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**JOTTINGS** May, June, July 2009

## **FUND**

### **ENDOWMENT** Paul Neve and Edward Hansen Die Within Two Weeks of Each Other

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Long-time friends and members of the Dana College Men's Quartet of the late 1930s, Paul Neve and Edward Hansen, died on July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. Their deaths come as a great loss to the Dana College Community, to the ranks of the old UELC, and especially to The DAAL where they have been loyal participants in the biannual Archive Volunteer Workweeks and of which Board of Directors Ed was a member.

Paul served as head of the Dana College music department and choir director from the 1940s to the 1980s. Ed served as a parish pastor, instructor at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Teaneck, New Jersey, and as ALC bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota District.

Paul is survived by his four children and their families. His wife, Lela, who was instrumental in organizing much of the early archive material, preceded him in death. Ed is survived by his wife, Shirley, and their two daughters and their families. The DAAL extends sincere sympathy to them and ongoing gratitude for the inspiration that Paul and Ed provided.

## **Enok Mortensen's Novel Becomes** Third Lur Publications 2009 Release

Enok Mortensen's **Plough to the Setting Sun** is the third book released by Lur Publications this year. It is the account of Peder Bro a fictional Danish immigrant pastor who becomes instrumental in establishing the Danish Lutheran Church in America. As such it narrates the struggles, controversies, and division that accompanied the effort, but it also provides insight into the personal life of the pastor, his wife and their children with the inevitable generation and cultural clashes that occurred.

The book which was written in English in the early 1940s has only appeared in a reworked Danish version published in Denmark in 1984. Now through the efforts of Alis Olsen, Mortensen's daughter, the work is finally appearing in English.

Ruth Rasmussen of DAAL supervised the publication process, and Michael Hennick made necessary mechanical changes. Check purchase possibilities PLEDGES elsewhere in these Jottings.

## Hennick, Jensen Designated **Associate Director, Chairman**

At its July meeting the board of The Danish American Archive and Library promoted Jill Hennick from Archive Assistant to Associate Director and elected Dr. Timothy Jensen as Chairman of the Board. These two actions will offer additional relief to the Director with Tim being responsible for most DAAL external administrative relationships and Jill assuming even greater responsibility for internal operations.

The board also approved the appointment of Sandra Sonderup and Phil Larsen as financial auditors.

## Jensens to Represent DAAL at Danebod Festival

Sharon and Tim Jensen will attend the annual Danebod Festival in Tyler, Minnesota. Their attendance will serve multiple purposes: they will represent the DAAL at this important gathering; they will become further acquainted with the continuing activities of the Danish folk school tradition; and they not only will offer Lur Publications books for sale but will introduce the newly released Plough to the Setting Sun by Enok Mortensen. Mortensen was once pastor of the AELC Church in Tyler and Director of the Danebod Folk School.

The bond between the former AELC and The Danish American Archive and Library has increased significantly through the years through the efforts of such individuals as Thorvald Hansen, Ruth Herman Nielsen, Signe Nielsen Betsinger, Roland Jensen, Egon Bodtker, Elna Nielsen Bellows, Ralf & Inga Hoifeldt and Lois Christiansen Eagleton, not to mention the Grand View Archive personnel: Rudy Jensen and Sheri Muller. These individuals and others saw the need of an archive and library collection that transcended the Danish Lutheran emphases of Grand View and Dana both of whose archives still serve an important purpose. The DAAL, located on the Dana campus, focuses on preserving the broader spectrum of all Danish immigrants, their descendants, and heritage regardless of religious, political or cultural convictions. It has now become the largest repository of such materials in the Western Hemisphere with research scholars using it on a regular basis.

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# Official Announcement of DAAL Annual Meeting: October

All contributors to The Danish American Archive and Library are hereby notified that the annual meeting of The DAAL will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library at Dana College.

Business will include reports and discussion besides the election of two board members, one of whom must reside within 75 miles of Blair. Thus far the only nomination that has been made is Sandra Wigdahl, Blair, Nebraska (incumbent). Ed Hansen's death leaves a vacancy on the board. He was the other member who was up for reelection this fall.

Board members are expected to attend the spring and fall meetings at their own expense. Occasionally circumstances necessitate a special meeting.

# Minneapolis DAHS Conference in October Focuses on "Innovation: the Danish Way"

Discover Danish innovation in science and technology, architecture and design, social relations, and the arts and literature by attending the 2009 Danish American Heritage Society's International Conference October 1-3 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis. Speakers include Friis Arne Petersen, Denmark's Ambassador to the United States; Jørgen M. Clausen, former President and CEO of Danfoss; Marianna Lubanski, director of Innovation Center Denmark; architect T. Gunny Harboe; and Victor Borge's daughter, Janet Borge Crowle.

Joining the Danish American Heritage Society as co-sponsors of this event are The Danish American Archive and Library, Blair, Nebraska; the Danish American Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota; The Danish Immigration Museum, Elk Horn, Iowa; Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa; and Dana College, Blair, Nebraska.

