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VOLUNTEER WEEK: October 15-19, the week after Dana's Homecoming, are the dates for the autumn archive volunteer week. Campus housing has all been filled so if you plan on coming and have not informed Dody Johnson of your intentions, you will have to make your own housing arrangements. Those of you who are staying with friends and have not notified Dody, please drop me a line so I know how much work to lineup. Two special events await you this year. On Saturday morning of Homecoming, there will be a Lur Publications presentation in which Inga Larsen and Edward Hansen will be participants, discussing their role in translating Danske i Amerika. On Tuesday evening Dorys Grover who has contributed her rich collection of letters and manuscripts of Sophus Keith Winther will speak on Winther as an author focusing on his Take All To Nebraska. Looking forward to seeing you.

DANEBOF FOLK SCHOOL: Negotiations are in process whereby The Danish Immigrant Archive may become the repository for archival material from Dannebrog Folk School at Tyler, Minnesota. This would be a valuable addition to our collection, and it would assure them of a site that would be properly housed and open to researchers.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS: I hope that you peruse the following pages and note the large number of archive visitors as well as the many people who use the archive for personal and scholarly purposes. They, together with the many generous donors of material, are important indicators of the success of the archive.

NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Mr. Buz Wehrman has been appointed as the new library director. We are pleased with the appointment because in Mr. Wehrman we have a strong supporter of the archive. Volunteers will meet him in October.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Ruth Herman Nielsen of Omaha who collapsed while in Kansas City and is now in the Montclair Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Room 300, 2525 S. 135th Ave., Omaha, NE 68144. I know cards would be appreciated.

LUR: A lightning strike at MicroSmart and certain computer problems are causing a delay in issuing Danes in America. We do anticipate a release before homecoming.

GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENT:

The following financial contributions to The Danish Immigrant Archive are received with sincere appreciation.

GENERAL FUND:

Terry Rasmussen, services \$ 10.00

ENDOWMENT:

Donald & Audrey Pedersen (Pea Ridge, AR) pledge 200.00
Ninna Engskow (Blair, NE) gifts 125.00
Lorraine Madsen (Pine, CO) gift 25.00
Dorothy Romer (Tulsa, OK) gift 100.00
Alvina Hjortsvang (Council Bluffs, IA) Patricia Larsen-Svoboda & Leon Larsen memorial 50.00
Don Magnussen memorial 15.00

John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) Patricia Larsen-Svoboda & Leon Larsen memorial 25.00
John Schultz memorial 50.00
Niel & V.G. Johnson (Independence, MO) gift 20.00
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Phil & Florence Larsen (Blair, NE) gift 50.00
Timothy Pallesen (West Palm Beach, FL) George Pallesen memorial 50.00
Eugene & Becky Gnuse (Arlington, NE) John Schultz memorial 50.00
Timothy & Sharon Jensen (Blair, NE) gift 380.00
Thomas Hansen (Blair, NE) gift 33.32

TO: Buz Wehrman, Library Director
FROM: Sharon Jensen, Assistant Director
PREPARED: John W. Nielsen, Director of Special Projects

VOLUNTEERS: 470 hours by 18 volunteers from Blair, Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska

VISITORS: 18 visitors from Mississippi, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas and Denmark

