman and his wife Kathy, recently donated individual 20" x 24" portraits of William and Anna Catherine to the museum. We are glad the descendants of William and Anna Catherine are willing to share their family's history with us and thank them for their interest and generosity.

Nick has given us permission to use his drawing for future fund-raising projects - possibly a wooden cut-out plaque, postcards, and/or other items.

AN APPEAL TO READERS

"Send in your news items while they are fresh. We don't like to publish a birth after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, a death after the widow married again, or the notice of an entertainment when the job work is done elsewhere and you charge the Editor for admission."

New Bremen Sun - 7/14/1899

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MEETINGS ARE HELD FIRST TUESDAYS
7:30 p.m. at the New Bremen Public Library
MEMBERS are invited to attend.

ALBERT C. BUSS

(*The Evening Leader* - 6/26/1944)

Albert Charles Buss, Editor and General Manager of *The St. Marys Evening Leader*, died Sunday, 6/25/1944, at Gibbons Hospital in Celina, two weeks after suffering a stroke in his office.

A.C. Buss was born on 5/28/1866 in New Bremen, one of nine children born to William and Kathryn (Maurer) Buss, natives of Germany. He was a grandson of Philip Jacob Maurer, an early settler of New Bremen. He was the only graduate of the N.B.H.S. Class of 1884, after which he taught school in German Township and New Bremen. He also attended Ohio State University for two years. In January, 1888, he returned to New Bremen to become owner of **The New Bremen Sun**, which had been established in 1886 by C.M. Smith. He served as managing editor until April 24, 1903, when Fernando W. Bruns took over as manager and Emil G. Conradi and Fridolin T. Purpus took over as publishers. The SUN office at that time was located below the post office at the southeast corner of Main and Monroe Streets.

Mr. Buss was also one of the organizers of the New Bremen Telephone Company in 1897, the New Bremen Brick Company, the New Bremen Handle Company, and the A.H. May Implement Company.

In 1909, Mr. Buss went to St. Marys to edit the *St. Marys Graphic*, a weekly publication owned by The Leader Printing Company. Two years later, he became owner of the paper and also founded a job-printing business for the White Mountain Creamery of New Bremen which he named The Creamery Patron Printing Co. and which published a monthly magazine. He later discontinued publication of the weekly newspaper, but in 1926 he returned to the publication

business when the newspaper publishing company and the job-printing business merged.

In 1928, he became Editor of *The Evening Leader* (established around 1905) and wrote many interesting and thought-provoking editorials. He was a former postmaster of New Bremen, serving under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt (from 6/8/1897 to 2/16/1904.) At the time of his death, he was the President of the St. Marys Community Building & Loan Co.

Albert C. Buss was married on 5/28/1893 to Anna Huenke (born 12/4/1867) of New Bremen, daughter of Henry and Louisa Dorothy (Stroefer) Huenke, both natives of Germany. Anna died 5/30/1909 and on 4/23/1911, Albert remarried, to Mrs. Sarah E. (Henning) Barrington. Albert and Anna had six children: Homer William Buss, Mrs. Carl H. Stoll (Kathryn Louise Buss), Mrs. Lowell E. Botkin (Louise Charlotte Buss), Albert Huenke Buss, Mrs. Herbert M. Blair (Annabel Emma Buss), and Anna Dorothy Buss who died in infancy, just six days before her mother.

Albert's two sons, Homer W. and Albert H., and his son-in-law, Herbert Blair, were associated with Albert C. at *The Evening Leader*.

Grandchildren of A.C. and Anna Buss are William Albert Buss; Dorothy Ann, James Edward, & Martha Stoll; Harold Buss Botkin; Suzanne Buss; and Catherine Ann & Brice Herbert Blair.

[The above biography was prompted by an obituary given to us by Julia (Dammeyer) Fark as a part of some scrapbooks she was disposing of.]

Stern des Westlichen Ohio (*Star of Western Ohio*)

The first newspaper established at New Bremen was the weekly *Stern des Westlichen Ohio*, a German language paper, which was started in 1873-74 in Minster by school teacher John V. Schiffer. On December 1, 1879, Theodore Purpus bought the paper and moved the business to New Bremen. In May, 1900, he sold it to his nephew, Fridolin T. Purpus, and Emil G. Conradi (brothers-in-law), who operated under the firm name of Purpus & Conradi in the Ed Purpus building (IGA) for three years. In April, 1903, they took over *The New Bremen Sun* and published both papers across the street. In 1905 the Home Printing Co. was organized, with E.G. Conradi serving as President and F.T. Purpus serving as Treasurer. They continued to publish the *Stern des Westlichen Ohio* until 3/8/1923, when there was no longer enough interest to continue a German newspaper.