For a complete program schedule and to register online go to <a href="https://www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org">www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org</a>. If you do not have computer access, please contact us at The Danish American Archive and Library, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008, and a program and registration form will be sent to you

## IRA Contributions Still Possible For 2009 Under Current Provision

1. If you have an IRA you might not have to take a required minimum distribution (an RMD) in 2009 in order to comply with the IRA law and regulations. This is so because of a provision in the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2009 (The Act) which became effective on December 23, 2008.

Under the Act, if you are an IRA holder who was age 70 ½ (or older) in 2008, you might be excused from taking an RMD in 2009. If you are one of those who are excused you may take an annual distribution if you wish but you are not required to do so.

2. You can also make a donation from your IRA *to Dana College for the benefit of the DAAL* directly from your IRA custodian before the end of 2009. This is a continuation of a special charitable contribution provision of the law which was available for tax years 2007 and 2008 and which continues to be available for tax year 2009 but which will expire on 12/31/2009 in the absence of further action on the part of the US Congress.

This type of donation is a good deal for both you and for the DAAL, even though you will not get a charitable donation tax deduction.

- a. From your perspective as a taxpayer, the direct transfer is a tax-free donation.
- b. The DAAL probably will realize a greater gift that it would otherwise receive from you because you won't be tempted to withhold what would ordinarily be your tax obligation on the amount you would ordinarily withdraw from your IRA before donating the net after-tax amount to the DAAL.

If either (or both) of these two special tax provisions appeal to you, please check with your tax adviser to make certain they (or it) fit(s) your particular situation. Remember the second one goes away on December 31,2009.

## Glædelig Jul, Merry Christmas Be Prepared with Lur Books

Whether you are looking for *Julegaver* or Christmas presents, early autumn is the time to make your purchases, and Lur Publications offers an ideal place from which to buy them.

Released this year are **Recipes and Reminiscences**, a collection of recipes and remembrances about the early years of Dana College; **Boats in the Night**, a third printing of Knud Dyby's story of resistance and the rescue of Danish Jews as told by Martha Loeffler; and **Plough to the Setting Sun**, Enok Mortensen's novel of Peder Bro and the life and early years of Danish Immigrants in the United States.

Not published by Lur Publications but offered by them is **War Games**, a detailed account of Denmark on the eve of the Nazi invasion, April 1940 written by Lucille Wilder and Torben Tvorup Christensen.

These books are offered to readers of the **Jottings** at their regular price. Other Lur books are offered at a special reduced price with this **Jottings**. Buy now and be ready for Christmas. Use the form that follows to place you order. Send it with payment to The Archive, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

## **Professors from Arhus and Dana Currently Doing Research at DAAL**

Current researchers at The DAAL are Dr. Iain Anderson of Dana College's history department and Professor Michael Bøss of Arhus University in Denmark.

Professor Anderson who has been working regularly in The Archive since early June is focusing on the Danish Brotherhood collection. Among his discoveries in the undocumented boxes is a manuscript from the 1880s frequently referred to but long thought to be lost - not exactly a Rosetta Stone but nevertheless very significant.

Professor Bøss is working in The Archive during most of August. He is focusing on family letters, diaries and/or journals, and sermons during from 1870 to 1920, in an effort to establish a clearer insight into the immigrants' changing attitudes and relationships with one another and their families in Denmark.

## **Dody Johnson Requests Confirmation** From Archive Week Volunteers

Dody Johnson asks those who are planning to participate in this fall's Volunteer Week, October 12-16, to please notify her of their arrival date and time and the length of their stay. This greatly assists the Director in planning work for the week. Julie and Charlie Rohlfing have invited the group to their home for the evening meal on Wednesday. This is always special.

Dody was the initiator of this biannual event almost twenty years ago and has continued to be its organizer through the passing years. Her address is 3352 Hanover Ct., Iowa City, IA 52245 or < Dodyrj@aol.com>.

## **Event Commemorates Historic St. Johannes** At Argo Cemetery, September 13<sup>th</sup>

In connection with its 125th anniversary Dana College is sponsoring a gathering on Sunday, September 13th, at the Argo Cemetery about twenty miles northwest of Blair. Old St. Johannes where A.M. Andersen, the founder of Dana, once served was located adjacent to this cemetery.

The short worship service which will begin at 2:00 p.m. will be conducted by Pastors Frank Philipp of Blair and Fred Jensen, a former UELCer, from Wilmar, Minnesota. The talk on St. Johannes and Argo Cemetery will be given by Charles Lang of Uehling, Nebraska. Mr. Lang has been instrumental in the preservation and upkeep of the grounds.

For directions to the Argo site contact Carrie Reed at Dana College, Blair, NE 68008 < creed@dana.edu >.

## Mogens Kiehn Presents Sculpture to Dana **Honoring Nielsen and The DAAL**

During Dana College's Founders Day celebration in June, Mogens Kiehn, a Danish immigrant from Scottsdale, Arizona, presented his original sculpture of a Sioux Indian woman to Dana College in appreciation of the work of John W. Nielsen and of The Danish American Archive and Library.

The sculpture, a gift to Dana College, has been placed on the lower level of The Dana-L.I.F.E. Library where The Archive is located.

