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Dear Brother Christensen,

I wish to thank the Danish Brotherhood and its officers for accepting my application for Special Aid. It's a wonderful thing the Danish Brotherhood members in need and in sickness have to consider when applying for assistance. Your generous aid is greatly appreciated and it gives me a truly brotherhood feeling that will long be remembered.

A month after making application I found that I needed hospital care for a kidney and bladder infection. After two weeks in the hospital with no hospital insurance I have gone beyond the point of return as far as money is concerned.

My family and I again thank you for the fraternal aid given us, and thanks for your best wishes Brother Christensen.

**An Appreciative Member**  
(Name on file)

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The objects of the Brotherhood are to: (1.) Encourage its members in their fidelity to the constitution and laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark or the Dominion of Canada. (2.) Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America. (3.) Render aid to its members and their dependents whenever illness, disability or death may befall its members or their dependents. (4.) Assist unemployed members in securing employment. (5.) Provide and maintain a fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed in the by-laws of this society. (6.) Conduct its affairs, as a fraternal benefit society, in the manner of the subordinate lodge system.

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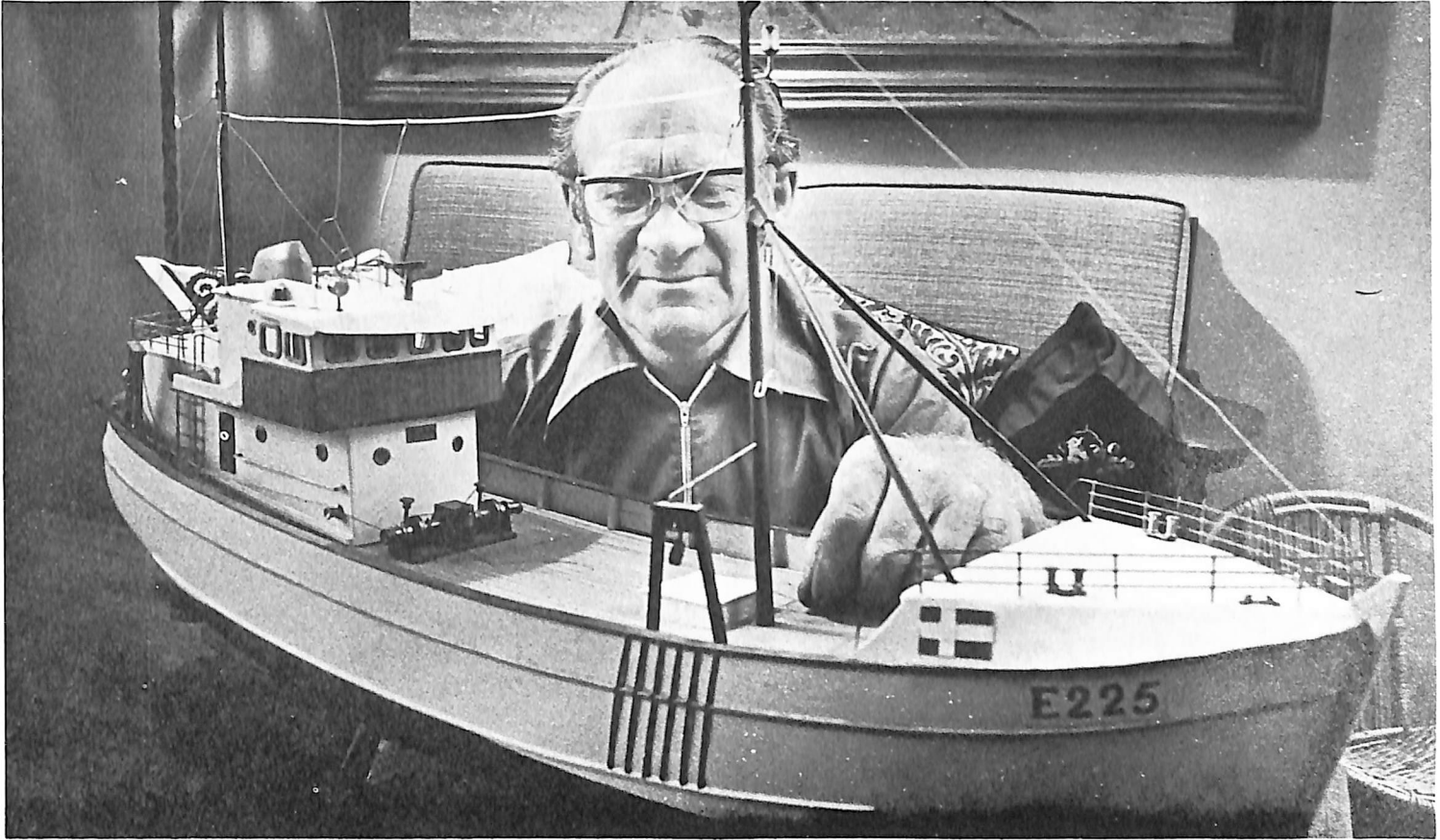
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The Old Danish Mill at Kenmare, N. D., stands in silent testimony to the influence Danish-Americans have made, and are making, to the North American lifestyle. Once an active working model, the mill is described in full detail in the article on page 5.

# Olympic Trials Draw Interest of Brothers Sorensen, Bonsoe of Rockford Lodge No. 64



Sofus Sorensen with scale model of Danish fishing trawler he made. Cabinet maker repaired canoes in trials.

This article originally appeared in the Rockford, Illinois Register-Star Newspaper. We thought you would like to read a reprint of it, so here it is. Our thanks to Rockford DB member Ken Marlin for sending in the article.

By **BILL VINT, Recreation Editor**

Sofus Sorensen and John Bonsoe, brothers of Danish blood, await an invasion of athletes here which revives memories of their homeland.