The New Bremen Sun, a weekly newspaper, is recorded on microfilm at the New Bremen Library beginning with A.C. Buss's first issue dated 1/20/1888 through the last issue published on 7/13/1961.

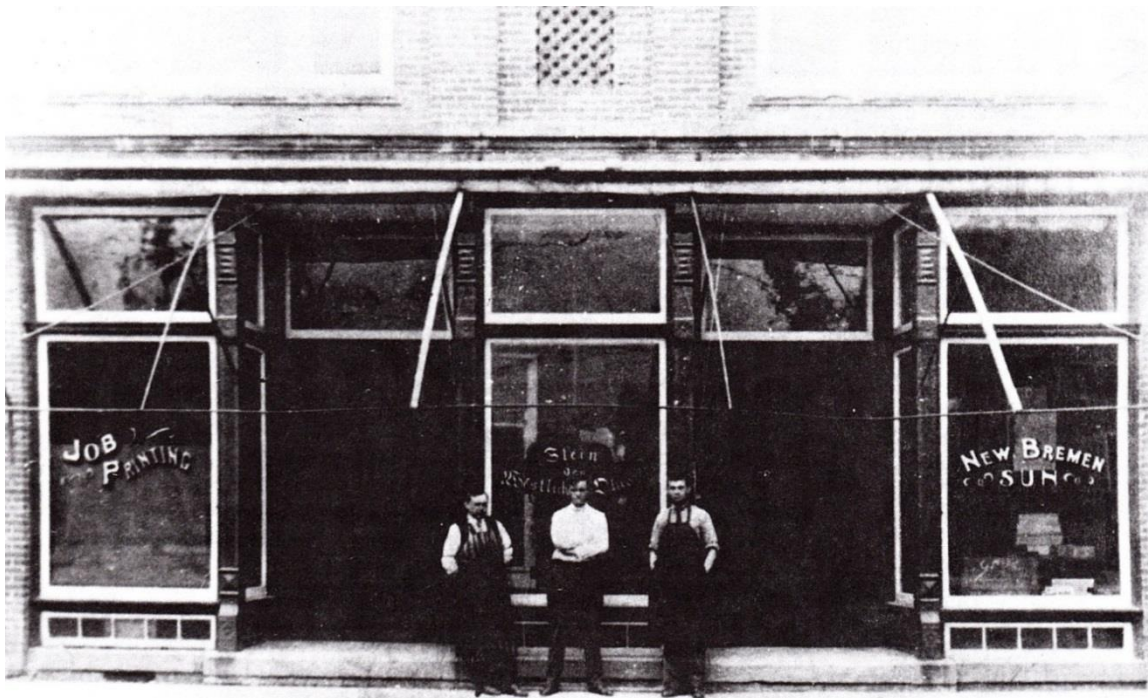
The Stern des Westlichen Ohio is also recorded on microfilm at the New Bremen Library beginning with the 4/2/1885 issue and ending with the 3/8/1923 issue.

NOTE: If you have any old scrapbooks, genealogies, obituaries, New Bremen High School year-books, class reunion information, church or phone directories, etc. that you no longer have a reason to keep, I hope you will keep us in mind. These kinds of items are very helpful in doing genealogy research and in determining in what time period certain things took place.



Top: Edward Purpus's Toy and Fancy Store around 1880. In 1892, Ed Purpus was the Mayor of New Bremen. He was also an insurance agent and ran this business which he had started in 1877, carrying a line of musical instruments, fancy goods, toys, wall paper, etc. This frame building at the northwest corner of Monroe and Main Streets was torn down in 1892 and replaced with a two-story brick building with iron frame. The building to the right (meat market) is where Gilberg & Hegemier had a radio and furniture store from around 1929 to 1959.

Below: The Purpus building sometime before 1923, when publication of the *Stern des Westlichen Ohio* was discontinued. On the left is Fridolin Purpus. The other two are thought to be Otto Schneider and Leo Sunderman. This is where Howel's IGA is now located and which once was also a Kroger store.



President's Message

In 1998, the New Bremen Historic Association grew in many ways and made many changes. These changes are reflected on both the Board of Trustees and in improvements at the museum.