USERS: 28 archive users from Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Heartland Danes (July) (Presented by Harvey Andersen, Carroll, Iowa).
2. Clipping on Dagmar Vasby and Under the Cloud (Presented by Anne Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska)
3. Olander's Tunagaardens Hvide Roser, Anker's Perler, Jensen's Himmerlands Historier, Nøygaard's Ordets Dyst og Daad, and Dansk i Udlandet 1956 (Presented by Harriet Putnam Dobson, San Diego, California).
4. Obituaries for Ole Larsen and Donald Magnussen, clipping on Gunnar Horn, letter from Janette Jurkovich on St. Ansgar's, Parlier, CA (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
5. Beck's Erindringer fra mit Liv, Vig's Sand og Falsk Lutherdom (1897) and Om Troene Vished (1898), picture of District #22 Mother's Club, Bancroft, MN (Presented by Bernard and Ruth Falksen, Ellendale, Minnesota).
6. Information on Niels Hansen and descendants and Niels Nielsen Tonder and descendants (Presented by Dana Jerome Hansen, Sacramento, California).
7. Dane Immigrants Named Rasmussen 1865-1903 (Presented by Frederick Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
8. Stjernen (July, August), obituaries for nels Sorensen, Jens Mogensen, Darla Christensen, Donald Frost, Nelsine McAllister, Nancy Knudsen, Henry Ibsen, Gordon Jorgensen, Helen Petersen, Hans Boe, Alice Jensen Elwell, Ruth McBroom, Carol Sorensen, Olga Wulff, Dagny Holmbo-Jensen, Nadine hansen, Martha Hansen; clippings on Krantz Field, Blair High Reunion (1941), Rex Nielsen, Jay Knudsen, Pioneer farm families, Gunnar Horn, Hansen-Jensen reunion, and Marshall Christensen; article on Legos in Fast Century (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
9. Funeral folder for Patricia Larsen Svoboda, "Reflections on a Friendship" By Alvina Hjortsvang, letter and addresses from Jack mayfield, copies of letters from Clark spencer Larsen and Linda Larsen Stagy to Alvina, obituary for and article on Pat Larsen Svoboda (Presented by Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
10. Hjortsvang marriage and death information from family Bible, Fadervor (1912-DLPH), Psalmebog belonging to Amalie Hjortsvang, also one belonging to Ansgar Hjortsvang (Presented by Amy Hjortsvang, Martinez, California, via Elaine Hoyer, Washington, Illinois).
11. 31 Danish books, Høeg genealogy, photograph album of family pictures, 2 scrapbooks of clippings, genealogical record, 20 letters (1918-1940), marriage certificate for Jakob Horn and Louisa Høeg, baptismal certificates for Jakob Horn and Louisa Høeg, insurance policy (1935), silver wedding folder for the Jens Sorensens (1940), confirmation folder for Gunnar Horn, funeral folder for Jens Høeg (1933), Dana materials, 4 framed pictures (Presented by the Gunnar Horn estate, Omaha, Nebraska).
12. Updated information on the Bondo family and Mormon voyage (Presented by Elaine Hoyer, Washington, Illinois).

