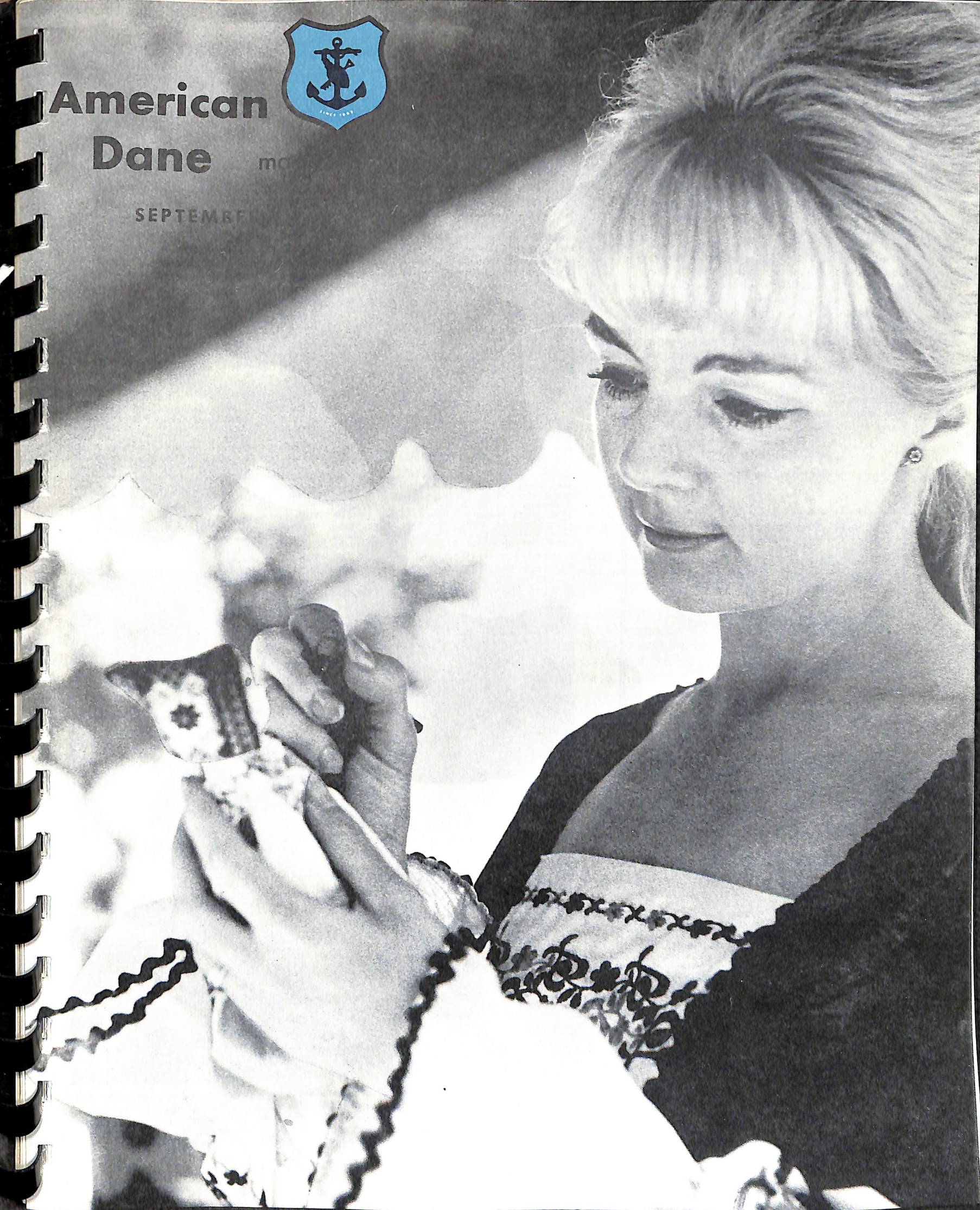


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Dear Brothers:

I have completed my undergraduate studies at the American University and received a bachelor of arts degree as a political science major. Next fall I shall be entering law school. In 1969 I was fortunate enough to be chosen as a DB scholarship recipient.

It is at this time that I would like to once again thank the Danish Brotherhood for their assistance in aiding me in the pursuit of my ambitions. The value I place on my four years in college is immeasurable. I have come to a greater realization of what a scholarship program such as we have can mean. Hopefully the program will be continued and perhaps expanded to assist even more members in their college careers. Thank you.

Please accept my compliments on the new improved format for the American Dane.

**William J. Moore, Jr.**  
Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.

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**THERE'S BEAUTY IN THE ARTS . . .** Visitors to the Scandinavian Festival at Junction City, Ore., last month found an alluring combination of old-world crafts and customs practiced by hundreds of Danes (and non-Danes) in a four-day demonstration of Scandinavian culture and fine arts. Marilynn Joslin adds the final touches here to a Danish doll she handcrafted for the fair. (More story on page 5.)



Winner in senior category Anine Davidson (right) accepts \$100 bond and Danish plaque from Howard Christensen.

# Essay Winners Collect Prizes

**1973 Theme: "Why  
Preserve Danish  
Heritage and Culture?"**

The National Headquarters is proud to announce winners in the second annual membership-wide Essay Contest. First place winner in the over-16 age category is Anine Davidson, Lodge No. 1, Omaha; second place — Bruce Hess, Lodge 183, Latham, N. Y.; and third place — Julie Petersen, Lodge 177, McCool Junction, Nebr.