No.	Title	Price	Total
	Plough to the Setting Sun	\$15.00	
	Recipes and Reminiscences	10.95	
	War Games	19.95	
	SPECIAL SALE		
	Boats in the Night	15.00	
	P.S. Petersen's Memoirs	10.00	
	Attracted to America	10.00	
	Our Last Frontiers	10.00	
	Danes in Nebraska:		
	Kansas-Nebraska	10.00	
	Danish American Lutheranism		
	(1860-1908)	10.00	
	Elna	10.00	
	Embracing Two Worlds	10.00	
	Inside the Fighting First	10.00	
	Passages from India	10.00	
	Tante Johanne	10.00	
	Under the Cloud	10.00	
	A Frame But No Picture	5.00	
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**TO:** Tom Nielsen, *Library Director* 

FROM: John W. Nielsen, Archive Director

VOLUNTEERS: 1,568 hours by 38 volunteers from Blair, Fremont, and Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

VISITORS: 37 visitors from Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin and Denmark.

USERS: 27 users from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Washinhgton and Denmark.

#### **ACQUISITIONS:**

- 1. Clipping on Ruth and Duane Benson's 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Letter concerning Duane's death. Funeral folder for Duane. (Presented by Ruth Benson, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
- Article from New England Review, May 2009, "Great Danes in Exile, Part 2 Victor Borge, Clown Prince of Denmark." (Presented by Norman Berdichevesky).
- Obituaries: Richard R. Jensen, Kenneth E. Hansen, Arlens Petersen, Robert H. Zersen, Helen M. Hansen, Alfred Rasmussen, Revel Andersen, Bessie Christensen. Clipping: "Discovering Their Roots" - Descendants of Barbara Nielsdatter Christensen. (Presented by Peter and Laura Berthelsen, Elba, Nebraska).
- 4. Erik Bøgh's Jomfruen Vaudeville 11 akt, C. Hostrup's Genboerne Songspil, Bøgh's Fastelaunsgildet. (Presented by Margie Bornhoft, Tyler, Minnesota).
- 2 disks: "A finding guide to the Borge M. Christensen Collection" and "A papyrus guide to the Borge M. Christensen Collection." (Presented by Borge M. Christensen, Rochester, Minnesota).
- 2009 Heritage Book Federation of Danish Associations in Canada. (Presented by Rolf Buchardt Christensen, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada).
  - P.S. Vig's Danske I Kamp and Dansk Luthersk Mission I Amerika, M.T. Marzolf's The Danish-Language Press in America, G.B. Christiansen's Recollections of our Church Work 1877-1927, Evald's Svenskerne paa Kronborg and Den skotske Kvinde, and 20 Dana L.A.R.P. books. (Presented by C. Art and Gwen Christiansen, St. Paul, Minnesota).
- Memoirs of an Adventurous Dane in India 1904-1947 by August Peter Hansen. (Presented by Robert Creekmore, Old Fort, North Carolina).
- Stjerner: April, May, June, July issues. (Presented by Dannebrog Area Booster Club, Dannebrog, Nebraska).
- Picture of Dana gas lamps with poem by Edgell. (Presented by Lynn Edgell, Blair, Nebraska).
- 10. Obituaries: Robert F. Jensen, Denny Jon Knudsen, Constance Morgan-Jensen, Loretta Jessen, Audrey Hansen, Minnie Jorgensen-Karloff, Betty L. Hansen, Charley Christensen, John Kenneth Christensen, Richard Wayne Hansen, Roland Petersen, Earl Diedrichsen, Charlene Christensen Marquardt, Paul G. Hansen, Ronald L. Hansen, Mardell M. Andersen, Barney Johnsen, Patricia Mathiasen Finley, Richard F. Sorensen, Roderick E. Thomsen, Robert Dean Fredrickson, Jean Sand Anderson, Marvin Henry Larsen, Raymond A. Nelson, Paul Neve, Richard Carlson, Chris A. Christensen, Richard W. Reisen, Dallas L. Christensen, Ruthie Nielsen Walsleben, Marvin Petersen, Sharon L. Simonsen, Jerry L. Petersen, Sylvia Olson, Keith Hansen. Clippings: "Honoring a Local Veteran" (Paul Larsen), "Krogh's Dry Goods and Clothing Store of Racine, Wisconsin," "Sydney Rodenbaugh and her great-great-grandfather, Edward Nielsen." (Presented by Esther and Norman Freund, Fremont, Nebraska).
- 11. Box of family post cards. (Presented by Christie Jensen Gehringer, Omaha, Nebraska).
- 12. Terry Michael's article from Politico: "Illinois Culture of Reform Inspired by Simon;" Copy of page 66 from Obama's The **Audacity of Hope** paying tribute to Paul Simon. (Presented by Ann George, Blair, Nebraska).
- 13. Funeral folder and obituary for Harold Jay Godwin. Copy of Peter and Kristine Knudsen and George and Emma Godwin family trees. Copy of inheritance letter to Anna Godwin from estate of Kirstine Knudsen in Denmark. Copy of Anna Knudsen Godwin's baptism certificate, funeral folder and two postcards. Numerous scanned pictures of family members. (Presented by Steven Godwin, Eagle Point, Oregon).
- 14. 3 copies of **Den Danske Pioneer** and a copy of April 2009 **H.I.S. World News.** (Presented by Edward and Shirley Hansen, Edina, Minnesota).
- 15. Copies of 72 obituaries. (Presented by Fritz Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
- 16. Copy of Jens Hansen's baptism certificate (1882). Copy of Ejler Mortensen Hansen's confirmation certificate (1907). "Family History of Alex Johnson and Ane Marie Christensen" prepared by Robert N. Hansen. "The Story of Alex Johnson" by Martha Johnson Hansen. "Short Autobiography of Mrs. Alex Johnson." "Mads Hansen Genealogy." "The Family of Gjertrude Marie Pedersen (Mrs. Mads Hansen)." Article on Mrs. Marie Madsen, Emerson, NE, from Kvinden og **Hjemmet.** 2 articles by Bob Hansen from **Sioux City Journal.** (Presented by Robert N. Hansen, Sioux City, Iowa).