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13. Danmark 1:100 000 Topographical Atlas 1989, G. Søndergaard's Danske Fornavne and Danske Efternavne (Presented by James and Marge Iversen, Ames, Iowa).
14. Obituary and funeral folder for Aleine Miller (Presented by Edith Jensen, Rockford, Illinois).
15. "Et Liv i Guds tjeneste" (life of Jens and Sigrid Knudsen), "The Shepherd of Fjelstervang - Pastor Jens Knudsen and His Flock" by Peggy Knudsen Lee (Presented by Don Knudsen, Eagle Grove, Iowa).
16. Clipping on Paul Simon (Presented by Margaret Madsen, Anaheim, California).
17. Clipping on Paul Simon and daughter Sheila's band (Presented by Deborah McWhirter, Allison, Iowa).
18. 4 pictures of archive volunteers, Robert Alber's presentation on C.B. Larsen at the Dubuque Gathering of the UELC (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
19. Copy of Skudsmaalsbog for Anne Marie Jorgensen (1847 ff.), copy of memoirs of Mary Jensen Dilberg, copy of translation of A. Bobjerg's account of Danes in Polk County, WI, poems by Edward Nielsen, copy of descendants of Hans Jorgen Thomsen and Kjerstine Ditlevsen, video tape of Elmer Tangen's 90th birthday (via Egon Bodtke, Junction City, Oregon), copy of account of Daniel Danielsen and of Johanna Mortensen Rasmussen of Montana (Presented by John Mark Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
20. Obituaries for Carol Sorensen and Olga Wulff, clipping on Joel Jorgensen (Presented by John and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Obituaries for Carl Hansen, Elizabeth Rasmussen, Dagmar Madsen, Nini Boysen, Anne Lisa Hjorth, Keld Helmuth; clipping on Victor Borge tribute (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska),
22. Colored print, "The Narrow and Wide Roads," belonging to Anna Petersen Raadt (Presented by Ralph and Marilyn Olson, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
23. Scrapbooks and photo albums on the Vig-Anderson families, 157 business and personal items of Mary Vig, 74 letters to Clarence, Einar and Clemens Vig (1920s to 1950s), 126 letters to Mary from Clarence (1920s and 30s), picture of Oaks Indian Mission when Clarence taught there, 100s of cards, post cards, pictures, etc., 381 letters to Mary from Clarence (1940s), Mary Andersen Vig's diaries and address books from 1916-1998 (Presented by Ron Vig, Blair, Nebraska).
24. Madsen's Hjemmets Bibliothek, Balslev's Laerebog, Sangeren, Lynqblomster, Dagligt Brød, Husandagtsbog, Copenhagen - North Sealand, Danmarksbogen, Fra Vingaarden, Herrens Gerninger, (Presented by Kenneth and Leona Jensen, Norfolk, Nebraska).
25. 3 secretary and treasurer books for Prairie View Cemetery (1882-1999) Presented by Alvin and Lorene Andersen, Washington, Nebraska).
26. Winds from the Dakotas by Alicemae Thompson (Presented by Alicemae Thompson, Minneapolis, Minnesota).
27. Christmas Chimes 1941 (Presented by Bonnie Hyda, Waukee, Iowa).
28. 100 Years of Nose Creek Valley History (has information on Pallesen family in Alberta) (Presented by Peter J.M. Pallesen, Calgary, Alberta, Canada).
29. 20th Danish Canadian Conference (Presented by Danish federation, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada).
30. "2001: A Reunion Odyssey" (1961 choir), brochures on Gilleleje Kirke, Skagns Museum, Silkeborg Museum, and Good old Aalborg (Presented by Paul Neve, Blair, Nebraska).
31. "Story of a Dane" (Rasmus Hansen), descendants of Hans Hansen and Katherine Dahl Hansen, framed photo of Hans and Katherine, photo of some of the descendants of Hans Hansen, photo of Rev. James Rasmussen, 1993 Christmas card from the Danish Immigrant Museum (Presented by Larry Hansen, Dunwoody, Georgia).

31. (continued) Dana centennial plate, 67 color slides of 1957 choir tour and campus life, numerous Dana and Atlanta Olympic items, letters to Larry Hansen, several photographs.
2. Heartland Danes (July) (Presented by Harvey Andersen, Carroll, Iowa).
33. Brandt's Søren Kierkegaard 1813-1855, Friis' Scandinavian-American Contributions to the U.S., Lind's We Danes and You, Kappel's Contemporary Danish Composers, Kragh-Jacobsen's The Royall Danish Ballet, Rodholm's The Little Ole, Bure's Danske Kirker Aarboq, Gidal's My Village in Denmark, Kaalund's Samlede Digte, Bailhache's Denmark, Jørgensen's Mennesker og Begivenheder i Esbjergs Historie, Berg's Musical Denmark, Fischer-Hansen's Om Amerika, Nielsen's Danmarks Land, Macduff's Den Trofaste Forjaetter, Anker's Perler, and sixteen other books (Presented by Robert N. Andersen, Troy, New York).
34. Clipping on Golgotha, Chicago (Presented by Herbert and Ruth Jeppesen, Des Plaines, Illinois).
35. 3 boxes of books in the process of being inventoried. (Presented by Arnie Madsen, Waterloo, Iowa from holdings of Nils Nielsen, Buffalo, Wyoming).
36. Dana Folk Dancer music (Presented by Susan Hettinger, Westminster, Colorado).
37. Specifications for the General Construction of Library and Administration Building for Dana College (1947), various bidders' bulletins for track and athletic field (1959) (Presented by Robert Schmoll, Blair, Nebraska).
38. Various photo album pages and pictures with identifications (Presented by Lloyd Neve, Blair, Nebraska from the Maya Winther estate).

THANKS: A special thanks to all those volunteers who periodically provide us with valuable supplies ranging from pens and clips to dictionary and copy materials.

PLEASE: Whatever you can do to expand our roster of supporters and promote the sale of Lur books is greatly appreciated.