Winner in the under-16 competition is Inge-Lise Christensen, Lodge 36, Milwaukee; second place — Donna Johnson, Lodge 283, Antelope, Mont.; and third place — Denise Sanborn, Lodge 95, Ferndale, Calif. Here are the texts of the winning essays:

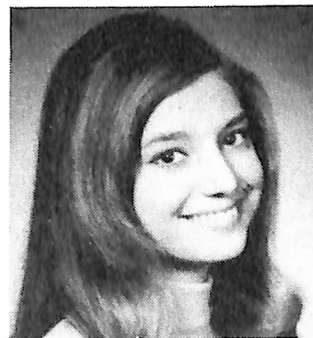
**by Anine Davidson**

Here we are Americans, proud of our country, and happy to live in this bountiful land, but all of us here have something special, we are Danes. We have a beginning and a heritage.

Today in our transitory society people are lumped together and youth is constantly struggling for an identity of their own. I feel I have found mine through my Danish activities.

My life is fuller and richer because of the traditions, customs and religion that were brought here by my Danish ancestors. Oh! How I've always enjoyed the delightful tales of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling" "Big Claus and Little Claus" and the immortal "Little Mermaid". What child or adult could resist tales of Danish trolls that live in your attic or Nissemand who at Christmas time would leave the lucky almond in the rice pudding.

Going to any Danish affair has always been special to me because of the warmth of the people and the goodness of the food. Many a well-intended diet has been broken by the culinary delights of a delicious piece of Danish layer cake, kringle, kransekage or too many open faced



sandwiches made with rullepølse, leverpostej, tilsit and bleu cheese.

When I was learning the traditional Danish folk dances it was always great fun and it gave me the opportunity to make many good and lasting Danish friendships.

This knowledge of my own background has also given me a better understanding of other people's heritage and an interest in their beliefs and customs.

These are some of the reasons why I feel keeping our heritage alive is important not only to us but for future generations.

**by Inge-Lise Christensen**

Today, young people all over our country are searching for an identity. As a Danish-American, I don't have to ask who I am or where I belong. I know that I am a part of the ongoing community of Danes in America and I am very proud of my heritage.

Danish traditions are not something to be taken out and dusted off once a year like the tiny red and white paper flags on our Christmas tree. They are something which should be a part of our everyday life as much as saying "Tak for Mad" after our meals.

Even though we are all Americans, we can still love our Danske wienerbrød and flaeskesteg. We can be loyal to our new land without giving up the fine old traditions of our old.

Wherever we have lived in the United States, my family has sought out every opportunity to participate in

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# Niels Bohr, The Danish Nuclear Physicist

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This review of the great Danish physicist is taken from "Niels Bohr — The Man His Science and the World They Changed," by Ruth Moore. Published by Alfred Knopf, New York.

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It is not given to many men to change the course of the world.

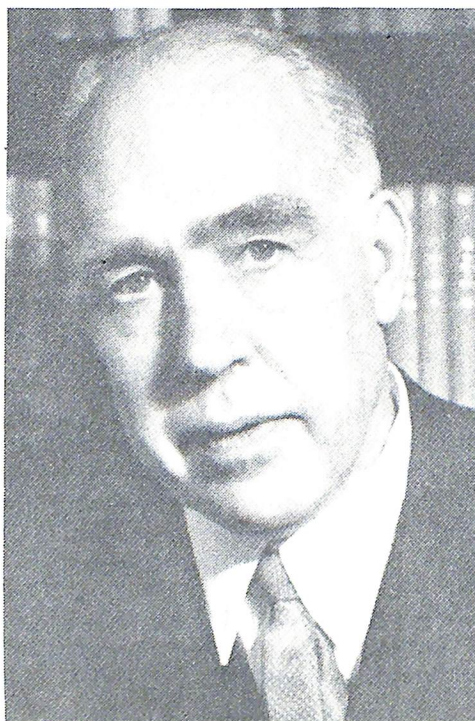
Niels Bohr, though, once altered the course of history. The age of the atom came into being largely through his scientific work and influence, and few men have had a more directive effect on the lives of their fellow men and the earth.

Danish-born Niels Bohr altered the course of history by describing the structure of the atom in 1913, for which he won the Nobel Prize in 1922. After the startling advances of physical theory in the 1920's, the practical application of Bohr's work, joined to that of Max Planck and Albert Einstein, led to the splitting of the atom in 1938 as war threatened. Aware of the political and military implications from the start, Bohr got most of the key scientists out of Germany and Italy in time. He also persuaded Einstein to write the famous letter to Roosevelt that induced him to gamble on the atom bomb and also to corner most of the uranium and all of the heavy water then available, without which the gamble would have failed.

Bohr was at Princeton at this time, and he won the confidence of many influential American statesmen as well as scientists. But he felt morally obligated to return to Denmark, where he worked heroically against the Nazis. British and American authorities feared for his life and several times urged him to leave; he did so under hair raising circumstances and only at the last moment, just as the Nazis were about to arrest him.

But for a second time Bohr nearly

changed the course of history. He came within a touch of changing the postwar march that has embroiled the world in an atomic arms race, leading no one yet knows where. Whether the different direction Bohr advocated could have averted the cold war and the multiplication of nuclear powers, no one can say. It can only be said that when his counsel of fruitful international cooperation was rejected, primarily through the agency of one man — Winston Churchill — exactly



the dangers Bohr had foreseen did come to pass.

It is an incredible record for one man and particularly for a modest man born in the small and pleasant, though politically not powerful, country of Denmark. Bohr had no influence other than the massive influence of his mind and gentle, tenacious disposition.

Bohr was both one of the great discoverers (of the structure of the atom, the structure of the nucleus, and the principle of complementarity) and one of the most influential of men. To find another who had a comparable effect on his time, it is necessary to turn back to Aristotle. It is not incidental that both headed schools devoted to the search for the deepest truths of Nature.

Bohr actually was an internationalist of a new stamp. His work and his life belonged not only to the three countries, but to the world. That Bohr lived through two wars, both worldwide, and a global revolution in physics certainly contributed to making him a world, rather than a national, figure.