Sorensen, 55, operates Sorensen Custom Cabinetry, 3126 Nadine. Bonsoe, 51, owns Marengo Greenhouse in Marengo.

The invasion, starting in mid-July, will be a gathering of 200 or more canoe and kayak racers who will try for berths on the United States Olympic team during trials at Rock Cut State Park July 20-23.

The two natives of Denmark have related, if accidental, interests in the trials.

Sorensen, for example, has volunteered to repair any of the frail boats damaged during the event.

"I'm not a boat builder by trade," he said. "I was a carriage builder by trade in Denmark.

"During World War II, I got involved with the underground as a saboteur. We had to move around quite a bit during

that time, and that's when I got involved with boats. I worked two years on them, with a cousin. We built a dragon sailboat, the kind now raced in the Olympics.

"At the same place, we built some of those teak and mahogany canoes, and some two, four and eight-man sculls, which are about the same construction.

"It's tedious work," he added. "I'd guess there are about 200 working hours in building an eight-man scull."

Bonsoe, in the meantime, was following a different course. His interest in paddling developed as a canoe racer during the war years in an area north of Copenhagen.

"I raced during the war mostly," he said. "We couldn't do anything else . . . no motorcycles or cars. Plus I lived in an area where there were a lot of canoes, lots of small lakes and channels.

"But there was no organized racing like there is now. Nothing Olympic class. Racing has really developed since the war. By the time it was becoming organized, I was getting ready to leave Denmark.

"I do know at the time, I was up there among the best."

Bonsoe moved to the United States 15 years ago. Sorensen came to Rockford, where relatives had settled, in 1947.

While Bonsoe's interest is in the racing itself, Sorensen is more interested in the craftsmanship involved in the boats.

Sorensen, a member of both the Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Rockford, co-hosts of the Olympic paddling trials, offered to help because "I feel I have experience which will help if anyone would have an accident. I would have the room to work on boats."

Damage to the fragile racing hulls, he noted, means touchy repair work.

"You don't just jump into a boat or you'll stick a foot through," he said. "They are made with a veneer about an eighth-inch thick. I'm sure you could put your fist through the hull if you tried.

"It's very sensitive. You have to work very close when you work with material like that. You can't make a very big mistake."

Sorensen, who is now completing an all-teak cabinet on a water clock at the Time Museum at Henrici's, has done some rather exclusive boating work in his time.

"The place I worked for in Aarhus (his home in Denmark) had charge of the king's sailing yacht and another bigger boat of his he used sailing to other countries," Sorensen said. "We were involved in sanding, varnishing, general maintenance.

"Of course, everything was teak. Expensive? You can say that again. The old king, Christian the 10th, was quite a fellow. He raced a lot all over Europe."

# Let's Look To The Future Together!



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*For additional information, please send name, address, date of birth, and lodge number to Clayton Grady, Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.*

**W**HAT IS A Danish mill doing in the United States? No doubt the state of North Dakota has enough wind to turn it and a fair amount of grain to grind, but to keep the facts straight and tell you all about it, we will print what we received from the North Dakota Travel Department:



## The Danish Mill

"A North Dakota attraction, the Danish Mill in Kenmare has neither like nor equal in the State of North Dakota, and is one of only six Danish Mills in the United States.

"Constructed by a foreign-born pioneer North Dakota settler, the cone-shaped mill is overlaid with wooden shingles and has a rounded top which can be revolved to face the vanes into the changing wind.

"Christian C. Jensen immigrated to the United States from Denmark about 1890 and began farming in Minnesota. In 1898, Mr. Jensen moved to North Dakota and using his considerable carpentry skill, built the mill in 1902 on his homestead 11 miles north of Kenmare.

"The four large vanes of the mill are 18-feet long. Canvas sails covering the vanes regulate the speed of the mill—spread for maximum speed and power and furled to reduce. The vanes are attached to the 15-inch diameter center shaft. An ingenious system of hand hewn maple gears transfer the power to drive the large millstones.

"At the point of grinding, the gear ratio is six-to-one and old timers recall the vanes turned at about 100 revolutions a minute, the millstone then whirling at approximately 600 RPM.

"The two granite stones, 40-inches in diameter and 10-inches thick, weigh an estimated 1800 pounds each. The lower stone remains stationary and grooves etched

on the face of the stones crush the grain as it is fed through a hole in the center of the top stone.

"Centrifugal force pushes the ground grain to the edge of the stones where it was sacked by the waiting farmer. By adjusting the gap between the stones and running the grain through two or three times, different degrees of fineness could be obtained.

"The grind surfaces of the stones needed periodic sharpening and an improvised crane lifted the top stone for reconditioning, a skill that is now virtually forgotten.

"Capacity of the mill was 200 sacks a day and in times of great demand, the grinding would continue around the clock. Farmers from miles around brought their grain, often on horseback.

"The sturdy mill continued in constant operation until World War I and then was demoted to serve as a granary."

Long a subject of discussion on the part of community citizens, who maintained that the mill should be restored because of its historical significance and because it would prove of interest to travelers, the future destiny of the structure was planned by the Kenmare Association of Commerce. Offers of help in restoring and publicizing the mill were forthcoming from the State Historical Society and Greater North Dakota Association.

The mill was purchased by the Kenmare Association of Commerce in the fall of 1958, moved into Kenmare in 1959, and placed on a site which was deeded to the North Dakota State Historical Society. Restoration, under supervision of Russell Reid of the Society, has retained all of its authentic originality. Cost of moving and restoration amounted to several thousands of dollars. This was paid by the Society. Restoration was completed in 1961.

First location for the mill in Kenmare was on a site just east of Central Avenue, and south of the Kenmare Municipal Swimming pool. In the spring of 1965, the mill was moved to the City Park.

Moving the mill to the present location was motivated by the Kenmare Betterment Association and through the combined efforts of the Betterment Association, Kenmare Lions Club, and Kenmare Park Board, the job was accomplished.

