

From the President

Happy New Year! Hope 1988 brings all of you happiness and peace.

The hope of the Society for this new year is to make a strong effort to achieve our goal of having our own historical building. With just a little help from a lot of people, this dream could easily become a reality. We are continuing our ongoing tasks on this project.

Based on a survey that we conducted at our house tour last Fall, a decision has been made to have a Spring tour in West Ridge. It will be held in May and if anyone can suggest a house for the tour, we would appreciate it.

The Newsletter continues to be the major vehicle to keep our current members and to attract new ones, so this is where you can help. Since our last Newsletter, we have received over 20 new members and over 45 renewals. This is absolutely wonderful! So please try to get just one additional person to join us in 1988. Continue to tell your family, friends and neighbors about us and pass on our publication for others to enjoy.

Mary Jo Behrendt Doyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sat. Feb. 13 | N.E.I.L Board Meeting - Morton Grove Historical Society |
| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | |
| Sat. Mar. 5 & 19 | RP Historical Society Meeting |
| 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Rogers Park Branch Library |
| Sat. Mar. 12 | N.E.I.L Meeting - Arlington Heights Historical Society |
| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | |
| Sat. Apr. 2 & 16 | RP Historical Society Meeting |
| 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Rogers Park Branch Library |
| Sat. May 14 | N.E.I.L Meeting - Wilmette Historical Society |
| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | |

What We've Been Doing

N.E.I.L Meeting — Sat. Nov. 14 — Mary Jo and Marty attended the bi-monthly meeting at the Elk Grove Historical Society. They have a wonderful old house, a huge barn and lots of land for future plans.

RP Community Council 35th Anniversary — Sun. Nov. 15 — Leona's Restaurant on Sheridan Road was the setting for a well-attended party to celebrate this important event. Many of our members enjoyed the festivities. Congratulations RPCC!

Arts in Rogers Park — Wed. Nov. 18 — Mary Jo and Marty attended this absolutely enjoyable evening to bring some art appreciation to our community. Persons who attended participated in inventing a rap poem, making puppets, painting a mural or creating a free-form poem all based on topics of Rogers Park.

Rogers Park Tenants Committee Dinner — Sun. Dec. 6 — Mary Jo and Marty attended the annual dinner which honored Jim Hobson, one of the truly remarkable persons in this area. Jim received the Tobey Prinz Award for Community Activism. See Spotlight on page 6.

Landmark Commission Survey — 49th Ward — Wed. Dec. 9 — Approximately 65 people attended this wonderful slide program at Loyola Park Fieldhouse sponsored by the Society. See article on page 5.

RP HS Holiday Party — Sat. Jan. 2 — Again held at member Larry Calhoun's house, this was the biggest turnout we have had. Food had to be set up on the first floor and in the basement to accommodate the 43 people who attended. There was lots of conversation, looking at photographs and just having a pleasant evening.

Mini Holiday House Tour — Thur. Jan. 7 — Many of our members and guests met at the Fortman house on Ridge to see one of our favorite places. Denise and Ronald Sohn greeted us and showed us this historical house with lots of Rogers Park memorabilia. We then proceeded to the home of Phyllis and Soto Colovos where we were treated to their "White Lace and Promises" holiday decorations. Special thanks to all of you for your warm hospitality.

Phoenix District Scout Meeting — Wed. Jan. 20 — Mary Jo gave a short talk to the troupe leaders on what scouts can do to assist local historical societies while earning two skill awards and a merit badge. Hope that many of them will consent to help.

Edgewater Historical Society Formation — Sat. Jan. 23 — Several of our members were on hand to congratulate the residents of the Edgewater community and to wish them success in starting their own historical society. We hope to work closely with them on a few projects.

The Way It Was

A COOL DAY IN APRIL, 1920

We have just arrived at the intersection of Devon Avenue and Clark Street on an old red streetcar of the Route One Broadway Line. The Irish conductor, with a heavy brogue, has just announced: "The ind of the line — Clairk Street — change for the Twinty Two care."

