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A WEEK OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND MEMORIES: Forty-one volunteers from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Denmark spent the week of April 23rd working in the archive. We missed some familiar faces, but we welcomed five new volunteers: Erna and Bob Berthelsen of Albert Lea, MN, Jim and Marge Iversen of Ames, IA, and Norman Freund of Fremont, NE. Special areas of concentration were translation, sorting Dana materials, cataloging Richard Andersen's sermons, compiling Danish Brotherhood member lists, preparing P.S. Vig's text for publication, cataloging book donations, refining the files for pastors and for individuals and families, organizing the Weismann collection of churches in Denmark, and computer entering. Special experiences were Lis Frederiksen and Erik Ettrup's presentation on "International Reporting from a Danish Perspective," "Memories of Kaj Munk's Ordet as produced by Dana," a soup and bread supper at Julie and Charles Rohlfing, and the Dana Arbor Day Reception. Thank you, everyone.

WONDERFUL GIFTS: As the statistics below indicate, the archive has received many generous gifts - large and small - during the past two months. Each is appreciated. Special mention will be made of only a few. Emelda and Gordon Rasmussen have given a gift in honor of Gerhard Nygaard who launched Emelda on her career as head of the Northfield Retirement Center, Gerhard and Betty have also been loyal archive supporters. Roger and Marilyn Hanson have honored Clifford and Florence Hanson whose materials have greatly enriched the archive, and LeVern and Marilyn Nielsen have honored their parents who served Dana and the old UELC as well as contributing extensive materials to the archive. Finally, in the deaths of Verna Olsen and Herbert Hjortsvang the archive has lost two faithful supporters.

LUR PUBLICATIONS: Dagmar Vasby's Under the Cloud and Borge and Lotte Christensen's Our Last Frontiers are both available now. Forthcoming are Ed Hansen and Inga Larsen's translation of part of P.S. Vig's Danes in America and Matt Plowman and Tom Nielsen's edition of Henry Thompson's Spanish-American WAR letters.

NO SPACE: Save stamps. I appreciate them. Interest others in the archive!

GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENT:

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 NC) Herbert Hjortsvang memorial 100.00

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TO: James E. Corbly, Library Director
FROM: Sharon Jensen, Assistant Director
PREPARED: John W. Nielsen, Director of Special Projects

VOLUNTEERS: 1709 hours by 42 volunteers from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Denmark

VISITORS: 15 visitors from Arizona, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska

USERS: 30 archive users from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Denmark, and Norway

ACQUISITIONS:

1. 31 Danish books (Presented by Karen Hancher, Charlottesville, VA).
2. Danish plate commemorating the birthday of King Christian X of Denmark (Presented by Dennis Barten, St. Louis, MO).
3. Baldwin Kruse's Paradise on the Prairie, papers of Iver Frimann, Dannebrog News (Presented by Ruth Kruse, Omaha, NE).
4. Family histories of Elmer and Leona Jensen of Standard, Alberta, Canada (Presented by Timothy and Sharon Jensen, Blair, NE).
5. Parish records of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Salt Lake City (1907-1956), services conducted at Pocatello, ID, current Mount Tabor directory (Presented by Grant Aaseng, Salt Lake City, UT).
6. Updated material for Andrew and Ane Marie (Hansdatter) Petersen family (Presented by Joan Allgor, Citrus Heights, CA).
7. Prairie View Cemetery (also Ovegaard or Danish Cemetery), Washington, NE, records and booklet revised by Clarice Andersen, 8 photo copies of courthouse records for the cemetery, 5 photo copies (colored) pictures of the cemetery and the old Danish Lutheran church in Washington (Presented by Alvin and Lorene Andersen, Washington, NE).
8. Boyhood scrapbook on Denmark including pictures, letters, and copies of the final editions of two underground newspapers (1945), over 2000 sermons preached from 1957 to 1999 (Presented by Richard Andersen, Sierra Vista, AZ).
9. Tribute to Herbert Hjortsvang (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, NE).
10. 4 audio tapes of Peter A. and Kathrine Petersen about homesteading in SD in conversation with children, Edwin and Clarence Petersen and Erna Berthelsen, videotape of Peter A. and Kathrine about childhood and courtship days in Denmark in conversation with Bob and Erna Berthelsen, clipping and obituary for Irvin Sorensen, "Erna's Letter: A Letter to My Grandchildren," family tree and materials on Peter A. and Kathrine Petersen, copy of clipping on formation of the American Lutheran Conference (1932), Golgotha (Chicago) anniversary book, 1896-1996, funeral folder for Fred Jacobsen (Presented by Erna and Bob Berthelsen, Albert Lea, MN).
11. 1923 Psalmebog for Kirke og Hjem (Presented by Laura and Peter Berthelsen, Elba, NE).
12. Photo of Atlantic District (UELC) Convention, Penn Yan, NY (1928) (Presented by Robert Berthelsen, Bloomfield, CO).
13. 12 old Danish books belonging to Mary Mikkelsen (Presented by Bobbi Drake Bolton and Miriam Mikkelsen Drake, Northfield, MN).
14. 2 videotapes of UELC Gatherings (1984, 1996), photo of Mazelle and two friends before Old Main relief, 2 Dana Reviews, art print of Old Main, UELC centennial booklet, 10 Dana promotional items (Presented By Mazelle Carlsen, Des Moines, IA).