Cost to the Lions Club was \$1000.00. Their part of the project was moving the structure, placing it on a cement foundation, laying cement flooring and painting. The mill is painted in typical Danish coloring. The mill proper is red. The sails and trimming are white.

Maintenance is under jurisdiction of the Park Board. The stairway to the upper portion enables visitors to have a better view of the mill's working mechanism.

Beautification of the mill's surroundings has been undertaken by the Town and Country Garden Club. Their project is the planting of seasonal flowers and shrubs.

That the Danish Mill in Kenmare is a major tourist attraction is evidenced by the many travelers visiting the mill. Their comments on the uniqueness of the structure and its historic value to Kenmare and the State of North Dakota are most favorable.

# Scholarship Winners Write



Six scholarship winners were announced in the May issue of the Magazine. We would now like you to meet these outstanding young people of our organization. The Board of Officers, on behalf of the members of the Danish Brotherhood in America, extends its congratulations to these young people for their achievements and offers best wishes in their new endeavors.

One additional scholarship was granted this year — on a one-issue basis — thanks to the generosity of a member now deceased. Jens C. Nielsen left \$1,000 in his will for a full scholarship. The winner is the young lady on the opposite page.

I was born February 12, 1936, in Woodbridge, N. J., the youngest child (have four older sisters) of Laurits (dec. January 1963) and Betty Lauritsen, both of whom were born in Denmark.



Richard D. Lauritsen

Attended elementary school in Edison, N. J., and graduated from Perth Amboy high school in 1953. Served three years in the U. S. Army (1955-58) and was

married in 1959. I now have three children — Paul 8 years, Ann Marie 5 years and Peter 9 months old.

Joined the Danish Brotherhood (Lodge No. 46) in January 1969.

I left New Jersey in August 1969, and eventually came to Colorado. I am now a member of Lodge No. 43 in Denver, and live in Littleton, Colo.

I have been attending Arapahoe Community College on a full-time basis for the past school year, and am working to support my family as a technician for Johnson Service Co.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Officers and the entire membership of the Danish Brotherhood for the scholarship and for their interest and encouragement of my endeavor.

Fraternally,

**Richard D. Lauritsen**

I was born in Newport, Ore., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Fahl of Seal Rock, Ore. My home has been on the Oregon coast for



Robert Fahl

my entire life. My membership in the Danish Brotherhood is with Lodge No. 167, Portland, along with my father who has been a long-time member.

During my attendance at Waldport High School, I was active

in student government, Lettermens Club and National Honor Society. I was salutatorian of my class, honor roll member, president of the senior class, assistant editor of the school newspaper and a varsity member of the school's golf and cross country teams.

I plan to attend the University of Oregon next fall and hope to major in urban planning.

I would like to thank the Brotherhood for their kindness in extending this scholarship to me. It will be the backbone and encouragement for me to finish my desired studies.

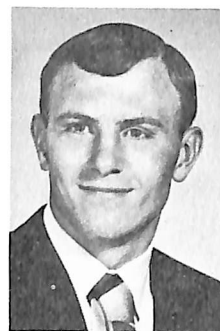
Sincerely,

**Robert Fahl**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and to express my sincere thanks to the Dan-

ish Brotherhood in America for the scholarship awarded me.

I am Richard Edwin Jensen. I be-



Richard E. Jensen

came a member of Danish Brotherhood Lodge 261 in January 1971. I am the third member of my family to join the Danish Brotherhood. My father Harold Jensen and my older brother Louis Dwight Jensen, also are mem-

bers. I have lived all of my life in Fowler, Colo., a small agricultural community where my father and his brother are engaged in the farming and livestock feeding business. My home has always been on the same 80-acre farm with my mother, father and three brothers. As a result of this background I have become very interested in agriculture. Many of my accomplishments while in high school have come through active participation in the Future Farmers of America organization.

My hobbies include football, basketball and working in my father's machinery repair shop.

I am presently attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., where I am majoring in the manufacturing branch of industrial science.

I again would like to say thank

you very much for the scholarship which will certainly aid me in the fulfillment of my goal toward a higher education.

Sincerely,

**Richard E. Jensen**

Please accept my sincere thanks to the Danish Brotherhood in America for granting me this scholarship.

I became a junior member of Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 in 1967. In 1968 I was able to visit my grandparents near Copenhagen and meet relatives and friends throughout Denmark. I have been an honor student since 9th grade and a member of the National Honor Society. In my senior year I have taken several college courses.

I have been swimming on the high school swim team since 9th grade and have received varsity letters for the past three years.

This fall I shall attend Ursinus College; I intend to major in biology to prepare for medical school.

Again I wish to thank you for this great honor as it will certainly ease my financial position.

Sincerely yours,

**Steven Gordon**

My name is Chris Allen Nielsen and I have been selected by the Scholarship Committee to receive one of the six Danish Brotherhood scholarships. I am very honored and proud to receive this scholarship. I have been asked to write a little about myself to let the Brotherhood know something about me.



Chris Nielsen

I am 18 years old and a June graduate of Central High School in Omaha. At Central I was a member of the Math and Computer Club, Mu Alpha Theta. I have been on the honor roll for the past six years and was nominated for election to the National Honor Society. In my freshman year I received a certificate of merit for scoring in the top 10% in the nation

on the National Educational Development Tests. Outside of school, I have been in the Order of DeMolay for four years. Last summer I was chosen to be the toastmaster at the Nebraska State Danish Brotherhood-Sisterhood Convention banquet.

I would like to thank the Brotherhood very deeply for the scholarship. I plan to use it at either the University of Nebraska at Lincoln or the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Again, I would like to thank the Brotherhood for the honor as a recipient of the award.