We get off and decide to walk north on the east side of Clark to Albion Avenue. Where we got off would now be right in the middle of Ashland Avenue as it presently parallels Clark. Back then, Ashland ended where it now joins Clark at about 5800, and picked up again running north at 6500, running unevenly to the city limits.

Holleson Hall occupied the true northeast corner of Clark and Devon; named for its owner, Henry Holleson, a truck farmer, who owned most of the property abutting the north side of Devon Avenue and the east side of Clark extending to roughly Arthur Avenue.

Holleson Hall, a three story affair, housed the offices of Doctor O'Connell's famous "Painless Dentistry Parlors" on the second floor. This was part of a chain of such offices on the north side, the porcelainized white letters on their windows proclaimed: "Fillings Two Dollars," and "Extractions Three Dollars."

Other types of doctors occupied various suites, and the third floor housed what was then considered a fine ballroom, available to all.

The ground level had Von Dandeen's Drug Store on the very corner, a large establishment, with lengthwise windows complete with multi-hued apothecary globes hanging therein. It was considered "the" drug store for the area. Had Norman Rockwell been in the area he surely would have been inspired to draw it, as was.

Prior to heading north, a pause and divestment of all pennies in our pockets, as we stopped at an island of refreshment — several vending machines in a group right at the very corner, as was common at most streetcar stops.

First, a handful of tasty Spanish peanuts, replete with peanut skins and salt, plus pigeon feathers, and the Lord only knows what else. Very sanitary! Then, of course, the yellow gum vending machine, stocked with Pulver's Gum — "One cent delivers a tasty chew."

Or, you could patronize the red vending machines which featured Adam's Gum or Beeman's Pepsin Gum. With this you got a little show, as the colorful clown inside would turn to his right as you turned the handle, and then faced you as the gum came forth. Thus fortified, we head north passing Dahlgren's Restaurant and Lamb's Dry Goods Store, both well accepted businesses. Then we pass a large white frame building that housed many Joyce Brothers decommissioned horse-drawn moving vans.

Then, extending almost to Arthur, to the southern boundary of the Surface Lines turnaround, or "Loop," as it was known (where the Broadway cars entered from Clark and headed back south to Broadway) were two similar buildings, which we knew as "the tenement buildings."

One of these buildings still stands next to the bus turn-around, and the other was moved to Schreiber Avenue, east of Ashland, and only recently was razed to accommodate the new parking lot of the Clark-Devon Hardware.

Passing Arthur, there were several stores with apartments above them, under construction. Next to this, and extending north to Albion, was a complex of greenhouses, but the name of the owner, who lived on the west side of Clark in a small home, right at the corner of Albion, and who had farm property possibly extending westward to the C&NW tracks, now escapes me. I can remember taking our coaster-wagon and assisting my grandmother in bringing home a sack of potatoes from there.

Returning to Devon we cross the street and go north on the west side of Clark. Anchoring various stores, extending northward from the corner, was Whalen's Drug Store, a member of a chain. Then followed Speckenire's Restaurant, a couple of equipment stores that catered to the needs of the street-car men, the Genuine Chinese Hand Laundry of Charles Mark, plus a couple of other eating establishments that were constantly changing hands. The north anchor was the huge storage building of Joyce Brothers, now the site of Wendy's.

Across Schreiber was Les Leibsen's Restaurant, a busy place that outlasted all competition through the years. Then came the Car Barns themselves, a huge structure, on the site of the present 24th District Police Station, extending back to Ravenswood Avenue.

A little north, identified by its towering smoke-stack, was the Uptown Wet Wash Laundry, where Christiana Industries is now. Then came several lots and stores, housing Kohler's Grocery and Market, Curtis' Delicatessen, and the McCarthy Roofing Company's business site. Then came the recently constructed Seibold-Schaeffer Moving Company's warehouse, on the present site of Dunn Brothers Movers. Thus we have come to Albion once again.

It is my understanding that Mrs. Eleanor Breiter Davis, a Society member and long time Rogers Parker, will soon have a writeup of Clark Street from Morse to Touhy. I am looking forward to it.