The Trustees have attempted to improve the museum and find ways to protect and preserve the historical items that we have. In order to do this, an air-conditioning system was installed in June by Gagel Plumbing and Heating Inc. We are now better able to provide a climate-controlled environment to preserve these items for our future generations. The air conditioner was also a benefit this summer, making the museum more comfortable when we were open for the summer visitation. The only drawback to the year-round climate-control is the increase in utility bills.

Besides the air conditioning, we installed a picket fence at the rear of the museum property. It would be a great improvement if we were able to put this picket fencing around the entire property.

We also installed new weather stripping seals on all outside doors and put deadbolt locks on the doors to make the buildings more secure.

There have been a large number of improvements to the museum in the last couple of years but we need many more. Things need to be painted and minor repairs need to be made to all the buildings. We also need to haul dirt onto the old "driveway" on the north side of the property, level it off, and sow grass. These things all take time and effort and help from all of the members, not just the Trustees.

The faces of the Trustees also changed. Donna Warner and Martha Plattner both resigned this year. Donna Warner served as Secretary and Martha Plattner was Treasurer. Both will be missed and I would like to thank both of them for their years of service to the Historic Association.

We appointed Tom Braun and Jerry Brown to replace outgoing Trustees Betty Schroer and Mark Gaerke. Tom is now filling the position of Treasurer and Drusilla Meyer, as a new Trustee, is taking over the responsibilities of Secretary. We appointed Phyllis Cox as Corresponding Secretary to replace Irene Wellemeyer who passed away in May. The Board has formed committees in order to share the responsibilities and to put different people in charge of specific duties. Hopefully this will help get more things accomplished in a timely manner.

Our annual dinner and program "Downtown Remembered" was a big success. There was a great turnout for this event. I think everyone who attended enjoyed the program.

The museum was again open on Sundays during the months of June, July and August. On July 19th, Vernon Doenges of Wapakoneta and Tom Fledderjohann and Anna Mae Hudson of New Bremen displayed their postcard collections.

On Bremenfest Saturday, August 15th, John Dickman was there to sign copies of his book "A Taste of Tradition" for which he had given publishing rights to the Historic Association.

We again held our annual Christmas Festival the first weekend in December with a turnout of approximately 300 people. Dorothy Hertenstein and Don Ruese served as co-chairmen for this event. There were many interesting Christmas displays and all who participated had a good time. We had a very good response to our raffle for the Festival and made a profit of approximately \$600 which will be used for repairs, etc. to the museum.

We also took part in the Auglaize County Sesquicentennial celebration by providing items from our museum for display at the Auglaize County fair and workers to help with the fair's historical displays.

The Trustees decided to sell more historical items in 1998 in order to provide a way of making more income for the Association. This summer, in addition to John Dickman's book, "A Taste of Tradition," we offered for sale porcelain "medallions" of the 1929 New Bremen High School. Just before Christmas, we also received a shipment of porcelain trinket boxes with the same picture on the lid and we have started selling those. We sold marriage books, Ralph May books, 1997's "Tales of Yesteryear" audiotapes, notecards/postcards, candy dishes and "Museum" Christmas ornaments.

In the future, we plan to offer porcelain "medallions", trinket boxes, and paperweights with the 1878 Central (grade) School on South Franklin Street depicted on them along with other items yet to be decided on. We hope that by producing these items, we will not only be able to provide a source of income for the Association, but we hope to increase the interest in the history of New Bremen.

The publishing of *The Towpath* has been an excellent way to keep our members informed of the Association's activities. It also provides the members with interesting stories and information about life in early New Bremen. Lucille Francis does a great job as Editor of *The Towpath* and spends many long hours writing and putting together the articles. Lucille requests that anyone who would like to help her in researching and writing articles for *The Towpath* should contact her. There are many people out there who have interesting stories about early New Bremen life or about the local history and we would appreciate those who would be willing to share those stories with us by providing