Sincerely,

**Chris Nielsen**

My name is Torben Schroder and I live in Burbank, Calif. I attend John Burroughs High School here in Burbank. In this area Burroughs is known for its high academic standard and the success of its graduates in college. I graduated in June and plan to continue my education beginning this fall.

I was born in Thisted, Denmark on May 19, 1954, and lived there until I was three years old. My family then moved to the United States, settling in the Los Angeles area.

Just over 1½ years ago I firmly decided upon making a career of architecture. It was reached mainly by the fact that I have a strong interest in drafting and in creating something for others as well as for myself. Having made this my career goal I took certain measures which I think will help in the preparation process. The final important step was to choose a college which would best suit my needs and desires. After a few months of searching and deliberating my parents and I decided on the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Throughout my three years in high school (ninth grade is part of junior high in this district) I have worked very hard to achieve a high academic standing and to prepare myself for college work. For me the highlight came last semester when I achieved straight A's. My overall grade point average before last semester was 3.52 on a scale of A-4.0. My score on the scholastic aptitude test (SAT) was verbal 540, mathematics 640, for a total of 1180. I scored 590 on the biology achievement test.

As a result of my academic achievement I have been a member of the honor society all five semesters (requirements are a "B" average), and the California Scholastic

Federation for three semesters. If I receive that standing again this semester I will be named as a "Seal-bearer." You can be sure I will be working my hardest at making it.

Outside of my studies I am a member of the school water polo and swim teams. I have lettered in bee water polo one year, and varsity water polo two years. This year I was a starting guard. I have also lettered in varsity swimming one year. Outside of school I am actively involved in the Youth for Understanding Teenage Exchange Program (YFU), and a member of Lodge 126 of the Danish Brotherhood.

Fraternally yours,

**Torben Schroder**

(No photo available for above)

Cedar Rapids, which was my home for eight years, was also my birthplace on June 17, 1954. This eastern Iowa city was also the hometown of my younger twin brothers and



Dana D. Krause

sister. I attended Trinity Lutheran School through the third grade, as well as Sunday school. I was a member of Tot Lot — a program which gave a child a small plot of land on which he could grow whatever he wished. This was very successful except for the fact that I was a very anxious farmer and usually did not let my crops grow to maturity. Consequently, my family had many salads with miniature carrots in them.

My life in Cedar Rapids was dotted by many vacations — most of them to Omaha, to visit my grandparents. As a result, when I was almost nine, my family moved to Omaha, my parents' hometown. Here I have attended Mount View Grade School, Nathan Hale Junior High and Benson High School. As a June graduate of Benson, I have enrolled at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and have chosen pre-medicine as my field of study.

With a major of pre-medicine, the scholarship from the Danish Brotherhood in America will be appreciated very greatly. I wish to thank the scholarship committee for this great honor.

Sincerely,

**Dana D. Krause**

# Home Office Seeking Mementoes For Display



Treasured banner donated for display is held aloft by Clayton Grady, left, and Diane Doyle, National Headquarters personnel.

Do you have an item of special cultural or historical interest that you would like to have preserved for thousands to see and appreciate? It could be a book, a family hand-me-down, gift to your lodge, or even a discarded banner or painting.

If yes, you are most cordially invited to contribute item or items to a special display being set up in the National Headquarters of the Brotherhood. This long-awaited exhibition will not only reflect the unique activities of our lodges and members but also show some of the proudest moments of our cultural background and heritage.

Representatives of gifts already contributed are books and periodicals, including early Danish-American literature, hand-tools and utensils used by Danish-American pioneers, pottery, photographs, early lodge mementoes, and weapons. Any contributions to the collection will be earnestly appreciated. Each item will indicate the donor's name, lodge number and address, when displayed.

## AUGUST ASSESSMENT

No. 878

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
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September 1, 1972

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

October 1, 1972

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer.



New Members	Location	Sponsor
Robert W. Hallberg .....	Ludington (51).....	Earl G. Jensen
Bruce E. Genia .....	Ludington (51).....	Earl G. Jensen
Henning H. Jensen .....	Providence (102).....	Carl W. Sorensen
Diane Ella Villadsen .....	Hayward (184).....	John Villadsen
David Alan Mahler .....	Hayward (184).....	Fred Mahler
Stuart O. Mahler .....	Hayward (184).....	Fred Mahler
John A. Williams .....	Erie (242).....	Joseph Dascanio
Uffe C. Larsen .....	Solvang (299).....	Arne Larsen
William R. Springer .....	Solvang (299).....	Rick Johnson
Solvejg H. Wills .....	Nassau Co. (325).....	George Jacobsen
Mayta P. Andersen .....	Omaha (600).....	Elmer Jensen
David A. Tweedt* .....	Omaha (700).....	A. P. Michelsen
Lori A. Odsather .....	Omaha (700).....	A. P. Michelsen

\* Juvenile Members

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JULY:

Einar Danielsen: Salary \$241.50, less taxes \$45.68, net \$195.82.

## What Did He Lose?

(Reprinted from Catholic Forester Magazine)

A youth was stopped for a traffic violation. The public safety official recognized the odor in the violator's car and it was found that he had a few "joints" with him. He was convicted of marijuana possession, an automatic felony, and received a suspended sentence.

All he lost was his right to vote, to own a gun and the right to run for public office.

He also lost the opportunity of ever being a licensed doctor, dentist, certified public accountant, engineer, lawyer, architect, realtor, schoolteacher, barber, funeral director, masseur or stockbroker.

He can never get a job where he has to be bonded or licensed.

He can't work for the city, county or federal governments.