The tumultuous years of his lifetime also drew this man of intellect into strange circumstances. Secret messages were delivered to him; he made one escape in a special bomber; he was involved in underground plots when for several years he had to use a "cover name." Few spy melodramas outmatch the experiences of the Danish professor.

There was also tragedy, sorrow, and defeat. Einstein once observed: "The essential in the being of a man of my type lies precisely in what he thinks and how, and not in what he does or suffers." This was true of Bohr, and yet what he did and suffered had a bearing on what he thought and how. Both emotionally and professionally Bohr's life was a very well-rounded one.

That so remarkable a man should appear on the Danish and world scenes certainly could not have been predicted. Nevertheless the Bohr family provided a promising genetic base from which a rare human being might spring.

As a mortal, Bohr held an interest as wide as his associations with the world's leaders. He struggled against insuperable odds, and yet he never gave up. He did what could be done and with all the recognition and acclaim that came to him, he remained unpretentious and gentle.

Bohr's genius was expressed in his personal relations, his seminars, his friendships, his collaborations. Those who knew him were deeply influenced by him. They never forgot him, their impressions were detailed and cherished, and many have been set down on paper.

Bohr truly was a Dane of the Danes. Denmark always was his base and although he lived in England and the United States for significant parts of his life his work and his life belonged to the world.

Being studied

# Festival a model for other towns

By MIKE THOELE  
Of the Register-Guard

JUNCTION CITY — If some U.S. community with a dormant Scandinavian heritage wants to start a local celebration to mark its origins, how does it begin?

Don Eversoll is finding a many-faceted answer to that question this week in Junction City. Eversoll, who is attending the 13th annual Scandinavian Festival in the community, is fraternal director of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

The brotherhood, organized 90 years ago to ease the transition for Danish immigrants settling in America, has 10,000 U.S. members in 150 lodges scattered through 27 states. There are also chapters in the Canadian provinces.

In recent decades, Eversoll says, the organization's mission has changed and it now finds itself working to help Danish-Americans back into their cultural heritage.

Eversoll, who works out of the brotherhood's national headquarters in Omaha, Neb., has a complex mission in Junction City. He and freelance writer-photographer James Keith hope to show Danes in other areas of the U.S. how they can revive interest in their old world roots.

The DB would like to thank the Register-Guard of Eugene, Ore., for granting permission to reprint this article. We think the article is an excellent summary of one important activity in the fraternal department of your society.

They're particularly interested in showing older Scandinavians how to keep that heritage alive in younger descendants.

"YOU MIGHT say we're going to school here this week," Eversoll said as he

munched a Swedish pastry and watched costumed Junction City residents entertain visitors.

Eversoll said the brotherhood has catalogued every Scandinavian cultural observance in the United States. Many, he said, have a "carnival" atmosphere and offer little authenticity. About eight are truly authentic.

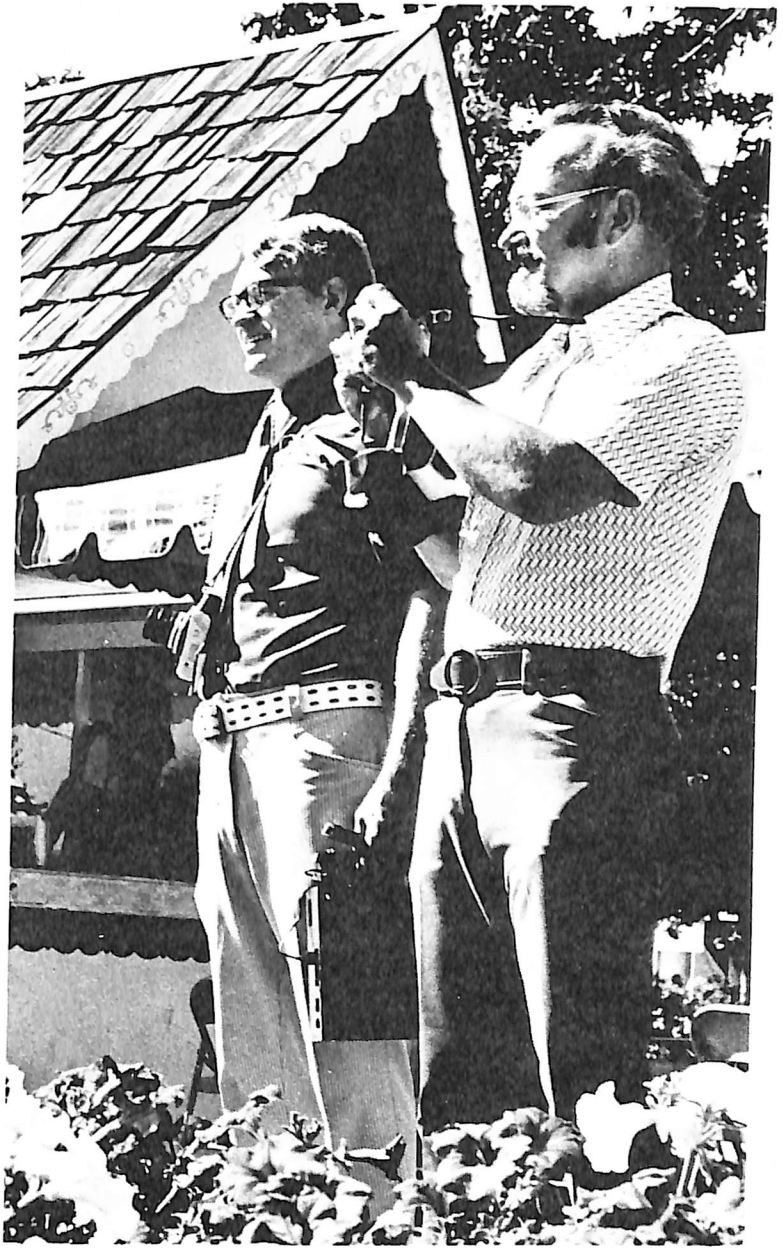
From that latter group Eversoll has selected three communities he believes to be the most outstanding examples of Scandinavian cultural observance in the United States. They are Junction City with its Scandinavian Festival, Greenville, Mich., with an annual Danish festival, and Solvaang, Calif., which has been permanently reconstructed as a Scandinavian village.