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15. Wallensak recorder and player, box of tapes - sermons, meditations, services (Presented by Elaine Christensen, Plymouth, MN).
16. Obituaries: Barbara Dayton Lebedz, Carl Sorensen, Herbert Hjortsvang, clippings: Dana's Arbor Day, Church membership statistics (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, NE).
17. Family material and documents for Jens and Jensine Jensen, Niels and Louisa Hansen, and Valdemar and Anna Hansen, Obituaries for Stine Jensen, Marie Miller, Cenie Hansen, A.F. Jensen, Mrs. Fred Jensen, Peter Jensen, Joyce Daniels, Thyra Cummins, Carrie Hansen, Holger Hansen, Leona Gleesen, Anna Hansen, Walter Hansen, & Mrs. A.F. Jensen (Presented by Jim Eastwood, Minneapolis, MN).
18. Obituary for Lois Boe, clipping on Dannebrog (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, NE).
19. 1931 Danian belonging to Ruth Romer Valdemar, Dana Review: "Old Main Burns" (Presented by Bernard and Ruth Falksen, Ellendale, MN).
20. Clipping: "Danish Design" with picture of Gethsemane, Racine, WI, copy of picture of Gethsemane Sunday School, 1938 (Presented by Norman and Esther Freund, Fremont, NE).
21. Photo of unidentified church interior, photo of 1943 UELC convention at Medicine Lake, bound copy of J.M.T. Winther's diary (1896-97), packet of material from Kathy Bliese and Hope International Service, packet of material from Evelyn Rasmussen Lesch on missions, 3 Danish American Heritage Society Newsletters, 7 America Letters, Danish Immigrant Museum annual report, 1997-1998, 28 copies of Church and Life (Presented by Edward and Shirley Hansen, Minneapolis, MN).
22. Color copies of 6 remembrance greetings to Mathilde Raun (Robert Hansen's grandmother), photo of large Danish gathering at Thornton, IA (Presented by Janice Hansen, Fremont, NE).
23. Stjernen (March and April), obituaries for Donna Carper, Emma Hansen, Palmer Jorgensen, Ernest Hundahl, Lois Boe, Neils Jensen, & Katherine Hansen, clippings on Hazel and Ernie Andersen, P.C. Jensen, Chris Kors-hoj, Anna Steven Larsen, Ken Andersen, Linda and Gerald Hansen, Dana library, Lois Neve, C.C. Madsen, Carol and David Kuhr, Danish River, Helen Hansen, First Lutheran (Blair), Dannebrog's National Liars Hall of Fame, & Dannebrog's stoplights (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, NE).
24. Rebuild Newsletter (Presented by Thomas Hansen, Blair, NE).
25. Copy of Paul Bondo's funeral folder and memories written by various family members, funeral folder and obituary for Herbert Hjortsvang (Presented by Elaine Bondo Hoyer, Washington, IL).
26. "The Escape to America" - the story of August and Ane Rasmussen (Presented by Kenneth Jensen, Blair, NE).
27. Obituary and funeral folder for Emma Hansen, Newsletter of Danish American Heritage Society (July, 2000) (Presented by Timothy and Sharon Jensen, Blair, NE).
28. 12 Ansgar Lutheran (1932-42), Christmas letter from Herbert Jeppesen to his brother Paul who was in the armed forces overseas (1944) (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, CA).
29. "50 Years, Preserving and Enjoying the Scandinavian Heritage in Kansas City" (Presented by Niel and V.G. Johnson, Independence, MO).
30. Oscar Johnson's business cards from Carnegie, PA and Detroit, MI, funeral folders for Nels J. Johnson, Anna Jensen (Mrs. Deppe), F.A. Deppe Jensen, & James A. Stone, program: "Tribute to Oscar Johnson, Northwest Trinity, Detroit," bulletin for trinity, Albert Lea, MN (1958), dedication program for Gracious Saviour, Detroit (1963) (Presented by Dody and Oscar Johnson, Cedar Falls, IA)