- 17. Update to the Jensine and Niels Korshoj family record. (Presented by Thomas Hansen, Odense, Denmark).
- 18. Obituaries: Kenneth E. Hansen, Merdell M. Andersen, Phyllis Jensen Brown, Erma L. Andreasen, Anna M. DeBolt, Robert Brodersen, Leslie Bucklin. Winifred C. Dein, Earl W. Diedrichsen, Mary K. Dimmitt, Bernard L. Hansen, Keith W. Hansen, Leona Johansen Hansen, Jeanette A. Jacob, Betty A. Hart, Jack A. Jensen, James R, Jensen, Ronald R. Jensen, Roy A. Jensen, Calvin O. Jorgensen, Enid Jensen Kempcke, Helen Christensen Kruki, Ruby Freund Larsen, Mary E. Larsen, Henrietta Jensen Lippincott, Patricia Larson Nelson, Donald E. Nielsen, Vernon H. Nielsen, Alvin G. Ohrt, Roland E. Petersen, Harold A. Schjodt, Richard F. Sorensen, Dorothy W. Yowell, Inez Hansen Zeman, Ruth Jahnel, Annabel Cook. Stjernen Dec. 2008 to April 2009. Clippings: Visit of Danish Crown Prince and Princess, articles by Tim Pallesen, article on Northstar Wind Towers, First Lutheran, Nathan Kramer, Jeff Quist, Lur Publications and Hanson-Collins wedding. (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
- 19. Death notice and obituary for Paul Neve. (Presented by Verlan and Helga Hanson, Blair, Nebraska).
- 20. Carit Etlar's **Madsaline** and Thisted Jensen's **Vibeke og Harden.** (Presented by Eldon Hattervig, Boise, Idaho).
- 21. Annual Reports of St. Peter's Lutheran (2007, 2008); Women of St. Peter's Directory (2007); Parish Visitor (Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June 2009); Sunday bulletins Jan.-June 2009. Clipping: "Darlene Pfanning and the Northfield Odd Fellows Home. Funeral bulletin and folder for Edward Sorenson. Picture of Tena Larson. Clippings on Janet Topp, Doris Nelson, and Jackie Alfonso. Obituaries: Arlene Anfinson, Barbara Minar, Lois Bendickson. Copy of picture of the Soren Andreas Sorenson and Sine Sorenson Jakobsen Sorenson's entry on Danish Immigrant Museum Wall of Honor. (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
- 22. "Dorcas Remembers" and "Pastor C.A. Vammen's Missionary Work in Oaks, Oklahoma." Obituaries: Jessie Neale Jensen, John Kenneth Christensen, Hazel Whitier Rasmussen, Helen Olsen Gilbert, Edward C. Larsen, June L. Fulton. A World of Song vols. 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, Balslev-Clausen's Songs from Denmark (Games and Folk Dances), The Joy of Song, N.F.S. Grundtvig's What Constitutes Authentic Christianity? Rosenstand's From the Land of the Great Lakes: Pioneer Days in Michigan (translated by Willard R. Garred), J. Knudsen's Called Out of Chaos, Thorvald Hansen's We Laid Foundations Here (Early history of Grand View College), That All Good Seed Strike Root (A centennial history of Grand View College), and Church Divided (Lutherans among the Danish Immigrants). Obituaries: Helen Tange Neve, Brian Curtis Petersen, Patricia Anderson Christiansen, Lois M. Christiansen, Lori Peck. Copy of 3 pictures of Rudy Andersen (A.M.'s son) and Frances Schenk with descriptive notes. (Presented by Joan Sorensen, Ankeny, Iowa).
- 23. Obituaries: Kai Thompsen, Merle Hansen, Harold Andersen, Ernest Christiansen, Helene B. Hansen. (Presented by Jane Jensen, Plainview, Nebraska).
- 24. Immanuel Lutheran Orum: Combine (April, May, June), Bulletins (May, June). The Oaks Arrow. Frederick Hale's Danes in Wisconsin (Revised and expanded). Article: "Lunch Counter Legend" (Louis Lassen). (Presented by Tim and Sharon Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 25. 2 music editions of **Hymnal for Church and Home** 1953 edition, word editions (1939). Boy Jessen's Fra Slesvig til Nebraska, Freitag's Det Moderne Køkken, Hertz' Sparekassen, Israels Sange II, Madsen's Tabt og Fundet, Julebud til Unge og Gamle, NyABC med Billeder (1922), Ny dansk Læsebog (1st and 2nd editions). Funeral memorial books for Anna K. Jeppesen and Christen Jeppesen. 18 letters from Herbert Jeppesen to his family and 3 to others. 3 letters from Ada Jeppesen to Herbert and Ruth Jeppesen. Letter from Ruth to Herbert before marriage. Card from Lynda to Herbert. 8 letters from Frank and Hilda Nielsen to Herbert and Ruth (1962-1971). 9 packets of letters from Herbert and Ruth Jeppesen, Frank and Hilda Nielsen, Christen and Anna Jeppesen. Packets of material on Bethany Lutheran, New Denmark, Canada; Frank Nielsen, and Christen Jeppesen. Christen Jeppesen's diplomas from Dana College and from Trinity Theological Seminary. (Presented by Lynda Jeppesen, Oak Park, Illinois).
- 26. Obituaries: Clifford Paulsen, Frances Paske Zastrow. "Life History of Nels P. Johnson." UELC pension certificate for Oscar Johnson. (Presented by Dody Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa).
- 27. Material on Nick and Anne Marie Hansen Ohms: family registry of children and funeral folders and obituaries for Niolaj Ohms, Anne Marie Ohms, Annie M. Ericksen, Allen Aricksen, Mabel O. Paddock, Paul E. Kemp, Clara Lillian Petersen, Joseph F. Petersen, Elise Petersen, Hans D. Ohms, Teressa E.M. Ohms, August Christensen, Nellie Ohms Christensen, Clarence Henry Ohms, Minnie Ohms, Evelyn Hansen Campbell, Dalton Hansen Marlin Miller, Dale Ericksen, Marvin Ohms, Vernon R. Petersen, Norma Jean Ohms. Material on Christen Christensen and Annie Michaelsen: family registry of children and funeral folders and obituaries for Christen Christensen, Annie Christensen, Minnie Christensen Ohms, Clarence Ohms, August Christensen, Nellie Christensen, Marvin Christensen, Olga Kausa Christensen, Corrine Strange, Evelyn Petersen. Material on Nickolai Christian and Botilda Marie Schmidt Rattenborg Christensen and on Niels Henry and Anna Carstensen Johnson: family registry and funeral folders and obituaries for Anna Johnson, Nicolai Carstensen, Maria Johnson, Levi Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Folmer Johnson, Alvin Johnson, Golda Johnson Weingartner, Kenneth Johnson, Non-family obituaries: Inez Petersen Hansen, Hans Hansen, Anna M. Scott, Rasmus Scott, John C. Hansen, Mrs. John C. Hansen, Ella Mathiesen, Marinus Mathiesen, Dagmar Nielsen, Henry A.P. Petersen, Mathies Andersen, Mrs. John H. White, Hans P. Petersen, Walter Christensen, Elmer Christensen, Henry Larson, Mrs. Maria Frees, Mary Steffensen, Peter C. Petersen, Anna Lorentzen, Leo Petersen, Hilmar Nielsen, George D. Hoogensen, Hans Hoogensen, Andrew M. Christensen, Kenneth Alpers. (Presented by Verda Johnson, Atlantic, Iowa).
- 28. The Bridge (vol. 31 #2). "140 Years Blair, Arlington, Enterprise." Poster of Danish monarchs. Dana 2009 commencement and baccalaureate programs. Clipping on Kim Cooper. Bill Wakefield's article "Wyes on Crime across the