Eversoll and Keith are visiting each of the three cities and assembling a tape-recorded and photographic presentation for distribution to all Danish Brotherhood lodges in the U.S. The goal, simply stated, is to encourage those lodges to consider creating similar observances in their own communities.

Eversoll said Junction City and Greenville are prime examples of non-profit community festivals, while Solvaang is a year-round tourist-oriented operation.

"We're really impressed with the cultural authenticity we've found here in Junction City," he said. "In many ways it's more authentic than Solvaang, even though it's a full time thing down there."

TO COMPILE the information they need, Eversoll and Keith are interviewing dozens of older Danish residents, including members of the local Danish Brotherhood lodge. But they're also talking to the many non-Scandinavian members of the community who are enthusiastic participants in the festival.



(Register-Guard photo)

## James Keith and Don Eversoll

And they're spending a lot of time interviewing costumed Junction City teenagers, seeking to learn what attraction the festival holds for them.

As a professional observer of Scandinavian culture in America, Eversoll has some interesting observations about Junction City and its festival.

"I think the reason this event is so successful is because of the effort to make it truly authentic," he said. "Things aren't hoked up here. It isn't a carnival atmosphere.

"Strictly speaking, there's a difference between an abstract thing like culture and a physical thing like heritage. I think this town has found that difference. Heritage is not just nostalgia. It's something to be physically tasted and felt and

appreciated."

Eversoll said he thinks the high level of non-Scandinavian participation in the community's festival is healthy. He said it represents the kind of "heritage sharing" the Danish Brotherhood now encourages.

BUT THE two men aren't dealing just with lofty notions of philosophy and culture in their study. They're also compiling basic, nuts-and-bolts information on the mechanics of staging a community festival and accommodating thousands of visitors.

The 1973 festival, which might soon have counterparts elsewhere in the U.S. because of Eversoll and Keith's research, will conclude today, which coincidentally is Danish Day.

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# The Danish Landscape



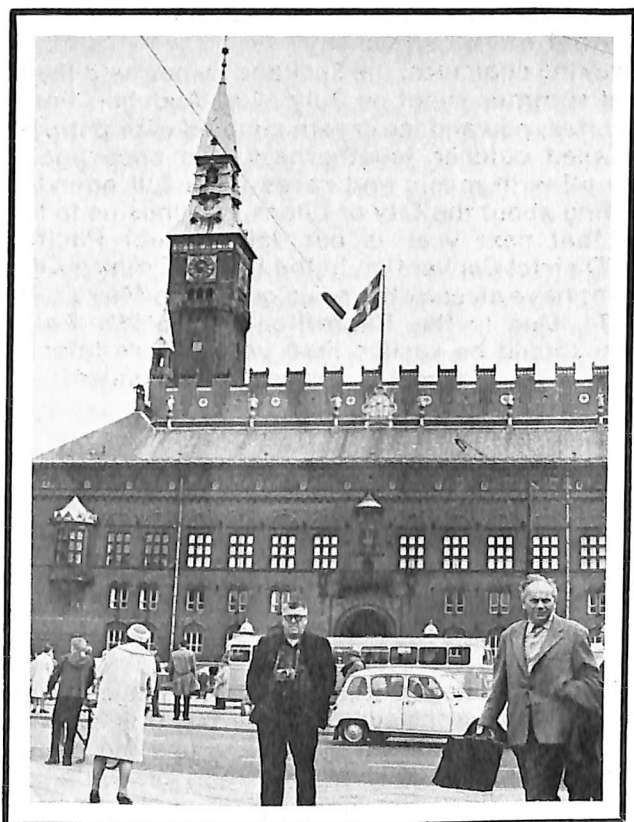
Dybbøl Mølle in South Jutland, a treasured monument in Danish history. The Danish army fought several big battles here with the German army in 1848 and 1864. The mill was leveled with the ground twice, but each time rebuilt. A poet wrote it in Danish "Tvende gange skudt i grus, atter rejst som møllehus." And the more tragic "Vegen er for overmagt — liden flok til sidst."

Photos by Levi Persson,  
special correspondent to  
American Dane.



Rosenborg Castle in Copenhagen where many of the most valuable national treasures of Denmark are kept — among them the crown jewels, the crowns, the scepter and the sword. However since Denmark no longer crowns its monarchs, they are now just memories of a distant past.

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"Rådhuset" the Copenhagen City Hall, is known to every Dane, and to everyone who visits Denmark. This is the center of Copenhagen, and more specifically the center of Denmark. Brother Persson is in the center of the picture.



Here is a picture of a Danish "bøgeskov" on an early morning. Beech trees grow straight and tall and the sunlight filters down to the verdant vegetation on the floor of the woods. A walk through the Danish woods on an early morning is a simple event, and yet something which will be long remembered.



# Our Lodges in Action



## **Washington-Oregon British Columbia (Pacific Northwest)**

The Honorable Mogens Edsberg, Royal Danish Consulate General from Los Angeles speaks to the Orting, Sumner and Puyallup Chambers of Commerce on September 10. Seattle's Danish Consul, Brother Paul O. Nielsen, will accompany this learned man to the Puyallup Valley as well as arranging other appearances in the Great Northwest. Born September 11, 1918 and graduated in law from the University of Copenhagen, 1945, Consul Edsberg was married the same year to Karen Martha Bastrup and is the father of Torben, Inger and Fleming. Entering Foreign Service in 1946 and appointed Vice-Consul at Chicago in 1951, he was Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and had the rank of Counsellor of the Embassy in 1964. Los Angeles has claimed him as Consul General since April 1, 1967. A Knight First Class of the Order of Dannebrog in Denmark, a Commander of the Order of Leopold in Belgium and a Commander of the Order of Merit in Italy, we invite all Scandinavians to join us at this very special session in Puyallup, Wash.