If this article pleased you, let me know what you think of our plan to report on segments of other businesses. Thank you.

Norm Coughlin



Norwood Park Hist. Soc. Open House — Sat. Jan. 23 — Marty and Mary Jo attended this event to celebrate the acquisition of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House as the new home of the NPHS. Many of their volunteers worked long and hard to get the house ready for the party, but there is still lots to be done. Let's support them in their future fund raising events!

Editor's Note: A family member that owned the house is listed in the RP 1901-02 Directory — S. (Stuart) S. Crippen
1335 Columbia (around 1100W)
manufacturing chemist —
had left Rogers Park by 1915.

Recent Donations:

- Paul Albert — RPHS member
Brick from the original police and fire station at Estes and Clark dated 1880 and two easels
- Marilyn Brown — President Niles Historical Society
Many photos from an old album of her family, some of whom lived on Wolcott near Pratt
- Marian Cochran — RPHS member
Various photos and papers and a copy of the Rogers Park Graphic dated 1930
- Norm Coughlin — RPHS member
Grate shaker handle from 1912 coal hot water heater from his home on Bosworth
- Eleanor Davis — RPHS member
Beautiful tin can bank from Chicago's Century of Progress in 1933
- Anne Dering — RPHS member
Large size granny-square afghan which she made, two small teddy bears from the 1933 Century of Progress, an old cupie doll, old family bible (....), and several personal items
- Jean Edwards — RPHS member
Picture of the members of the Cumberland Grand Army Post located in Rogers Park dated 1907 — her grandfather, Jacob Synder was one of the men
- Jack Keefer — RPHS member
Centennial book of the Luxembourg Brotherhood of America 1887-1987 — contains information and photos of Rogers Park, Section 3, which was formed in April of 1897 — see article on page 7
- Lerner Newspapers
Photo collection — 1986
- David Marshall — RPHS member
Rogers Park area post cards to duplicate for our photo collection
- Northtown Branch Library
Several Rogers Park/West Ridge scrapbooks, booklets, newspapers, etc. — some to keep; some to copy

Irene Organ

Several wonderful photos of Jarvis Beach and Park and a couple of newspaper articles

Betty Sherman — RPHS member

Receipts from businesses in Rogers Park — 1920s and information on some houses on Lunt and Morse

Jeanette Statland — RPHS charter member

Book entitled "Elizabeth on Lincoln" written by RPHS charter member, Jackie McNicol dated 1961

Rose and John Thillman

Several photos of the building at 6750 N. Ashland dated mid 1950s to early 1960s

Mrs. Howard (Hertie) Ure

Business statement from J.F. Ure Dairy dated 1910 "pint bottle milk .. 5¢ — half pint cream .. 10¢"

Robert Winters — RPHS member

Christopher Columbus Souvenir Medal from the World's Columbian Exposition dated 1892-1893 and a book of tickets from Chicago's Century of Progress dated 1933

John Zender — RPHS member

Staircase post from an old house on Ridge that was torn down dated 1870 — 1880

Recent Acquisitions:

Publication entitled "Ships of the Great Lakes in Miniature" by member John Heinz. John is available to give programs on this topic for a nominal fee. For information, call 769-5980.

Several post cards of early Rogers Park.



ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Ursula Reshoft, our oral history coordinator, has begun the task of learning the "Do's and Don't's" of conducting interviews. Information will be given to anyone who wishes to assist the Society in this project. For information, call 973-6051 or 764-2401.



Torn down in 1930
Now Ashland Avenue

Holleson Hall
NE corner Clark & Devon

FAMOUS ROGERS PARK LOCATIONS

The Broadmoor Hotel

When the name Broadmoor is mentioned, a certain kind of spark is set off in the many different types of people who came in contact with the name and the place.