- Pond, too." Article on "Pawnee heritage takes root again in Nebraska soil." Program of flute recital at First Lutheran, Blair. **The Bridge** (vol 32 #1), **DAHS Newsletter** (July 2009), Cassettes: "Joy on the Mountain," Native American Congregational Singing with Sol Bird Mochicin and "The Don Shirley Trio" with Juri That, Obituaries: Paul C. Hansen, Mardell Andersen, Paul Neve. Program and flyer for "Black Elk Speaks" performance at Dana. Clipping: "Dana Seeks Help from Community." Programs for Dana Founders Day, 2009. (Presented by Richard Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 29. Lotte Haveman's **Bogen om rødt Oksekød** and **Bogen om hakket kød.** Notebook of letters and articles on science, 2 notebooks of letters and articles on current events, notebook of letters and articles on Danish royalty, and notebook of personal communications, certificates and awards. 2 copies of **Danmarks Posten** #2 and 3, 2009. (presented by Mogens Kiehn, Scottsdale, Arizona).
- 30. Picture of interior of St. Johannes, Argo, Nebraska with accompanying information. (Presented by Charles Lang, Uehling, Nebraska).
- 31. Recordings: "K.F.U.M. Køren" and Julens toner." Clipping from Fyns Amts Avis on wedding of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary. P. Pedersen's Regnebog for Højskoler, N. Nielsen's Danmarks Historie, Wolden-Ræthinge's Dronning I Danmark, Kaj Munk's Egelykke, B Jensen's Med tegneblok og fluestang, Lindeberg and Petersen's Kongereget Danmark, Nu Kræver Danmark...En Menderne over Kaj Munk, and Børnenes Danske Læsebog: Tredie Del. (Presented by Mary Larsen estate, Blair, Nebraska).
- 32. Obituary for Norman M. Winther. Copy of "Family of Karen Jeanette Nielsen Lorence and Charles Douglas Lorence." Copy of "Family tree: Milton Christian Nielsen" with pictures and text. (Presented by Karen Nielsen Lorence, Aurora, Illinois).
- 33. "Our Savior's Lutheran, Racine, Wisconsin Diamond Jubilee Book 1896-1971," **Our Savior's Messenger May 1956.** "Our Savior's Directory 1982." (Presented by Alice Maresh, Racine, Wisconsin, via Marilyn Nielsen).
- 34. Obituaries: James Henry Jensen, James Robert Hansen, Robert W. Jensen, Patricia Ann Jensen Schindler, Kristine Tenna Larsen. (Presented by Frances McGee, San Leandro, California).
- 35. Letter of Muriel Neve to their children. A.V. Neve's "A Son's Tribute to His Mother." Jeanette M. Dodge's **Song of I Am** and **Seven Cats Named Spot.** (Presented by Lloyd and Muriel Neve, Blair, Nebraska).
- 36. Funeral folder and obituary for Helen Tange Neve. (Presented by Glenn Neve, Spencer, Iowa).
- 37. Packet of Paul Neve's class/grade cards from Dana and packet of his financial receipts from Dana. Picture of William C. Gifford and appreciation plaque for music years at Beresford High, South Dakota. Weddings photographs of Paul and Lela Neve and of Rev and Mrs. N.P. Nielsen. Photo of Mrs. N.P. as a young woman. Lauritz Melchior program and clippings. Album of N.P. Nielsen children get-togethers. A.V. and Dora Neve Golden Anniversary Book. "Abiding Memories" funeral visitors for both A.V. and Dora. Packet of A.V. Neve legal papers and investment statements. Packet of N.L. Nielsen family material. Packet of A.V. Neve family material. 2 packets of 1982 Dana Choir European tour. Packet of Juri That appreciation of Paul and Lela Neve album. Packet of Paul and Lela's passports and business cards. Packet of cards Lela received as student at Dana. Packet of A.V. and Dora Neve's family clippings and material. A.V. Neve's pastoral record book. Individual photographs of Paul and Lela about 1940. Christmas cards with family pictures: 1951, 1954, 1957, 1962. Photograph of A.V. and Dora Neve. (Presented by Paul Neve, Blair, Nebraska).
- 38. 3 large boxes of unprocessed Neve material. (Presented by Paul Neve estate, Blair, Nebraska).
- 39. Obituary for Karl P.E. Christensen. (Presented by John Mark and Dawn Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 40. Clippings on Dana College, Danish royal visit to Blair, Eloise Thomsen, Vi Anderson's 100<sup>th</sup>, Larrie Stone's "Why Do I Get Sick? It's the Pathogens." **Good Shepherd Messenger** and First Lutheran bulletins. Obituaries: Donald E. Nielsen, Roland E. Petersen, Richard F. Sorensen. (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 41. Obituaries and funeral folders for Norman Winther and Lydia Larsen Weber. Identification of people on 1936 photograph of Immanuel Lutheran, Racine, Bible school students. 1989 clipping: "Dana unveils Largest Drive in Its History. Article: "Emmaud/Spanish Language Services" (Racine). Letter in **Northfield News** by Jackie Alfonso Article: "Life of Adventure" (Rita Hansen). Clipping of Willine and Vernon Svendsen's 50<sup>th</sup>. (Presented by LeVern and Marilyn Nielsen, Racine, Wisconsin).
- 42. 125<sup>th</sup> Dana Convocation program (Crown Prince Frederik receives honorary degree). (Presented by Tom Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 43. A box of 700-1000 sermons of Kaj Nyegaard. (Presented by Allan Nyegaard, Eugene, Oregon).
- 44. **From Danish Kitchens.** (Presented by Tim Pallesen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 45. Paul and Art Simon Collection: Packet of Christmas letters and cards, Packet of clippings and Jeanne's funeral folder, Packet of clippings. Packet of Paul Simon campaign material, Campaign T-shirt and pin, Packet of letters. (Presented by Elmer P. Petersen, Galesville, Wisconsin).
- 46. P. Hansen's Illustreret Dansk Literatur Historie vol. 1 &2. (Presented by Viggo Ramsbusch, Jersey City, NE Jersey).
- 47. Note and 2 early Dana picture postcards. (Presented by Junior and Mary Rasmussen, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
- 48. Copy of Douglas County District 20 school picture about 1937. Students identified. (Presented by Ruth Rasmussen, Omaha, Nebraska).
- 49. Danish press release on Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary's United States tour. (Presented by Carrie Reed, Blair, Nebraska).