We must belatedly but sadly report the passing of Sister Clara Bech, a loyal member for over 50 years and the wife of Past District President John Bech. Heartfelt sympathies to all the Bechs and to all the Spokaneans.

Remember Brother Paul Strand? Of course you do! Paul gave me a ring between college administrative seminar sessions from the Pacific Lutheran University campus last month and it was nice to hear from him even though we didn't get together. Telling me about not only his Tacoma conference and his experiences at Danish Day in Minden, Nebr., he also was promoting the Dana College "Danish Christmas Plate Collection" — Bing & Grondahl, that is.

Tacoma Danes "picnicked" at Secretary Martin Rasmussen's "summer retreat" (actually his brother-in-law's home in Gig Harbor) on August 4. It was a most beautiful day, the fellowship was good and the food was delicious. What more can we say?

And speaking of picnics, the Spokane Danes held their 1973 annual summer event on July 29 at Audubon Park with free coffee, pop and ice cream coupled with potluck lunch. Relaxed outdoor togetherness was once again enjoyed by all with music and races for a full agenda.

But writing about the City of Lilacs, reminds us to let you know that next year is our 25th annual Pacific Northwest District Convention in the Inland Empire City and the dates have already been designated as May 17, 18 and 19, 1974. Due to the Exposition or World's Fair, registration should be earlier than usual. More later.

**Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.**



## **Michigan, Ohio**

**Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich.**—As in all lodges, ours is no different. During the summer months, it is hard to get people to lodge meetings. There are just too many vacations and other things to do. but I can say we have done much better this year than last.

We are hoping that we will have a big turnout at our Hook and Horn outing August 17, 18 and 19.

At our regular meeting on July 3, we had a short

business meeting, and then had a good card game. We did not bother with our jack-pot drawing, as so few were present.

At our social meeting, we had a fish dinner which was very good. Ray Sweet secured the fish. Sorry there were not more present. We also enjoyed a sociable game of cards afterward.

So until we have had our big weekend at the Hook and Horn, have a nice summer and happy vacations.

**Clayton Hansen, Secretary.**

**Lodge no. 51, Ludington, Mich.**—On July 7, Ludington held its Freedom Festival Parade which was also in celebration of Ludington's Centennial. Lodge No. 51 had a float in the parade depicting a Viking ship complete with our Trustee Ken Johnson at the stern all dressed up in authentic attire including the headgear with horns just like the Vikings of old.

On Thursday evening, July 12, we held our monthly business meeting which was conducted by President Al Seguin. Following the meeting our "Tony The Bartender Award" was presented to Brother Holger Hansen. The name of Roger Hansen was called but as he was not present to claim the jack-pot, the pot grows larger.

On Wednesday evening, July 18 Lodge No. 51 held their monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Following the games, prizes were awarded and a lunch was served by the committee composed of Treasurer Al Garcia, Inner Guard Lars Christoffersen and Mrs. Lena Hansen.

On Thursday evening, July 26, we held our monthly social evening. This time it was at the cottage of our President Al Seguin. Trustee Wallace Nelson was general chairman, assisted by President Al, Brother Russel Bentz and Conductor Tony Kobetich was in charge of the liquid refreshments. This was a steak fry and we fried our own steaks — we also had potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls and coffee. This is an event we look forward to each year, and we want to give President Al a Big "thank you" for having the gang out. Brother "Lucky Al" Christoffersen was awarded the prize for the evening.

Our lodge was saddened by the loss of Brother Martin "Bill" Jensen who passed away July 25 and we wish to extend our sympathy to his family.

**Alf Larsen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich.**—On July 11, Lodge No. 227 had a small turnout for both the pre-meeting dinner and the business meeting. Many of our brothers and also many of the sisterhood members were vacationing in Denmark, and also many others were vacationing elsewhere.

Vice-president Werner Walther took the presidents chair at this meeting as our president Harold Capion was one of those visiting Denmark.

Twice Past-President Carl Hansen has returned to live in the Detroit area after being away for two years with his work. He and His wife, Nina, have now joined the ranks of the retired so I am sure he will be getting active in the lodge activities again very soon.

In our lodge drawing the name of Fleming Christensen was drawn but he was not present so the pot continues to grow.

On July 25 we had our second business meeting of the month again with a small turnout. At this meeting Brother Fred Sorensen who now resides in Tennessee, paid us a visit while vacationing in Michigan. Fred was treasurer of No. 227 for 25 years before retiring and moving away. It is always nice to have brothers stop in

for a visit when they are in Detroit. I know everyone is glad to see them.

Our Lodge Anniversary party is scheduled for September 25th this year at the Danish Club of Detroit. I am not positive of the anniversary number, but I think it is number 68 for No. 227.

The name of Viggo Mikkelsen was drawn for our jackpot but I guess he was up north fishing so he missed out on \$37.50. Sorry about that Viggo.

Our recording secretary, Nielsen Dalley, informed me that he is hosting a new radio show for the Detroit area composed primarily of Scandinavian music. For those who want to listen in he is broadcasting on station WIID 1080 on your a.m. dial. He is on the air each Monday and Wednesday from 11 o'clock in the morning till noon. I am sure there are many Danes in our area who will want to tune in to Brother Nielsen.

**Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.**



### **Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)**

**Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis.**—is proud to announce sponsorship of the Danske Vaght Color Guard. This is a competition marching unit with Brothers Jeff Anderson and Ron Raahauge as instructors. The uniforms of the guard are fashioned after those worn by the Queen's Guard in Denmark.



Presentation of trophy, left to right — George Schmidt, Jeff Anderson and Ron Raahauge.