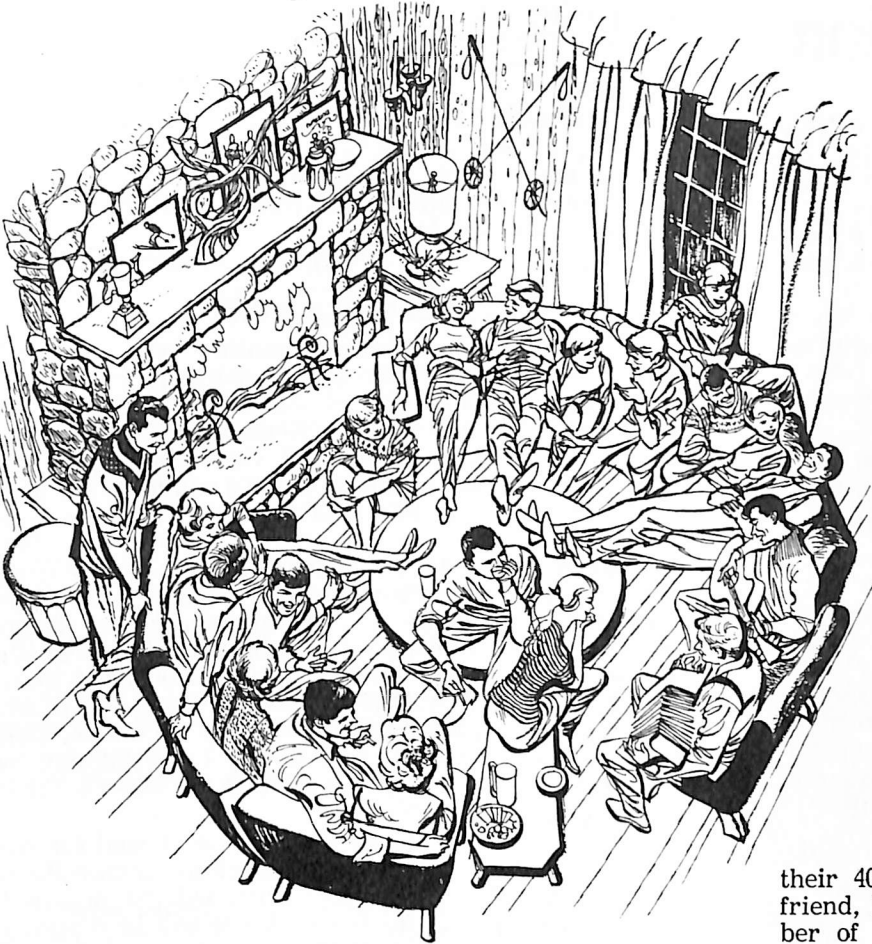
He cannot be admitted to West Point, Annapolis or the Air Force Academy.

That's what he lost!

(All of the above statements are true, if possession in the state in question is considered a felony. Many states do. American Dane checked it out with a lawyer.)

Wife: "When we were married, I thought you were a brave man."

Husband: "So did many other people."



# Our Lodges in Action

## New Haven Will Swing at Dinner, October 28

**Haabet Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** — On July 30, Lodge 32 had its annual picnic at Art Sorensen's place in Bethany. It was well attended with over 160 people there. We saw members from our neighboring lodges there also. Thanks to Art and Eleane for letting us use their place for the day and thanks to Art Iversen for donating the corn.

On June 25, Brother Eigel Bjarno passed away after a short illness. We all express our sympathy to his loved ones. Brother John Sorensen is on the sick list.

Brother Peter Sorensen, chairman for our dinner-dance committee, has announced that we are having a dinner on Saturday, October 28 at Apollo Hall, 715 Sherman Parkway. Dinner will be at 7 p. m., with an orchestra from 9-1 a. m. A \$4.50 donation includes dinner and all. Come one, come all, bring your friends.

**Chris Simonsen, Secretary.**

**Wendia Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.** — We got our building painted and a new roof and it looks just fine. We are very proud of our building now.

Herman Rasmussen and his wife have moved into their new home. Some of the brothers have been down in Elmira and Corning to help clean up after the flood and drought. Several truckloads of clothing and canned goods besides money, has been sent from Penn Yan. Brother Harold Jepsen and his wife celebrated

their 40th anniversary July 14. I hear that my old friend, Brother Harold Madsen died. He was a member of Perth Amboy Lodge. We will all miss him. He was always the life of the party. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Asta and family.

Brother Hugo Pedersen and his wife are on vacation in Denmark. There are several others from this vicinity visiting there this summer. Brother Junior Pedersen and his wife have just returned from a vacation. They visited Martha's Vineyard and other points of interest down at the East Coast.

The farmers in this area are hard hit with all this rain. The first planting was drowned so they had to plant over again and hope for a late frost. The losses in this area are millions and 90 per cent of our members are farmers.

We had an invitation to join the Finger Lakes Lodge for their picnic at the Samson State Park, but were not able to attend. We are sorry. Thanks for the invitation Brother Art.

**Laurids S. Pedersen, Correspondent.**

**Long Island Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** — A "white elephant sale" is planned for September. You must have some things you would like to get rid of, old or new, bring them and we will auction them off as rare antiques.

Our July meeting was well attended. More than 50 members and guests were present. The magician was very good and proved that the hand is quicker than the eye. Egon Larsen, "the master baker" had made delicious cake to be enjoyed with our coffee, three different kinds. "Nice piece of work."

The members of Long Island Lodge voted to donate \$100 to "The Rapid City Relief Fund," sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood to alleviate the suffering of the flood-stricken victims in South Dakota.

If John L. Pedersen had been at the meeting he

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# Our Lodges in Action

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would have won the jackpot. The winner will get \$10 in August. Good luck.

We are pleased to announce that two new applicants for membership were present at the meeting — Birgit Yost and Ilse Santodonato. Please be present to welcome these ladies into our society when they are initiated in August.

After 46 years in America, Svend Hansen is finally taking a vacation in old Denmark, together with his wife Rosa. Our best wishes go with them. Forty-six years is a long time and Svend will find certain things changed, but the countryside, good old Denmark is still the same. Svend will probably have some interesting things to tell us when he comes back.