- 50. Jens Honore' and Jens Vikstrup's **Goodbye to a Black and White World.** (Presented by Judi Rettick, Lancaster, Pennsylvania).
- 51. Obituaries: Lucille Jensen Hassler, Keith Gerald Hansen, Foster Andersen, Timothy Jacobsen, Earl Christensen, Luzella Jensen Kaasa, Margaret Fritz Olsen, Clifford Paulsen, Robert Bonnerup. 3 clippings on historic Albert Lea and Alden. (Presented by Eleanor and Don Schou, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
- 52. Packet of copied material on William (Vilhelm) Wind, first DBIA President pictures, death certificate, clippings, etc. (Presented by Susan Wind Simpson, Castle Rock, Colorado).
- 53. Ingemann's Samlede Skrifter, Sangeren med Tilloeg., A. Augustinus" Bekendelser, Bjørson's Arnjot Gelline, Magnhild En Fortælling, and Mellem Slagene, Erichsen's Den Jydske Hede Før og Nu, Erslev's Oversigt over Middlealdrens Historie, Jacobsen's Fra Livet I Vestjylland. Lie's Unge Dage, Nielsen's Lærbog Frugttrædyrkning og Plantskoledrift, Danmark Illustreret Familie-Almanak for 1908, (Presented by Karen Sorenson, Clarkville, Tennessee).
- 54. Copies of 2 family pictures of Peter K. Nelsen and Bertha Rasmussen Nelsen taken about 15 or 20 years apart. (Presented by Carol Petersen Verbeck, Gatesville, Texas).