A parade competition was marched in Burlington, Wis., on July 29 and the guard took first place. At our meeting on August 8, a trophy was presented to President George Schmidt and the lodge by Brothers Jeff and Ron. We hope this is just the first of many more to come and feel this is a great start for a newly formed unit.

It was also at this meeting that Midwest District President Gene Anderson had the honor of initiating his son Jeff as a new member of the lodge.

**Lodge No. 17, Chicago, Ill.**—Our August meeting took place on the 8th at our usual meeting place, Bjorgvin Hall, 3519 W. Fullerton Avenue. We were in the middle of our business meeting when it suddenly was interrupted by someone knocking on the door. A man stood outside and wanted to come in and talk with some of the members of the Norwegian Singing Society whose hall we rent. After he had found out that it was the Danes he apologized many times and was ready to leave. What would a true blooded Dane do? Of course, invite him in and have a good time. It turned out that the man was John Yauchstetter, a reporter for many years and he has several United Press and Associated Press stories to his credentials. He was visiting the circuit in Chicago in order to write a story on Norwegians. Good Luck, John, we are sure you can write something about the Danes, too.

After our meeting we had our usual fine refreshments

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which were brought by Carl Christensen who had birthday. Our meeting was topped with Carl and John telling us some of their jokes which come from an endless stream. We look forward to our next meeting where we are sure Carl will treat us all to his "homebrewed" jokes.

**Kaj V. Jensen**



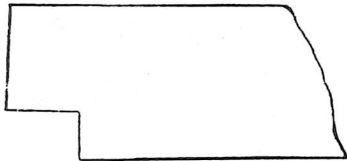
## Minnesota

The annual state convention of the United Lodges of Minnesota of the Danish Brotherhood was held in Askov, Minn., on July 28 and 29. Delegates from Albert Lea Lodge No. 75 were Otto Thompson and Lewis Opdahl.

The National Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen of Omaha, Nebr., presented a short program Saturday afternoon. On Saturday the following state officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: President Lewis Opdahl, Albert Lea, Vice President Ed Leese, Askov; Secretary Larry Peterson, Askov; Treasurer Jens Larsen, Austin, and Trustee Carl Shutt, Austin. National Trustee Don Moon of Rockford, Ill., installed the officers.

Saturday evening the Banquet was held at the American Legion and a smorgasbord was served. Sunday a picnic was enjoyed at the local park, with Askov lodge No. 263 providing the food. They were the hosts for the convention.

**Lewis H. Opdahl, State President.**



## Nebraska

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.**—Some time ago the home office sponsored a contest for boys and girls to attend a camp of their own choice. They had to write a letter telling why they would like to go to camp and the winners received a \$25.00 check. Shown at left are the two chosen as recipients of the Danish Brotherhood national Camp Grant awards in No. 1; left to right, Mark McKenzie and Ronald Hansen, President Howard Christensen is in the background.



Our social meeting on June 19th was a picnic at Vennelyst Park. The social event in July was a beach party at Linoma Beach, which is about 25 miles southwest of Omaha. Chicken and all the trimmings was furnished by No. 1 There will be a pot-luck supper on August 21st, jointly with Vennelyst Park; games were held for young and not so young. One thing No. 1 does is to keep our entertainment committee busy; keep up the good work!

**Chris Larsen, Correspondent.**

**Nebraska News**—The Nebraska General Committees of D.S.S. and D.B. will be held in Lincoln on September 14 and 15. Host lodges are D.S.S. No. 90 and D.B. No. 84.

There will be a get-together on Friday night, the 14th, at their meeting place on 8th and D Streets in Lincoln. Everything will be at the Ramada Inn on Saturday the 15th. Ramada Inn is located at the Airport Exit on Interstate No. 80.

Registration will start at 9 a.m. until noon. A joint meeting will be held at 1 p.m. then there will be separate meetings in the afternoon. The banquet will be at 6 p.m. followed with the installation of officers and dancing. A program is planned for the children in the afternoon and greatly reduced prices for the banquet (12 years and younger.)

The lodges have worked hard to make this a successful convention; so Nebraska members — show your appreciation by coming; out-of-state members are most welcome. See you in Lincoln on August 14 and 15.

**Chris Larsen, Correspondent.**



## Connecticut, New York, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island (Eastern Lodges)

**Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J.**—September 1, 1973 marks a very important date for Brother Meyer Nelson and his wife Marie, for they are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. They reside in Bradenton, Fla. Brother Meyer has been a member of No. 90 close to 61 years and we want to wish them a very, very happy anniversary.



At our December 4, 1973 meeting, we will also celebrate a great member achievement. Brother Juel Juelsen, known to many in the Brotherhood circles, will receive his 50-year membership pin.

It was picnic time for No. 90 at the grounds of the Home for Aged in Edison.

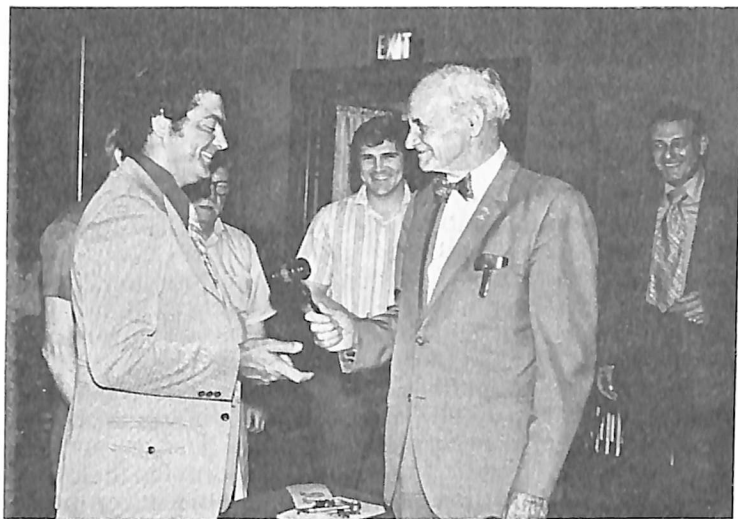


We had a grand time playing various games, singing and the like. One of the highlighted games was the egg throwing contest where everyone participated in the fun and the mess. The pictures show some of the group and a jovial Danish song sung by Einar Nielsen and music by Chris Nielsen.