**Bill Steffensen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** — The annual installation of officers of Lodge 102 took place on Friday, June 9 at the Verdandi Club, Warwick, R. I. Newly-elected president was William Gill. All other officers were re-elected. Past President John Christiansen and Conductor Aage Jespersen of Hartford Lodge No. 314, conducted the ceremonies. During the ceremonies, Jan Braumann presented his brother, retiring president Erling Braumann, with a past president's pin.

Among the attending guests were National Vice President George Godthaab and James Brochu of Newark, N. J., James Elliott, Mark Thomsen, George Keller and Einar Petersen of Hartford.

We are grateful to Sister Agnes Aust and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thirkelsen for once again inviting us to picnic at their summer home in Charlestown by the Sea. About 40 sisters and brothers attended. Special guests from Denmark were Mrs. Edith Jorgensen, Mrs. Allen Rudinger and Dr. and Mrs. Tes Olesen, also Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Johnsen of Preston, Conn.

Past President Erling Braumann called a special meeting of the brothers present and we were happy to initiate Henning H. Jensen as the newest brother in Lodge 102. We all bid him welcome.

**Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT

**Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich.** — On Thursday, July 13, Lodge No. 51 held their regular monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall with President Kenneth Johnson presiding. The name of Brother Oscar Peterson was called for the jackpot but he was not present to claim the prize. Our "Lucky Lars Special," was won by Brother Ronald Kass. Following the meeting a lunch of coffee, sandwiches and sweet rolls was enjoyed.

On Wednesday evening, July 19, we held our monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. The committee for the evening consisted of President and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Trustee Lars Christoffersen, Conductor Alvin Garcia and Brother Lawrence Cabot. Following the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck luncheon was served by the committee.

On Thursday evening, July 27, we held a fish supper at the Danish Hall for members and invited guests. In charge of the table arrangements were Brothers Albert Christoffersen, Anthony Kobetech, Lawrence Cabot and Kenneth Johnson. Beverage dispensers were Trustee Lars Christoffersen, Secretary Earl Jensen

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and Brother Donald Wagner. Al Garcia was in charge of fish procurement and Brother Everett Liebetreau was in charge of pearl diving, with Brother Alf Larsen assisting on clean-up, with Trustee Wallace Nelson. The name of Brother Chris Larsen was called for our jackpot but as he resides in Colonie, N. Y., he was not present to claim the award. Brother William Huber, our custodial engineer, was awarded the "Lucky Lars Special."

**Alf Larsen, Correspondent.**

## NEBRASKA NEWS

The Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood will hold their annual convention in Ruskin, Nebr., on Saturday, September 30, with Lodge No. 161 as host. Kenneth Pedersen, president of the Nebraska General Committee, and secretary of Lodge 161 in Ruskin and his willing co-workers have gone all out to make this a memorable convention.

This is the business agenda: Registration, 9 a. m. to 12 noon; business meeting, 10 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. noon luncheon, 11:30 to 1 p. m. (served by Lodge No. 161, a small charge); joint Sisterhood and Brotherhood meeting, 1 p. m. to 1:15 p. m.; business meeting, 1:15 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.; social hour, 4:30 p. m., to 6 p. m.; banquet, 6 p. m., price, \$5 for adults, \$2.75 for children. This will be followed by installation of officers, assisted by the Omaha Drill Team — then dancing until 12 midnight.

Again, we have planned something special for our youth. Ruskin has planned a tour of the Indian Ruins at Republic, Kans. Transportation will be provided, with a small charge for lunch. There will be a special table for the youngsters at the banquet and games will be planned for them during the evening.

We urge all members in Nebraska to come, also any outsiders are welcome to attend; you are most welcome. Hope to see many of you in Ruskin.

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.** — Lodge No. 1 has chartered an air-conditioned bus to go to Ruskin. It will leave from Dannebrog Hall, 25th Avenue, and Leavenworth, at 8 a. m., sharp on Saturday, September 30. You may park your cars at the rear of the parking lot for the day. Plans are to leave Ruskin around 11:30 p. m. The cost of the round trip is \$7 per person. Reservations must be made by September 25 and a deposit should be made. Please call Chris Larsen for reservations — 558-2470.

Election of delegates to be at our meeting on September 5. A joint birthday celebration of Joyce Christensen, secretary and Axel Skelbeck, treasurer, will be held after the meeting.

Another joint picnic supper will be held at Venne-lyst Park on Tuesday, September 19, featuring an international supper menu.

**Chris Larsen, Correspondent.**

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS

Portland's Peter Pihl, Past District President, reports another enjoyable sojourn in Denmark which included Pete's brother's golden wedding. Brother Chris Elster was also a Danish Isles visitor this summer. Brother Ralph Fyring vacationed in Reno last month and Past District President Hans Jensen is presently in Alaska. Brother Thorvald Jensen made an extensive trip this year to California, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. The DB 167 annual picnic was held on August 13 in beautiful Benson Park

near Multnomah Falls. Brother Carl Holm is still on the sick list.

Vancouver, B. C.'s annual lodge picnic at Sasamat Deer Lake was a successful all-day event on August 20 and Tacoma's Brothers and Sisters observed their summer vacation outing on August 13 at the home of Brother Harold Olsen.

And speaking of Tacoma, the City of Destiny, did you know that Tacoma has one of the most comfortable climates in the world? Maximum summer temperatures are usually at 85 but average 64 in the vacation season and 40 during winter. Five major evergreen golf courses can be enjoyed virtually all year. There are at least 50 parks including the famous Defiance Metropolitan Area of 638 acres of roses and flower gardens, aquarium, zoo and lawn bowling. Puget Sound offers the finest cruising and year-around sport fishing waters in the nation. And just a "stone's throw" from Puyallup, Wash., the Danes of this great area would invite you anytime of the year.