For some, the first thing that comes to mind is the sound of WBBM broadcasting the jazz and big band music of the 1920s. This radio station, whose call name is "We broadcast from the Broadmoor," had its first Chicago location in the hotel after the Atlass' family moved the station from their family home in Lincoln, Illinois in 1924. The station stayed in the building from 1924-1927. "Amos and Andy" and "Fibber McGee and Molly" were two of the most famous programs that aired from the platform covered (according to an early story) with linoleum left over from the battleship Nevada. One long-time Rogers Parker, who moved into the Broadmoor with his family when it and Gale School were brand new, remembered that the doorman would not even let the resident children in the front door without their jackets and ties on properly, so they sometimes came through the kitchen door and pecked in at rehearsals of the WBBM people in the ballroom.

This same diverse spark may have overcome some, with the memory of the elegant ballroom and the melodious voice of Buddy Clark and other famous entertainers. At this point in the life of the ballroom, there was a restaurant with well-groomed waiters and a fabulous dancing area. Also at that time, the ballroom was the location for American Legion post meetings and for the St. Jerome's teen dances.

The memories of others may be the beauty of the lobby itself. A part of the ceiling in the lobby has skylights and another part is adorned with Roman and French style ornamentation. The floor of the lobby has beautifully laid terrazzo tiles and these can also be found in the ballroom floor.

Others may remember standing at the entrance where they would see the beautiful Roman classic front door and the beautiful terra-cotta trims and ornamentation on the front of the windows and doors and the outer corners extending the full height of the building. One could also walk under the glorious wrought brazen copper canopy with a shell shape that was a unique triumph of design. The canopy was sold off for scrap-metal-cash by one of the short-term owners a few years ago.

Still for others it would be the memories of having a good time, since in those days every place north of the Howard area was "Dry Country."

The Servicemen's memory would be the pleasure of having an enjoyable time at the Broadmoor after working so hard. Because many of these men visited the area in the war years, an independently funded, volunteer-staffed United Service Organization was set up in the Broadmoor to accommodate the servicemen.

For senior citizens, the memory of the Broadmoor was the place that satisfied many of their needs. Some of these were affordable rent, a peer grouping and a central place for socializing. The lobby was the place used by many of them for their general social

activities. For a while in the mid-seventies, it seemed that the tradition would be enhanced, as the then-owner rehabbed the ballroom. A club was begun with the designation as a Senior Lunch Site. The owner of that year had arranged with community residents to rent the ballroom "by the hour" ... seniors at the noontime hours, kids in the after school hours and daytimes during the summer for a day camp site. There was a club renting Saturday evenings, and it is believed that friction there led to the arson that destroyed the kitchen, damaged the ballroom and was accompanied by widespread graffiti. The lowest point in subsequent years was during the blizzard of February, '79, when a housing court judge was within moments of issuing a vacate order. Fortunately, he realized that to displace all the seniors during that period would be worse than anything else.

During the middle 1950s, most people would begin to see the gradual decline of the Broadmoor. This was after World War II and jobs were scarce, so naturally the flow of money would be the determining factor in all businesses and social activities. This was the primary reason that caused the Broadmoor to lose its status as one of the "Premier" hotels within the northern part of the city limits.

This 64-year old building was built in 1922-1923 and is the biggest building in the northeast corner of Rogers Park. Its location is 7600 N. Bosworth. It is described as a six-story and basement brick and terra-cotta, reinforced concrete elevator apartment and commercial building containing 90 apartments and seven stores (all of which were accessible from the lobby as well as from the street — after the manner of the famous Coronado Hotel in San Diego as well as the Edgewater Beach). Another little-realized design factor was that the entire building was accessible. Not ramped, as was the Gunderson building just a couple of blocks north, because it did not need them: the hallways and doors were all wide enough for wheelchairs. In earliest times, it was said that consideration for WWI veterans was the nudge on the architect's pen. By the same token, the Howard Theatre was also accessible.