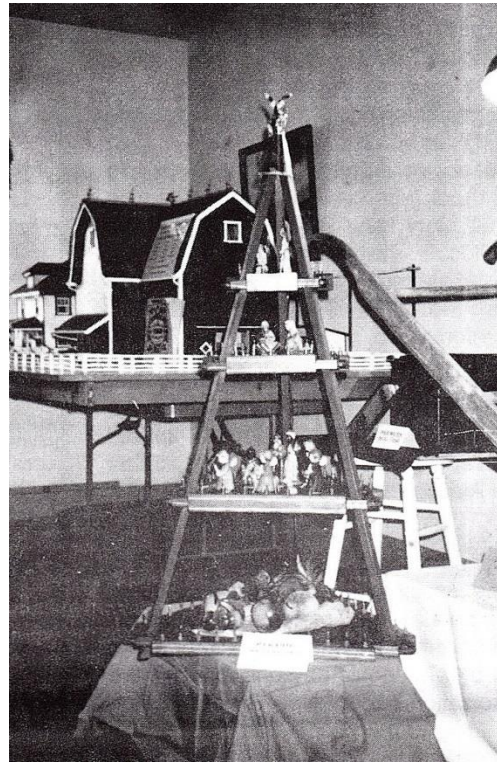
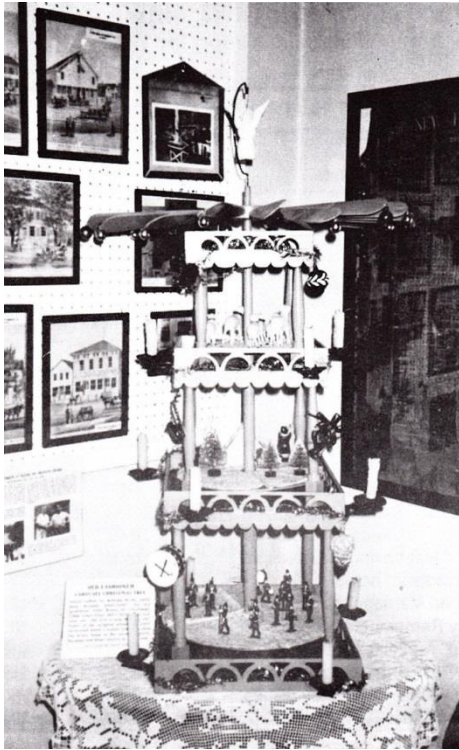
the information, pictures, etc.

Over the past several years, our membership has really increased. We now have nearly 700 members spread all over the country and also in Canada and Alaska. In order for the Association to continue to improve, we are in need of some assistance from some of these members. The Trustees are at times overwhelmed by what needs to be done and by what could be done to make the Association better. New Bremen is rich in history and it would be a great loss if this history was not preserved for our future generations. Once the history is lost and items not saved, it can never be replaced.

The work of the New Bremen Historic Association is being done by a handful of volunteers. More help must come from the general membership by people taking an active role in such things as repairing and fixing up the museum and the outbuildings, helping to arrange displays, helping with the outside grounds and lawn care, providing articles/information/pictures for *The Towpath*, as well as many other things. You are urged to call one of our Trustees to let them know which items you would be interested in helping with. All members are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings to share their ideas with us. By working together and by getting all members involved, we can continue to grow and preserve historic New Bremen.

Doug Harrod, President

New Bremen Historic Association Annual Financial Report for 1998 <i>Thomas Braun, Treasurer</i>		
ASSETS AS OF JAN. 1	1997	1998
CHECKING ACCT.	\$7,011.97	\$3,849.74
CERT. OF DEPOSIT / PROM. NOTE	\$1,500.00	\$9,212.97
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,511.97	\$13,062.71
INCOME	1997	1998
Regular Membership Dues	1,855.00	2,777.00
Life Memberships	2,150.00	3,800.00
Membership Donations	906.00	868.00
Miscellaneous Donations	172.00	210.50
Memorial Donations	1,005.00	905.00
Genealogy Research	10.00	0.00
Grants	850.00	850.00
Interest (includes accrued C.D. interest)	434.40	634.09
ANNUAL DINNER (ticket sales @ 8.00/ea.)	(180) 1,440.00	(230) 1,840.00
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (ticket sales)	600.00	673.00
MERCHANDISE SALES	(97-\$533.25)	(98-\$3,034.00)
N.B. High School Medallions/Stands	0.00	676.75
N.B.H.S. Trinket boxes, Paperweight	0.00	190.00
"Taste of Tradition" books (267)	0.00	1,374.45
"New Bremen Marriage" books	226.00	179.50
"Ralph May Remembers" books	46.00	188.00
"Yesteryear" Audiotapes	122.00	113.00
Notecards/Postcards	48.25	157.65
1983 Sesquicentennial candy dishes	9.00	50.00
Miscellaneous sales	82.00	104.65
TOTAL YEARLY INCOME	\$9,955.65	\$15,591.59
EXPENSES	1997	1998
UTILITIES: Electric (N.B. Utilities)	328.89	500.14
Gas (D.P. & L.)	431.23	380.05
Property Maint. (incl. 97 & 98 mowings*)	159.21	*792.54
Summer kitchen restoration	0.00	1995.00
Installation of central air conditioning	0.00	3872.00
MUSEUM: Display/Archive expenses	19.14	983.15
Insurance & Treasurer's Bond	462.00	454.00
TOWPATH: Printing & Envelopes	1802.85	2006.50
Postage & Bulk Permit	382.58	466.54
Research & Office Expenses	174.96	172.19
OFFICE EXPENSE: P.O. Box Rent	58.00	58.00
Stamps & supplies	83.10	105.96
ANNUAL DINNER expenses	1029.06	1242.48
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL expenses	75.52	95.36
Genealogy expenses (obituary files, etc.)	220.57	109.95
Merchandise purchased for resale	113.15	1779.81
Shipping costs on merchandise sales	13.42	63.75
Promotional material (brochures)	0.00	163.29
Miscellaneous expenses	51.23	74.85
TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES:	\$5,404.91	\$15,315.56
ASSETS AS OF DEC. 31	1997	1998
CHECKING ACCT.	\$3,849.74	\$2,471.08
CERT. OF DEPOSIT / PROM. NOTE	\$9,212.97	\$10,867.66
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,062.71	\$13,338.74