While we are "blowing our horn" for the Pacific Northwest, why not relax and have fun too in the friendly city of Portland, Ore.? America's friendliest city, the City of Roses, invites you to unforgettable scenery from the Kaleidoscope World-Famed Rose Gardens to the magnificent beauty of the snow-capped Cascades. "The hub of the Northwest, you will enjoy true western hospitality," so says the Danish colony of Portland.

**Norbert E. Grove.**

#### MIDWEST DISTRICT

**Midwest District Convention** — The convention committee is pleased to inform you that all is in readiness for a successful and progressive convention.

It is the 21st Midwest District convention and the days are September 15, 16 and 17 at the beautiful O'Hare Inn, Manheim and Higgins Road, Des Plaines, Ill. There is plenty of free parking and free bus service to and from the airport.

National Vice President George Godthaab will represent the National Board of Officers. The program is as follows:

Friday, Sept. 15: Brotherhood officers meeting.  
Saturday, Sept. 16: Registration, 8:30 a. m.; Brotherhood meeting, 10 a. m.; Sisterhood meeting, 1 p. m.; cocktail hour, 6:30 p. m.; banquet, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Sept. 17: Meetings resume with election and installation of officers.

**R. C. Jensen, Secretary-Treasurer.**

On June 12, 194 members and families of the Danish Brotherhood left Chicago for a direct flight to Copenhagen, Denmark, aboard a SAS, Scandinavian Airlines Super DC-8 aircraft.

This is the fourth successful Midwest District charter flight, with over 600 people taking part.

The participants of this flight as in the past have received a refund based on the number of seats sold. This time the actual fare price after the refund was \$221.00 per person.

This low price became possible for two reasons. All the seats were sold and our charter flight was back to back with one that arrived from Copenhagen. This is a rarity, but we hope it might be possible in the future.

The next charter flight to Denmark will be in June of 1973. Due to our previous successful flights the Midwest District has decided to try a yearly flight rather than every two years. The 1973 flight will



This quiet scene in O'Hare Airport quickly turned into a very excited one as the public address announcer said "Copenhagen Flight via SAS is now ready for boarding."



Many came to see their friends and fellow members off to Denmark. Among them were (from left) Harry Davis, Midwest District President and Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Ken Janssen and Ken, who was Flight Chairman; Mrs. Einar Danielsen and Einar, National DB President; Mrs. Donald Moon, and Don, National Trustee.

leave Chicago about June 20 and return, leaving Copenhagen about July 18.

The flight is available to all bona-fide members of the Danish Brotherhood. A bona-fide member is one who has been a member at the time of application and at least six months prior to the departure. The flight is also available to the spouse and dependent children of a bona-fide member provided they are accompanied by the member. It does not include widows of members, nor does it include members of the Danish Sisterhood, unless they are members of the Danish Brotherhood.

For more information write to D. B. Denmark Flight 1973, c/o Kenneth Janssen, 1648 Douglas Ave., Racine, Wis. 53404.

It has been my pleasure to be the flight chairman and I am looking forward to the next charter flight in 1973.

**Ken Janssen.**

#### CALIFORNIA NEWS

**Los Angeles Lodge No. 126** — When I tell my American friends that the world's largest Fourth of July celebration is held in Denmark they look skeptically

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# Our Lodges in Action

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at me. This year's celebration was attended by 15,000 in spite of the damp weather. Among those attending was one of Lodge 126's oldest members, Walter Petersen (86), in Denmark for the first time after 67 years in the U.S.A. Others were Paul D. Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. T. Vindvad and Lars Westerskov and two grandsons, members of the South Gate City Youth Band. The band entertained at the July 4 celebration. On July 8, the band performed in Tivoli, Copenhagen. The band was a huge success everywhere. While in Denmark I visited one of our members, Axel Christensen, Voerså, Vendsyssel. He retired to Denmark 10 years ago and sends greetings to all his friends in Lodge 126.

Our entertainment committee has come up with something new for the enjoyment of the members if they will come to the meetings. After the meeting on the fourth Thursday, a class in folk dancing will be held under the leadership of Lloyd Christensen.

All members interested in bowling should contact Harold Mathiasen who reports that winter leagues are now being formed.

**Peter Pedersen, Secretary.**

**Anker Lodge 337, Fremont** — Greetings — here is a resumé of our activities from January 1972 to date:

In February we held a joint installation with Hayward Lodge 184 and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 166 at the Hill and Valley Clubhouse, Hayward. Jack Belmont, vice president of the General Committee, and

Trustee Eric Michelsen officiated. Dancing to Heiser's Orchestra and a cold supper following made the evening complete.

On April 8 we held our annual fastelavnfest (late due to the weather) at the Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. There was fun for the youngsters as well as treats and also for the adults as Niels Nielsen had two barrels ready and all present participated. Preben Rauholdt had brought his motor boat and many of us had a delightful ride on the lake. It was a delightful day and all agreed it was an ideal place for this party.

A number of the members attended the annual picnic for all Danish lodges in this part of California which was held at Little Hills Ranch in San Ramon. There was swimming and games of all sorts for the children — this is an event that is anticipated each year.

Nine of our members were in Denmark in June and July and all report a good time despite the rainy weather. We plan to have a welcome-home potluck supper for them on August 26. Some pictures will be shown also. We will also be having our annual lodge picnic at Natural Bridges Park in Santa Cruz on August 13. Everyone enjoys being near the ocean.

This brings us up to date with future plans being made for the annual Halloween dance to be held in October at the Veteran's Hall. This is the gala occasion of the year. Then there is the Christmas party to be held on December 17 — the children look forward to that day.