**Christian A. Nielsen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I.**—We are grateful to Brother President "Bill" and Sister Lillian Gill for inviting us to a box lunch and splash party at their home in Pawtucket, R.I. on Sunday, June 24. Brother "Bill" furnished the entertainment by appearing in an old time striped bathing suit. Lots of fun and enjoyed by all. Pictures of this, taken by Brother Jan Braumann, will appear in the magazine soon I hope.

Past President Erling Braumann arrived on crutches



Past President John Christiansen of Hartford Lodge No. 314 presenting the gavel to re-elected president of Lodge No. 102, William Gill (left) at the June meeting. Also shown is President Elmer Homo of Lodge 314 on the right with Treasurer Jan Braumann and Secretary Carl Sorensen in the middle.

with one foot in a cast. Seems as though he did something with the aforementioned result, and is now on the road to recovery. Again, it was lots of fun and let's do it again.

Brother Ray Lauridsen is now home from the hospital and getting along fine.

Most members are now on vacation, including yours truly, and news of that will appear in the next issue.

Despite the inclement weather on July 15, our "picnic in the woods" was held in the home of Brother Henry R. Nelson with about 30 brothers, sisters and friends present. Guests were here from New Bedford and Denmark. Special guest was Knud Nielsen, nephew of Brother Henry, visiting here from Aarhus, Denmark. Highlight of the day was the presentation of a Danish mermaid plate to Brother Henry as a belated 80th birthday present from members of Lodge 102. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

For the first time in 21 years, the family of Brother Peter and Sister Edith Rasmussen were together at the home of their son, Brother William Guldhauge on July 28. Special guests were their two daughters, Kamma Pedersen and Ritha Donsel with their husbands Bent and Aage from Copenhagen, Denmark. It was a great day for the Rasmussens.

Also on July 28, a surprise birthday party was given to Secretary Carl W. Sorensen by his daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Robert Chace at their home in Warwick, R.I. attended by 70 relatives, friends and members of Lodge 102. On behalf of the lodge, he was presented a 25-year membership pin, a plaque honoring him on his 70th birthday and a large framed picture (showing him doing his bit) by President William Gill, Brothers Erling and Jan Braumann. Many other gifts were received from those attending. This was a real surprise and as he says a day I'll never forget.

Vacationing from Vig, Denmark is Jorn Nielsen, a nephew of Brother Jorgen and Sister Karen Christensen with whom he is staying and having a fine time.

Ann, daughter of Brother Roger and Sister Lizzie Williams have been vacationing in Denmark with her grandmother since June 15 and is expected home on August 12.

We extend sympathy to the family of Brother John Kapel, whose father passed away on August 5.

Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.

**Long Island Lodge No. 325**—The attendance at our June meeting was very good. Our president, who was on the refreshment committee, had baked pastry and cake

for the occasion, and it was enjoyed by all. After the refreshments, a film was shown about Danish industry, very interesting and informative. We all liked it. There was no winner to collect the jack pot prize at the June meeting, so the jack pot was raised to \$10 in July.

We are pleased to know that Vibeke Gerlich is doing nicely after her brain operation — Keep it up, Vibeke, we are all pulling for you! "Our sincere and best wishes!"

We are indeed pleased to announce that as of June 8, we have five new members, they are: Ejvind Laustsen, Jamaica, N.Y.; Anton Christensen, William and Hanne Morch and Bjorn Christensen, the latter four in one family from Plainview, N.Y.

In September, coffee and cake will again be served at our meeting, and on the committee are: Peter and Caroline Pedersen, Arne Bengtsson and Jorgen Petersen. Also for September: A white elephant sale. Bring all your valuables — we will auction them off, and it won't cost you anything unless you buy them back!

It was a pleasure to see so many people at our July meeting. Carl Backe won the jack pot, and was made \$10 richer. The jack pot goes back to \$5 in August. Everyone took part in the bingo game, some nice prizes were awarded the winners, who were outnumbered by the losers, but seem to enjoy it more. Four members were initiated at this meeting.

Due to vacation time and out-of-door pleasures, our chess tournament has lost some its momentum. Our finals will emerge in the fall. Hope to report more then.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

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#### ONE LITTLE ROSE

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From the garden of a friend

Than to have the choicest flowers

When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have the kindest word

And a smile that I can see,

Than flattery when my heart is still

And this life has ceased to be.

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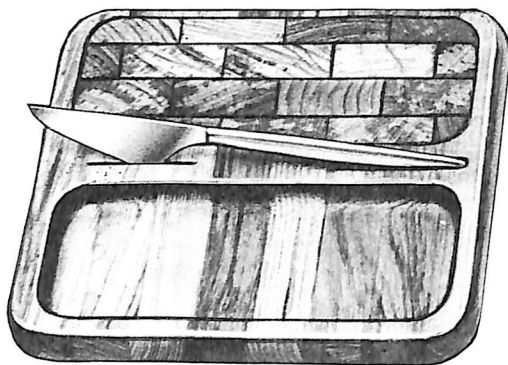
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### THREE PERFORMING GROUPS FROM DENMARK TO APPEAR AT DANA COLLEGE THIS FALL

Three outstanding performing groups from Denmark — the Bethesda's Music Choir, the Copenhagen Boys Choir and the Ollerup Academy Gym Team, are scheduled to appear on the Dana College campus in Blair, Nebraska later this fall.