CORRECTION: We apologize for misspelling the name Skouby in the last JOTTINGS.

### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES:**

I continue to be impressed by those of you who support The Danish American Archive and Library with your contributions of material, time, and money. It is a clear indication that there are those who see the need to preserve and share the benefits of a Danish heritage without imposing it upon anyone. What is even more gratifying is that every month, if not every week, a new individual joins our ranks. This is due to your advocacy in contacts with family, acquaintances and professional colleagues. How else would people have learned about us? Thank you.

Many have suggested to me over the past years that we should hire a professional fundraiser. The suggestion is well intended, but it overlooks the fact that we do not have the money to hire such an individual. Perhaps an equal deterrent is the fact that I find high pressure tactics and the wining and dining of perspective donors repulsive. Perhaps I am naïve, but I want people to give, first modestly and then hopefully later generously, because they believe in the cause. It seems to me that it is out of such support that an institution such as The Danish American Archive and Library can develop a loyalty that extends over decades and centuries.

I do, however, need your immediate help. Because there is always the chance that there will be a challenge of quorum at our annual meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, I am asking you to designate a proxy if you cannot be in attendance. Merely send me or someone whom you know will be present a statement: "I hereby designate (so and so) to be my proxy at the October meeting of DAAL." Be sure to sign and date the statement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Some of you have inquired about our daughter Jane. She has her last chemo this week and wants to return to teaching Spanish as soon as possible. She undoubtedly will be very tired until she becomes stronger and accustomed to the regimen of home and school. With the chemo completed we now wait for and rejoice in every day, month and year that is cancer free. We have appreciated the words of encouragement and the assurance of shared prayers.

I want to personally thank all of you who have signed and returned "Deed of Gift" forms. We have received well over 300. This is impressive but there are still significant gaps. If you have misplaced your form, please request another, and we will send another to you.

Like many of you we had a Nielsen family reunion. This year's event was hosted by my brother James' family in Munster, Indiana. Nephew Steve Schou led us in our traditional family worship, and all of the young ones plus Gary Hansen engaged in the annual soccer game. The sixty-one who attended came from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. There were no deaths in the family during the year and three births: Lars Frederik, James Collin and Sarah Christine born in October, May and June respectively. We extended our visit to include time with grandchildren and great grandchildren in Chicago. Son John Mark and Dawn provided us with transportation.

Let us end the summer with a hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