TWO OF THE DISPLAYS AT OUR 24TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

LEFT: An old-fashioned wooden carousel Christmas tree hand-crafted by William Bruns, early New Bremen stone-cutter, for his grandson, Elton (Pitt) Bruns, for Christmas, 1908, when Elton was one year old. This tree was set up for display by Elton's son Bill and his wife Nita, of Muncie, Indiana. (We did not light the candles for safety reasons.)

RIGHT: A pyramid wooden Christmas tree built in more recent years by Paul Lietz, late husband of Marge Lietz, who set up the display along with her daughter, Genevieve Conradi. The tree had miniature lights at each level. Behind the tree display is the Orlando Maurer farm scene written about in the April 1998 issue of *The Towpath*.

SUN MAKES CHANGES

Howard G. Kettler, for the past eight months publisher of the *New Bremen Sun*, last week took over the duties of Editor.

Maurice Beinker, an experienced printer, who with his family recently moved from New York to New Bremen, will take charge of the SUN'S Commercial Dept. and will assume his duties Monday. Mr. Beinker and family are residing one mile south of town on the former Harry Rempe farm.

Miss Donna Topp, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Topp of North Herman St., this week took over her duties as bookkeeper for the SUN Co. (*New Bremen Sun*, 8/12/1948)

JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES

Oh, how we need a man like this within our town today.
The friendly, able fix-it man we knew those yesterdays.
He'd mend our screens & trim our shrubs or help with gardening.
He'd build, repair, or scrub, or paint - he'd do most anything.

He loved to help his fellow man. His joy was in his work.
No task would seem too much for him, and never would he shirk.
He had a way of bettering most anything he'd touch.
Oh, how I'd like to call him now - we miss him very much.

Craig E. Sathoff

This poem is dedicated to the memory of **Paul Lietz**, the New Bremen Historic Association's former fix-it man. Paul was always repairing things around our museum and we do miss him very much.



New Bremen Sun

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READER RESPONSE

◆What a really great surprise to have received the complimentary copy of the October issue of *The Towpath*. Thanks so very much - I do appreciate it. Of extreme interest to me were pages 2 and 3 (*about the Julius Boesel mansion.*) We owned this property for several years and I have so many fond memories of living there. The remaining articles were also of interest to me. Enclosed is my check for a Life Membership - I am already looking forward to receiving my own "first" issue for January, 1999.

Mrs. Arlie (Opal L.) Wiessinger

◆Thank you for sending me the complimentary copy of the October issue of *The Towpath*. Otherwise I would not have known of its existence.

Joann (Neuman) Williams - Class of '54

◆Enclosed is a check for a copy of "A Taste of Tradition" by John Dickman. Each day I think of my family and close friends in and near New Bremen. My Uncle Irvin Fark did bake great things! It's been six years since my last visit to New Bremen. I used to walk by the Luelleman home (museum), having been born on Knoxville Ave. and living there till age seven (1929-1936).