One of the owners of this exotic building in its hey day was Arnold Yavitt. Like the steady decline of the Broadmoor's presence as a social structure, so was the constant changing of its owners. Perhaps the worst, who almost caused the death of this "anchor" building, was the owner in the late 1970s. Because of his neglect, the community groups of Rogers Park and the tenants of the building took his company to court in 1982. Because of his indifferent attitude towards appearing in court on his appointed dates, not meeting deadlines for major repairs and refusing to meet with community groups on several occasions, he was given an "ultimatum order" of halting all new rentals. He and his lawyer met with a small group of community leaders and with the City Corporation Counsel, prior to the "order," and both of them pleaded with the groups to ease the pressure to have the building put back in shape as they had a potential buyer. This did not make it easier, as the owner did not name the buyer, but said, "The buyers intend to upgrade the building radically and they will give it the best shot it has in the last ten years."

The Broadmoor cont.

Well, you could imagine the uproar and disbelief that this statement caused. A certain public official at the meeting said, "Nameless potential buyers mean nothing."

On October 12th, 1982 the nameless buyers were present for the hearing. They were the Broadmoor Associates Partnership along with the American National Bank. The partners of this group were Kasimir Krasuski, an experienced architect, and Jerry Kozlowski, an experienced builder. This gigantic miracle brought back to life the dying Broadmoor.

The two men changed the face of the dying Broadmoor to a face of joy, not only for the building itself, but for the Howard Street area. In less than a year after the building was purchased, it met all the building requirement codes and now, five years later, the building can boast a 100% tenant occupancy. The owners' office is located in one section of the former ballroom and more offices will be added in the future. The new owners got rid of all undesirable tenants and the headlines in the papers read, "New Existence for Old Hotel," "Broadmoor Critics Get a Pleasant Surprise," "Broadmoor Work Praised" and "Broadmoor Gets Over Its Problems." These headlines prompted Simon Wood of PCO, in March of 1983, who a few months earlier would have liked to see the building closed down, to say, "They've got that place looking so good, I'm tempted to move in there myself."

Mr. Krasuski and Mr. Kozlowski: "The sounds of the jazz and the big band music, the dancing of the ballroom patrons and the presence of the movie stars are not physically visible, but you have brought them back in the minds and hearts of those who loved the Broadmoor Hotel so much. By preventing its physical death, you have made a big impossibility become a great reality. Thanks."

Glenda Hyde, A.C.P.



Landmark Survey of the 49th Ward

On December 9th, three staff members from the Chicago Landmark Commission came to Loyola Park Fieldhouse to share their findings of the landmark survey of the 49th Ward. This city project has been going on for over four years and approximately half of the 50 wards have been completed. Sponsored by our Society, this special program began with a slide presentation by Roy Forrey explaining the actual survey process. Then Bob Begolka showed slides of landmark and potential landmark buildings throughout the other completed wards and finally slides of our own 49th. This was followed by a question and answer session and a look at the block by block survey forms identifying all structures in the ward. Bob and partner, Elizabeth Borden, who did the actual survey during August and September, were very fortunate to have spoken with several people in our neighborhood while they were out gathering the data. The Society displayed photos and other memorabilia and the 65 people who attended were part of an historical evening.

LETTERS.....COMMENTS

"Does anyone remember the 'Biergarten' which used to be on the west side of Ridge, somewhere between Pratt and Devon? Each labor day, the Luxemburger Bruderbund used to have festivities there. I remember hearing band music coming from that direction, and seeing men in European dress riding gaily-decorated horses around town."

Jean Edwards, Fort Meyers Beach, FL

Editor's Note: See article on page 7.

"I lived at 6723 Ashland Avenue from 1903 to 1928 and sold the property in 1943. I have an Abstract of Title covering the years 1835 to 1907 which I would like to give to the Society."

Lyman Newton, Wilmette

Editor's Note: Will be picked up soon.

"Although I have moved to this charming town of Woodstock, as a retiree from the Chicago Historical Society, I still want to keep up with news of that great old neighborhood, Rogers Park. We miss it."

Don Sack

Editor's Note:

Are you still in touch with an old neighbor or relative whose roots are in Rogers Park? How about sending in a membership to the RPHS Newsletter in their name to keep them posted on current happenings or jogging their memories on old events, via the Newsletter? It will be mailed to anyone anywhere in the Continental limits of the U.S.

