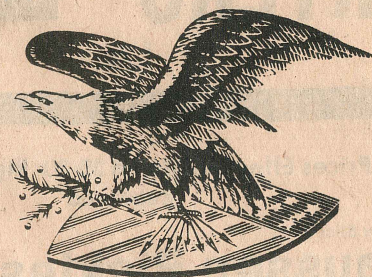


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## Swede Point Questers: Study of Antiques

One of the newer organizations in the Madrid area is the Swede Point Chapter No. 657 of Questers. The group was begun in 1973 and on May 17 the charter was received with the following names appearing on it: Jackie Smith, Merlene Flynn, Patricia Johnson, Barbara Peterson, Jo Ann Sorensen, Jean Allen, Elsie Anderson, Donna Benbow, Joanne Berg, Pat Cronk, Virginia Lanning, Florrine Lucas, Betty A. Martin, DeLores Peterson, Sally Sundberg, Sue Thornton and Irene Wilcox. Questers is not an exclusive organization and is open to anyone. However, membership is limited to 20 so the meetings can be held in the homes. This is not to say that another like club could not be started if there is sufficient interest. The club was organized by Jackie Smith, who was a member of a Des Moines chapter.

Questers, a national organization was founded in April, 1944 by Mrs. William George Bardens of Fort Washington, Pa.

The purpose of Questers is to study and to learn an appreciation of antiques; to stimulate collection of antiques; to develop an interest in historical landmarks and to educate by research, study and to donate funds to the preservation of memorial and historical buildings.

The local chapter, named for the original settlement founded by Mrs. Anna Delander in 1846, has colors of royal blue and gold, and a motto of "It's fun to search and a joy to find." The group meets the second Thursday of each month from September to May.

Present officers are Joanne Berg, president; Alma Shell, vice president; DeLores Peterson, secretary;

Barb Peterson, treasurer and Elinore Gilbert, historian.

Questers hold regular business meetings as well as a program dealing with something of the past such as antique collections, old fashioned projects or demonstrations. Each year a tour is scheduled where the members visit antique shops for antiques to add to their collection and to study and observe.

Present projects of the group include an antique display at the Madrid Public Library. This project began back in July and is scheduled to continue each month until December 1976.

The ladies are also working on a 42-block Bicentennial quilt with names of Madrid area residents embroidered upon it or anyone with a root connection to the town.

They plan to place it on public display.

Another undertaking is the moving of the Lucas collection from the third floor of the elementary building down to the community room. This will be done sometime in the near future.



Mrs. Sally Myers, Madrid librarian, is shown with some of the Quester antiques on display at the library. Each month, up to the end of 1976, the Questers will be putting antique items on display depicting some concept of history. The sled Mrs. Myers is holding, is made of wood and over 90 years old.

The sled was a gift to Mrs. Pat Cronk from her grandmother, Mrs. Lena Moffitt. The sled originally belonged to Willard Moffitt who received the sled from his uncle who was a carpenter.

## Eta Sigma Sorority Organized in Madrid in 1967

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is an international organization for women offering opportunities for friendship, development of cultural appreciation and community service. It was founded 45 years ago to answer the needs of women for self-development and social opportunities. Today Beta Sigma Phi has over 8,500 chapters in 15 countries with over 200,000 members.

On April 10, 1967 Eta Sigma Chapter No. 6940 was formed in Madrid. The Boone Beta Alpha Chapter was responsible for starting the Madrid chapter.

Charter members were Mesdames John Wade, Dale Mills, Mark Ames, Merrill Muehlenthaler, Vernard Hall, Francis Jones, Larry Shearer, Richard Martin,

Bob McCoy, Gerald Eveland and Enrico Milani and Misses Margaret Jones and Shirley Lincoln.

Community projects for the chapter have been toys for needy children at Christmas time; donation for Madrid High School gym floor; gymnastic equipment; a \$100 scholarship to a graduating senior and two Charity Balls with money going to the Learning Center at Madrid Elementary School and a suction machine for the Iowa Lutheran Home. Also a Blood Pressure Clinic; school census and a skating party for Madrid Youth.

First officers were president, Mrs. John Wade; vice-president, Mrs. Francis Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mark Ames; recording secretary,



Mrs. Mary Ann Pustka and Mrs. Judie Ames are shown here as they presented Mrs. Charles Terrell with a suction machine to be used at the Iowa Lutheran Home. The money for the device was raised through fund-raising projects.

Mrs. Bob McCoy; treasurer, Mrs. Merrill Muehlenthaler and extension, Mrs. Larry Shearer.

The present officers are president, Mrs. Jack Titus; vice president, Mrs. Steve Martin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rick Pustka; recording secretary, Mrs. Terry Benbow; treasurer, Mrs. Merrill Muehlenthaler and extension, Mrs. Bruno Isolini.

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