One and Found has a see		Laboration of Elizabeth Aliabara (Diala AFE) (and )	
General Fund Income	05.00	John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) (cont.)	05.00
Karen Alldredge (Carbondale, CO)	25.00	In memory of Helen Tange Neve	25.00
R.L. Bartlely (Springfield, MO)	25.00	In memory of Paul Neve	100.00
Erna Berthelsen (Albert Lea, MN)	FO 00	In memory of Marne Brunk	25.00
In memory of Margaret Breese	50.00	Marilyn & LeVern Nielsen(Racine, WI)	20.00
Margie Bomstad (Blomkest, MN)	50.00	In memory of Norman Winther	30.00
Milt & Elaine Brostrom (St Peter, MN)	00.00	In memory of Paul Neve	50.00
In honor of John & Liz Nielsen's 60th anniversary	60.00	Phil Pagel & Lorraine Jensen (Blair, NE)	25.00
Marianne Brunk (La Habra, CA)	20.00	In honor of John W. Nielsen's birthday	25.00
John & Myra Christensen (Fortuna, CA) Dale & Laurel Christiansen (Dannebrog, NE)	35.00	In memory of Paul Neve Tim Pallesen (Blair, NE)	25.00 100.00
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Myrvin & Anne Christopherson (Decorah, IA) In honor of Bee Krantz		A. J. Pete Petersen (Kennewick, WA)	25.00
	50.00 20.00	Paul & Marilyn Raadt (Northfield, MN)	25.00 50.00
Robert Creekmore (Old Fort, NC)		Judy & Bill Reiff (Omaha, NE)	
Dana College History Club (Blair, NE)	100.00	LaVonne Rolland (Blair, NE) Clara Quist memorial	25.00 50.00
John & Elizabeth Dutton (Boalsburg, PA)	60.00	Carl & Alice Schattauer (Blair, NE)	25.00
In honor of John & Liz Nielsen's 60th anniversary Gary Hansen (Bailey's Harbor, WI)	60.00 50.00	Jens & Eileen Simonsen (Oakdale, NE) Robert & Susan Simpson (Castle Rock, CO)	50.00
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Maynard & Marion Hansen (Springfield, MO) In memory of Paul Neve	10.00	Phoebe Sorenson (La Crosse, WI) In memory of Eddie Sorenson	20.00
	10.00		100.00
Michael & Jill Hennick (Blair, NE)	10.00	Martha Staby (Loveland, CO)	100.00
In honor of Joyce Johnsen's special birthday In honor of John W. Nielsen's birthday	10.00 10.00	Darrell Stokes (Atlanta, GA) in memory of Mary Larsen Larrie & Norma Stone (Blair, NE)	100.00
In honor of Dorothy (Mrs. Sigurd) Petersen's 95 <sup>th</sup> birthday	20.00	In honor of their 53 <sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary	25.00
Anne & John Hibbing (Lincoln, NE) Mary Larsen memorial	30.00	Robert Storms (Omaha, NE) Marilyn Storms memorial	25.00 25.00
Jim & Marge Iversen (Ames, IA)	100.00	Charlotte Travis (San Antonio, TX)	35.00
Lorraine Jensen & Phil Pagel (Blair, NE)	100.00	Peter & Judith Tveskov (Branford, CT)	50.00
In memory of Mary Larsen	25.00	Dagmar Vasby (Verona, WI)	50.00
Tim & Sharon Jensen (Blair, NE)	300.00	Jane & Doug Wilson (Farragut, IA)	30.00
Iver & Lis Jorgensen (Burnsville, MN)	25.00	Mary Larsen memorial	50.00
Milton & Jean Jorgensen (Winchester, KS)	25.00	Ruth Skjoldager memorial	50.00
Michael Knudson (Blair, NE)	20.00	Natif Okjolaager memorial	30.00
Joan & Robert Krogh (Blair, NE)	100.00	Archive Assistant	
Jeri Kubicek (Des Moines, IA)	100.00	John & Ginny Beck (Blair, NE)	200.00
Martin Kuhr (Blair, NE) Rev. & Mrs. S.S. Nielsen memorial	50.00	Myrvin & Anne Christopherson (Decorah, IA)	200.00
Betsy Lange (Edgewood, NM)	50.00	In honor of Dr. John W. Nielsen's birthday and service	100.00
Liz Larsen (Cupertino, CA) in memory of Mary Larsen	500.00	Ray & Carole Dickson (Blair, NE)	300.00
Margaret & Neil Larsen (Sanger, CA) Mary Larsen memorial	100.00	Frederick & Cathy Hansen (Wichita, KS)	285.00
Ralph & Janet Larsen (Fresno, CA) Mary Larsen memorial	50.00	Roger & Marilyn Hanson (Cedar Falls, IA)	200.00
John C. Laursen (Riverside, CA)	25.00	Phyllis & Clement Hunter (Oregon City, OR)	300.00
Keith & Judith Leech (Plymouth, MN)	25.00	Lorraine Jensen (Blair, NE)	150.00
Betty & Fleming Leicht (Ottawa, ON)	35.00	Tim & Sharon Jensen (Blair, NE)	275.00
Elberta Le Vine (Germantown, WI)	25.00	Don & Joyce Jorgensen (Ripon, WI)	150.00
Maryann and C.I. Jerry Lund (Mukilteo, WA)	_0.00	Richard & Delores Jorgensen (Poy Sippi, WI)	300.00
With thanksgiving for 62 years of wedded bliss	162.00	Bee Krantz (Blair, NE)	275.00
Grace Lundberg (Northfield, MN)	10.00	Johannes Laursen (Rockville Centre, NY)	150.00
Frances McGee (San Leandro, CA)	50.00	Marilyn & LeVern Nielsen (Racine, WI)	150.00
Earl & Doris Nelson (Racine, WI)		A. Richard "Pete" & Beverly Petersen (Sioux Falls, SD)	175.00
In honor of John & Liz Nielsen's 60th anniversary	60.00	Joan Sorensen (Ankeny, IA)	275.00
Andrea Neve (Minneapolis, MN) in memory of Paul Neve	500.00	Karl Sorensen (Lincoln, NE)	50.00
Paul Neve (Blair, NE) in memory of Lela Neve	75.00	Elaine Steenblock (Ames, IA)	300.00
Darlene Nielsen (Council Bluffs, IA)		Starla Sweda (Selma, TX)	50.00
In memory of Duane Benson	20.00	Don & Marjorie Wahlgren (Gowrie, IA)	
David Nielsen (Winfield, KS)	20.00	In memory of Oscar & Elizabeth Jorth	150.00
John Mark Nielsen (Blair, NE) reimbursement for boxes	24.00	Charlotte Travis (San Antonio, TX)	50.00
John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)		Kenneth D. Weaver (Dallas, TX)	300.00
In grateful memory of Oscar & Elizabeth Jorth's		· · · · · ·	
Kindness to Dana students in the 1940's	100.00	Endowment	

The gift made last quarter by Raymond Strong should have been designated in memory of Joyce Strong.