Address comments to:

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Building Fund Update

Since the inauguration of the Rogers Park Historical Society Building Fund in the Spring of 1987, we have been working toward our goal. Lisa Porter and the grants proposal committee continue to meet and plan a strategy. The next general meeting will be held on Wed. Feb. 17th at 7:30pm at Larry's house.

Anyone is still welcome to join one of the committees. For information, call:

Larry Calhoun,
Chairperson
Phone: 274-0798



If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail for the first time, it is probably because you asked to be on the mailing list at one of our events during the summer or fall. To insure your continuing receipt of the Newsletter and other Society announcements, please forward your membership application soon. We need you.

Spotlight On

JIM HOBSON, TOBEY PRINZ AWARD RECIPIENT

Jim Hobson brings his enormous energy and boundless enthusiasm to work every day at Kiwanis Park in the North of Howard Area of Rogers Park. Jim's title is "Supervisor," but he is much more to the hundreds of young people who have learned the rules of basketball, football, baseball — and life — at the park.

Jim came to the park seven years ago when it was described by the Lerner Paper as one of the worst parks in the city. Jim began working part-time at the park in the evening while working another full-time job. His goals were simple yet difficult — to reclaim the park from gangs and raise community and business support.

After three months, Jim became the only full-time staff at the park. He has gradually built a staff of five. The park has been cleaned up, and participants in its programs routinely excel in Chicago competitions. Two have placed in the top ten in national tournaments.

Jim constantly defends the right of his young people to play and learn sports without being harassed by gangs. He is fair, but tough. As Jim puts it, "I wouldn't call myself 'tough.' I would call myself a teacher and a person who has very little time for gangs, drugs or alcohol."

Jim was born on Christmas Day, in 1945. He grew up in a string of foster homes in Illinois, and spent some time at Boy's Town in Nebraska. He served in the Army for five years during the Viet Nam War, earning two Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars, among other honors. He then returned to Chicago and became a state veterans' employment representative. Jim later worked on internal education for Goldblatt's and Montgomery Ward, and then for a market research firm.

Previously, Jim had been recognized for his work at Kiwanis Park by the Lerner Paper which called him "Citizen of the Year" and by the Chicago Police Department who gave him their "Citizen's Award." Yet Jim remains modest saying, "This award should really go to the community, not to someone who is just doing his job."

Jim's role in bringing together business, community organizations, political leaders and the people of North of Howard to revitalize Kiwanis Park is the reason he is being presented the Tobey Prinz Award for Community Activism tonight.

Reprinted from the Rogers Park Tenants Committee booklet "A Celebration of Rogers Park" dated Sunday, December 6, 1987



The following is reprinted from an article in the Skokie Life dated 11-30-50

John Drury's
NORTH SIDE NOTEBOOK
Jottings by the author of "Old Chicago Houses,"
"Midwest Heritage," Etc.

THE OLD NEWGARD HOME

Among the landmarks of the North Side, one of the

most familiar and most revered by longtime residents is the ancient Henry Newgard home in Rogers Park. It has been standing on its original site for more than 60 years, and has come to be regarded as a kind of memorial to the man after whom it was named.

When the city fathers named this suburban-like street after Henry Newgard, they honored the memory of a man who was both an outstanding Chicagoan of his time and an outstanding pioneer North Sider. From the archives of the Ravenswood-Lake View Historical Society, we learn that Henry Newgard served on the first board of commissioners of the North Shore Park District — since absorbed by the vast Chicago Park District of today.

As a park commissioner, Henry Newgard was one of the earliest leaders of the movement to extend the park system throughout the North Side. At that time, his Rogers Park home place, known as the "Newgard Farm" was something of a park itself, being enhanced with shade trees that arched over lawns, winding walks and flower gardens.