Richard Huckriede - Greensburg, Kansas

INFORMATION REQUEST

We recently received a request for information regarding early Ohio needlework (embroidery) samplers stitched by Ohio schoolgirls from 1800-1850. This is in preparation for a book being written by Sue Studebaker, American Decorative Arts Class Lecturer of Dayton, Ohio. The book is intended to be used as a reference tool by interested collectors and museums. If anyone has any knowledge of such needlework, including that which may be in private collections, please write or call:

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Dayton, Ohio 45459 — Phone: (937) 434-3347

(Supporting genealogical documentation would be helpful.)

MY SNOW MAN

I made the nicest snowman just the other day.

I put him right beside the walk and hoped he'd stay and stay.

He looked so very jaunty with Dad's hat upon his head. His eyes were black as coal and his nose was cherry red.

Next morning when I went to school I left him all alone. I wondered if he'd still be there that night when I got home. But when I left the school bus the most that I could see

Was a water puddle & Dad's old hat where my

Snowman used to be.

Mrs. B.L. Harrod

NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER (THRU 12/31/98)

11/30/98 Able, Anne K. - Corydon, Indiana
 12/12/98 Ahlers, Marlene (Wiehe)(LM) - Gainesville, GA
 12/11/98 Broyles, Suzanne (Luedeke) - Naperville, Illinois
 10/31/98 Bruns, William G. (LM) - Muncie, Indiana
 11/16/98 Conradi, Ned W. - New Bremen
 12/31/98 Dicke, Louise (Huenke)(LM) - New Bremen
 12/02/98 Dicke, Vernon A. - Dublin, Ohio
 12/16/98 Fark, Jan - New Bremen
 10/27/98 Hegemier, June (Hirschfeld) - Oak Harbor, Ohio
 12/04/98 Hirschfeld, Dale (LM) - DeGraff, Ohio
 11/25/98 Hirschfeld, Gerald - New Bremen
 11/11/98 Hollman, Kenneth W. - St. Marys
 11/03/98 Huwer, Dorothy (Huenke) - St. Marys
 11/23/98 McGowan, Betty W. (Waterman) - Phoenix, AZ
 12/06/98 Moeller, Freda (Larger) - New Bremen
 12/29/98 Moeller, Irene (Neuman) - Rockford, Ohio
 11/09/98 Mueller, Ronald E. (LM) - New Bremen
 12/19/98 Nedderman, Bernard - Celina, Ohio
 11/14/98 Overman, Charles H. - Everett, Washington
 11/05/98 Quellhorst, Brian - Centerville, Ohio
 11/05/98 Quellhorst, Philip - Middletown, Ohio
 11/05/98 Quellhorst, Rick - St. Marys, Ohio
 10/27/98 Rupert, Ross (LM) - St. Marys, Ohio
 12/01/98 Tontrup, Jim - New Bremen
 12/04/98 Warner, Wilbur W. - St. Marys
 11/09/98 Wiessinger, Opal L. (LM) - Sun City Center, Fla.
 11/07/98 Williams, Joann (Neuman) - Fresno, California

ADDITIONS TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE

12/12/98 Ahlers, John
 12/12/98 Ahlers, Marlene (Wiehe)(new)
 12/10/98 Braun, Thomas
 10/31/98 Bruns, William G. (new)
 12/31/98 Dicke, Louise (Huenke)(new)
 12/04/98 Hirschfeld, Dale (new)
 11/09/98 Mueller, Ronald E. (new)
 10/27/98 Rupert, Ross (new)
 10/29/98 Tontrup, Sally (Fischbach)
 12/08/98 Weber, Marjorie (Fark)
 11/09/98 Wiessinger, Mrs. Arlie (Opal L.)(new)

MEMBER DEATHS THIS QUARTER

10/27/98 Blanke, Lester (CM) - died 10/27/98
 12/22/98 Koeper, Naomi (Grube) - died 12/22/98
 10/19/98 Moeller, Marie (Mesenbrink) - died 10/19/98
 11/19/98 Mousa, Virgil (CM) - died 11/19/98
 11/13/98 Thieman, Ruth (White)(LM) - died 11/13/98

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/31/98 = 689

689 = 89 CM's + 16 CMLM's + 208 LM's + 376 Yearly
 (Total New Bremen memberships = 301)

MEMORIAL PLAQUE POLICY

Memorial donations are accepted in any amount. When donations for any one person or couple have reached \$100.00, a brass plate engraved with their name(s) is attached to the Memorial Plaque.