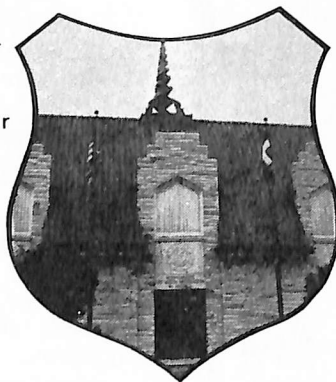
Best wishes to all members from our lodge here in Fremont.

**Ann Olsen, Secretary.**

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# Take a Walk in the Woods and Listen

Perhaps one of the dearest gifts bestowed upon the forest visitor: the camper, fisherman, hunter, naturalist, and just plain woods wanderer, is the soothing nectar of silence, the velvet hush that permits human inspiration to roam in undisturbed tranquility.

Few people today are familiar with silence and those who encounter it are often frightened by it. A constant rumble of sound has become a familiar accompaniment to daily routine and the city dweller in particular feels naked and unprotected without it. Lost in the raucous mixture of the sounds of human society are the pure undiluted and individual messages which can only be heard in absolute or almost total silence. The flit of birds on the wing comes to the woods migrant; the clear call of a loon reaches across water to the boatman resting on his oars; the rustle of northern lights heralds a cold winter night; a dead tree bends to the wind and imparts a creaking groan to the listener; the drumming message of the grouse comes clearly to the tented sleeper as he rests his head near the ground.

Assuredly the golden silence of nature is reserved for the man on foot. Only he can leave the dirt-strewn path of his fellows and walk in the soft moss of nature's invited carpet. Only he will notice the sounds of the highway recede until distance shuts them out. Only then will he enter the silent world where the smallest sound has a meaning.

There is something eerie and charming about entering a silent realm that triggers the senses. Ears, eyes, nose and innate perception gain new awareness. The fibers of the body seem to be at once animated and relaxed. Petty annoyances created by crowded living fade to insignificance in the sharp focus of uncluttered environment and truer objectives acquire prominence. The narcotic effect of silence cloaks intruder and surroundings alike and this very unity sets the stage for calm contemplation, like a clean white sheet of paper on an uncluttered drawing board, waiting for the pencil of the designer. Silence, far from being empty as supposed by the unimaginative, is truly a state to be cherished. To seek it is to seek peace and the hidden small sounds that speak truthfully of the world's beginnings.

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# Danish Kitchen

What on earth can you have for dinner when you are asked to make a typical Danish dinner? In the coming months, we are going to offer an authentic Danish recipe for the culinary enjoyment of our readers. Can't you just smell those wonderful aromas wafting from the kitchen right now?

## DANISH GREEN KALE SOUP

½ pound ham or smoked pork hock  
 2½ quarts water  
 1 medium size onion, minced  
 3 medium size potatoes, cubed  
 3 medium size carrots, cubed  
 1½ cups coarsely chopped or ground kale  
 Flour to thicken slightly  
 Salt and pepper

**METHOD:** Put ham on to cook while getting vegetables ready. Chop kale or put through food grinder using the coarse blade. Cook kale in separate kettle for about 5 minutes, then drain and add to soup. Add rest of vegetables and cook until done. Thicken soup slightly and add seasonings as necessary.

(Members are invited to send recipes for publication. Please send a clear snapshot of yourself with the recipe, as we plan to print photographs of each month's winner.)

# Lest We Forget

In grateful remembrance of their service and fellowship, we honor those members who have passed away since the last report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
June 27	—Gayle Francis Gunn	51	Edgar, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1966
June 23	—Albreth Jensen	88	Roskilde, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
July 9	—Melvin Johnson	66	Antelope County, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1926
July 15	—Hans H. Juelsgaard	80	Ringkobing, Denmark	150	Rorbeck, Iowa	1913
July 8	—Gordon D. Walker	69	Fifeshire, Scotland	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1941
June 14	—Soren J. S. Johansen	78	Lime, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1923
July 15	—Francis Petersen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	73	Alden, Minnesota	1914
May 21	—Willy Nielsen	62	Randers, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1948
July 22	—Arnold M. Johnsen	70	Austin, Minnesota	111	Austin, Minnesota	1932
July 4	—Carl Sorensen	86	Fedde, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1906
April 5	—Herman Nielsen	72	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1923
July 18	—Jens P. Madsen	93	Svendborg, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1907
June 30	—Aage A. Knudsen	62	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1956
July 20	—Raymond Hansen	66	Sidney, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1939
July 19	—Otto F. Nielsen	66	Rice Lake, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
July 23	—Alexander Jorgensen	77	Vandrup, Denmark	306	San Diego, California	1923
July 30	—Walter Enemark	89	Skodborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1905
July 3	—Thorvald Chr. Jensen	77	Nykobing, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1914
July 30	—Otto Jensen	69	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1948
Aug. 5	—Adolf E. Pedersen	83	Lindholm, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1913
July 11	—Hans R. Hansen	71	Brøns, Denmark	155	Bellingham, Washington	1948
Aug. 5	—Peder Chr. Pedersen	89	Hald, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1909
July 8	—Harold Madsen	73	Dybe, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1954
July 5	—Alfred E. Hansen	84	Aarhus, Denmark	79	San Francisco, California	1916
Aug. 14	—William K. Thomsen	70	Esbjerg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1942
Aug. 13	—Orla K. Christiansen	51	Warren, Pennsylvania	202	Warren, Pennsylvania	1948
Aug. 12	—Richard Christensen	74	Skorping, Denmark	261	Fowler, Colorado	1945
Aug. 1	—Ernest Peder Watz	87	Rudkjøbing, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906

## Coming Next Month!

Winners in the first annual Juvenile and Young Adult Essay Contest will be announced in the October issue of the Magazine. In addition, the top essay will be published, accompanied by the winner's photograph. Some lucky person is going to be enjoying a new portable television set or stereo soon. Keep an eye peeled to see who it is.

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