Before building his Rogers Park home sometime in the late 1880's or about the period when the old Township of Lake View was annexed to Chicago, Henry Newgard had made a name for himself as one of the pioneer electrical contractors of Chicago. At the time that electricity was first beginning to supplant gas as a source of light, Newgard began a series of electrical experiments in his small locksmith shop on Madison St., and this work marked the turning point in his career.

Thus it was that within a few years Henry Newgard had risen from humble locksmith to the presidency of Henry Newgard & Company, one of the first of Chicago's electrical contracting firms. Associated with him in this concern was his brother, Martin. Soon he was among leaders in this new field, having been elected vice-president of the Electrical Contractors' Association of Chicago. He was also active as a member of the Illinois Commercial Men's Association and the Builder's Club.

In his comfortable Rogers Park home, where he lived with his wife and three children, Henry Newgard must often have recalled his earlier days as a poor, youthful immigrant, looking for a job on the streets of Chicago. A native of Norway, where he was born in 1858, Newgard emigrated to America in 1879, coming directly to Chicago. He began his career here as a locksmith.

After the passing of this pioneer North Sider, his Rogers Park home was acquired by a roofing contractor named Griffin, who lived in it with his family for more than twenty-five years. Today, the old Newgard home is owned by Rose Oller Harbaugh, manager of the book section of Marshall Field & Company and one of America's outstanding book dealers.

Appreciating the historic value of her home which she purchased six years ago, Mrs. Harbaugh keeps it in good repair and has made few changes on its exterior. It is no longer on a farm, of course, being but one of a fully built up block of homes. Here then, we observe a typical dwelling place of the Victorian era — a spacious, frame house, two-and-a-half stories high, still retaining, on its commodious front porch, much of the scrollwork trim that was so popular in the days of Henry Newgard.

Rogers Park Luxembourgers

The roots of the Luxembourg Brotherhood of America (L.B.A.) in Rogers Park date back to 1897. The first meeting was held in April and on May 9, 1897 Section 3 was christened. The Charter Members were:

Fred Arendt	*J.P. Koob	Peter Sartor
Anton Beaufils	Theodore Lanners	J.A. Schmit
Joseph Bill	Mathias LaPlume	Vincent Schmitz
Nick Brucher	Nick LaPlume	John Scholer
Louis Clesen	J. Leichtenberg	Peter Schoos
Peter Diederich	Fred Lutgen	Leon Schuler
Nick Drickes	*J.P. Michels	*Nick Thinnes
Peter Eischen	*Nick Nilles	Peter Tres
Hubert Hostert	Peter Nilles	Fritz Wanderscheid
J.P. Jaeger	Theo. Porters	Andrew Weber
Cor. Kimmes	J.B. Salentiny	*Peter Weimeskirch

* Section's first officers

At the June 1904 meeting it was decided to have a Schobermesse and the Committee selected the combined groves of Nicholas Karthäuser and Joseph Ebert, which adjoined each other on Ridge Avenue, at 6600 North, as the site. This first "Harvest Festival" was well attended not only by members of Section 3, but by Sections 1 and 2 (South Side of Chicago).

MEMBERSHIP

Members, it's renewal time once again. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

The membership fee is still \$6.00 per year. For those who wish to give additional support, an optional donation of \$2.00 to defray the rising cost of providing our Newsletter and/or \$2.00 to bolster our Building Fund, would be deeply appreciated. Remember donations are tax deductible.

Special Thanks To:

The Chicago Landmark Commission staff — Roy Forrey, Bob Begolka and Elizabeth Borden — for their program on the Landmark Survey of the 49th Ward.

Norm Coughlin for his continuing effort to make people aware of our Society.

Eleanor Brieter Davis for information and leads on persons who may have an interest in the Society.

David Eisen, current owner, for the article on the Old Newgard Home. See page 6.

Charlotte Kohn, a new owner of Plaza on the Lake, formerly the Sheridan Beach Hotel/Apartments, for her offer to the Society to view the renovated building and possibly be a special feature on a future tour.

Editor's Note: If anyone has stories or photos concerning this building, they would be appreciated.