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31. Danish American Heritage Society Newsletter - July 2000 (Presented by Richard Jorgensen, Blair, NE).
32. Dana alumni appeal letter (1944), 23 Danish books, 1945 UELC financial report (Presented by Ernest Kersgaard, Eugene, OR).
33. Skeletons in Our Closet by Clark Spencer Larsen, Human Origins: The Fossil Record by C.S.L., "A View on the Science: Physical Antropology at the Millennium" by C.S.L. and Scientific American (June 2000) containing an article by C.S.L. The preceding were given in memory of Herbert Hjortsvang (Presented by Clark Spencer Larsen, Chapel Hill, NC).
34. Photo of the Dana student body and faculty sometime between 1914 and 1920 (Presented by Ezra Larsen, Oro Valley, AZ).
35. Article on Dannevirke being sold to Decorah Posten, Dana pennant (1936) Presented by Inga Larsen, Cedar Falls, IA).
36. Autobiographical account of Frederik Edward Christensen, Dagmar, MT in Danish. Translation of the same by Thorkild Pedersen, Blair, NE (Presented by Ruby Larsen, Fremont, NE).
37. Finn B. Eriksen: Dean of Iowa Wrestling; obituary for Lydia Eriksen; clipping: "New Book Details Life of Eriksen" (Presented by Freda Lovejoy, Cedar Falls, IA).
38. Venturing Forth: The Story of the Family of George and Margaret Nelson by Jack Nelson (Presented by Jack E. Nelson, Charlotte, NC).
39. Funeral folder and bulletin for Herbert Hjortsvang (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, NE).
40. Obituaries for Neils Jensen, Katherine Hansen, Carl Sorensen, and Elmer Paulsen (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, NE).
41. Packet of obituaries and clippings (Presented by Luella K. Nielsen, Blair, NE).
42. Obituaries: Leone Knowles, Helge Jensen, John Petersen, Andrew Haaning, Paola Hede, Kathryn Skytt, Sigrid Jorgensen; 2 Portland Dane, translation of Birte Torp pedersen's baptismal certificate, 6 brochures on Oaks, ~~letters from Edward Hansen and Verner and Erling Duus;~~ 6 brochures on Oaks Indian Center, A World of Song (presented by Ruth herman Nielsen, Omaha, NE).
43. 4 articles on Peter Philipsen and family, founder-manager of Fernbridge Creamery, letter from Myrtle to Dorothy Wright (Presented by Myrtle L. Philipsen, Fortuna, CA).
44. Slaegten Sand fra Stauning Sogn; 2 copies of notebooks for Sand Stauning family - 1946, 1988 (Presented by Esther Sand Hendersen, Manning, IA).
45. Obituary for Carter Edward Carlsen, clippings on Paul Simon and Robert Hansen (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Chicago, IL).
46. Silkeborg: 100 Year Jubilee, Danmarks Melodibog- vol 1, Ibsen's Terje Vigen, Petersen's Sigrid (Presented by Harriet and Bob Sorensen, Peterborough, NH)
47. 5 athletic letters, "D," for basketball and football belonging to Clarence Vig, photos of Anderson farm, construction of south wing of Old Main, interior of Blair creamery (1906), the Vig family the day of P.S. Vig's funeral; 2 boxes of unprocessed items (Presented by Ron Vig, Blair, NE).
48. Ferndale Enterprise: "Souvenir Edition," clipping: "Hollywood Comes to Main Street," brochure: "Ferndale: The Victorian Village," and The Palette (Presented by Dorothy and Harold Wright, Blair, NE).