Annette Saltzman for her writeup on Plaza on the Lake at Sheridan and Chase which will appear in the next issue.

Mark Zaltman, for his article "Cabbage Heads on Parade — Events Surrounding the Park Law Election of 1896" which will appear in the next issue.

All of the persons who answered our ad in the Reader to volunteer on one or more of our projects. We are looking forward to your assistance.

People who continue to give memberships to friends, relatives and to those who have moved away.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER/BUILDING FUND

Annual dues are \$6.00 per person and the membership period is from January 1st thru December 31st.

Membership No. of Persons Newsletter Building Fund

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Name

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City

State

Zip

Mail to: Rogers Park Historical Society
2555 W. Farwell
Rogers Park, IL 60645

- I would like to help the Society when I am available.
 I would support a second house tour-West Ridge-Spring.

NEWSLETTER

Copies of previous Newsletters are available. If you would like one, call, write or indicate it on the mail-in form. The Rogers Park and Northtown Branch Libraries also have a notebook containing back issues to read there. Just ask the librarian.

The next issue is due out the fourth week of April 1988. If you have anything to suggest or contribute, the deadline is April 12.

WE WELCOME GUEST COLUMNISTS AT ANY TIME.



NOTICE

This newsletter is published by the Rogers Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to preserve the roots of our community. Correspondence may be directed to the editor: Norman Coughlin, 6555 N. Bosworth, Chicago, IL 60626. Phone 262-3190. Managing Editor: Mary Jo Doyle.

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Historic Memorabilia

Any visitor to the Rogers Park Library-main meeting room generally comments on the Society's permanent display.

It offers a varied collection of memorabilia from the past. We periodically update the exhibit, so we are always looking for new additions.

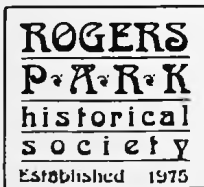
Take a look around your home or attic for any old photos or small items that may be of interest to the Society. We will gladly copy any photos and return them to you, if you do not wish to donate them.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul Albert (Albany Park)	Helen Keefner (Mt. Prospect)
Virginia Austern	Bob LaPlume (Irving Park)
Elizabeth Biernacka	Sr. M. Kathleen LaPlume (St. Charles)
Don Clark	David Marshall (West Ridge)
Marian Cochran	Fran Mason
Michael Dannhauser	Gilbert Moore
Nick Davlantes (West Ridge)	Delores Patton
Vicki Domer (West Ridge)	James Patton
John Heinz (Lincoln Square)	Mrs. Arthur Runquist
Doris Hoyne (Long Grove)	Miguella Sussman
	Otto Ullrich (Kissimmie, Fla.)

Thanks for renewing:

Mildred Amschl	Mervyn Ruskow
Loretta Bamman	Don Sack (Woodstock)
Bob Browne	Ed Schneider (West Ridge)
Fr. James Chambers	Lee Schroeder
Dolores Collins (Edgewater)	Ruth Shatzel
Mary Davlantes (West Ridge)	Betty Sherman
Jean Einsweiler	Joyce Smith
Paul Einsweiler	Maureen Spring (West Ridge)
Ruth France	Monna Stark
Mary Friedman (West Ridge)	Jeanette Statland (Evanston)
Nancy Hartnett	William Steinfeld (Uptown)
Patrick Hartnett	Edward J. Taylor (Norwood Park)
Glenda Hyde	Joan Thiry (West Ridge)
Stella Jenks (Santa Rosa, Cal.)	Steve Tres (West Ridge)
Anita Kneifel (Evanston)	Albert Weimeskirch
Loren Chris Kringle	Loretta Weimeskirch
Emily Lopez	Bob Winters
Eleanor Mars	Barbara Young
Tom McGann	Mark Zaltman (West Ridge)
Dave Miller	John Zender (Edgewater)
Henry Miller	
David Patt (West Ridge)	
Dorothy Piotrowicz	
Lisa Porter	



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MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Saturdays
11:15am-1:00pm



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