The Copenhagen Bethesda's Music Choir, a group of eighty vocalists and instrumentalists, will present a public concert on Sunday evening, October 14, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Dana's Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

The Copenhagen Boys Choir will make a return visit to Dana on Sunday afternoon October 28. This outstanding group of performers thrilled several thousand Blair area residents last fall when they appeared here in concert as part of their first American tour. The tour was so successful that they are returning again this year and the October 28 concert at Dana is the only locally scheduled appearance by the group.

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## Danes Emborg, Behn Leading World Figures

by Levi Persson

The dynamic and very articulate (in several languages) Erik Emborg, president of the Rebild Society, has received many honors from Denmark for his interest in creating a better world on the international stage. Among the highest honors is a knighthood of Dannebrog.

He is one of the leaders in exporting and is constantly on the go opening up new markets for Danish products. As president of Emborg Enterprises he has created branches for his firm in more than 20 countries including Africa and South America — an admirable accomplishment for a man barely middle-aged, who started from scratch.

His colleagues agree that in time Mr. Emborg will be ranked high in international business society. However he has a way to go before he reaches the status of his countryman, Sosthenes Behn.

Mr. Behn, was, in spite of his peculiar name, a Danish sugar broker in the West Indies around the turn of the century. In 1920 he acquired a tiny Puerto Rican telephone company as a bad debt payment.

Today, the business which Sosthenes Behn founded is the ninth largest industrial corporation in the USA and the largest American company in Europe. It has about 200,000 stockholders and some 400,000 workers in 70 nations. It owns hotels (The Sheraton chain), motels, books publishers, business colleges and many other types of businesses. Last year its world sales was \$8.5 billion.

The name of the company is International Telephone and Telegraph Company, better known as simply ITT. Few Danes have ever heard of Sosthenes Behn and his fantastic accomplishment. I discovered the fact when I picked up a new book by Anthony Sampson titled "The Sovereign State of ITT". It is indeed, as one reviewer said, "a terrifying book".

### ESSAY CONTEST

(Continued from page 3)

ethnic festivities; in folk festivals, folk dance programs and in cultural exhibits emphasizing Danish life styles. I have, therefore, been lucky enough to be a participant in the celebration of Nordic Day in Washington, D.C., Scandinavian Day in Chautauqua, New York, and in Folk Festivals and Fairs both in Pittsburgh and in Milwaukee. I know that I will cherish the vivid memories of these happy and exciting experiences forever.

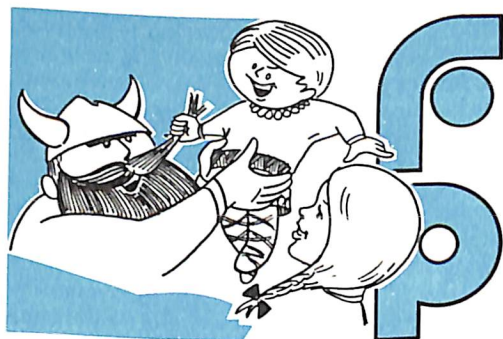
As a young teenager, I am now becoming involved in helping to teach the traditional old Danish folk dances to young children. But there is no age barrier, of course, everyone can enjoy the fun of recapturing the folklore of our past.

How sad it must be for other young Danish-Americans who have not kept up the traditions of our forefathers. How much they have missed!

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July:

Einar Danielsen — Salary \$236.35.



# Fraternals Protection

Family financial planning is a personal matter and is best discussed confidentially between you and your Danish Brotherhood

representative. These questions which appear below arise frequently, however, and are answered openly as a service to DB members:

**"Why should I buy insurance on my child's life? I certainly wouldn't want to be put in a position of profiting by his death."**

The fact is, most parents and grandparents obtain life insurance for children because they expect the children to live. Insurance on a child's life can do far more than indemnify a parent for financial loss created by the child's death. As a matter of fact, a properly selected youth plan normally results in far greater benefits to the child than to the purchaser.

**"What makes life insurance for young people such a wise investment?"**

There are more reasons than can be discussed on this page but let's look at some of the most important ones:

**1. It provides educational funds.** The total bill for four years of college can easily amount to between \$10,000 and \$12,000 — and may run much higher. One excellent method of saving to meet this huge expense is through the purchase of cash value life insurance on a child's life. When the youngster reaches college age, the cash and loan values in his policy can be used to help meet college costs.

**2. It comes at bargain rates.** For any specific plan of permanent life insurance, the younger a person is when the insurance is purchased, the lower the annual premium will be.

**3. It protects his insurability.** Most children easily meet the medical requirements for issuing a life insurance policy. As they grow older and their need for life insurance increases, however, they may lose their ability to qualify for it.

**4. It features attractive options.** The adult who buys life insurance for a child has the opportunity to add some extremely valuable options to the plan. One is commonly called the "Guaranteed insurability rider." This permits the child to obtain specific amounts of additional

insurance at stated future ages... at standard rates and without evidence of insurability.

**5. It gives a son a head start.** As a young boy grows into adulthood and takes on the responsibilities of a career and marriage, his need to guarantee continuing income for his family becomes uppermost. Life insurance provides the ideal solution.

**6. It gives a daughter some financial security.** Life insurance is valuable for a little girl, too. Whether she ultimately marries or remains single, a cash value plan can give her a measure of independence she might not otherwise have when she is grown.

**7. It indemnifies the parents.** Our discussion of youth insurance would be incomplete with no mention of its valuable protection feature. For, though it isn't pleasant to think about, some youngsters do die. Insurance on a child's life indemnifies his parents against the

financial obligations arising from his death.

**8. It makes an excellent gift.** Because of the flexibility, life insurance makes an ideal gift. It can be tailored to any pocketbook, creating a valuable gift ranging from an annual premium on a modest **whole life certificate** to a substantial, **one-time premium** endowment from a wealthy parent or grandparent.

**9. A final reason.** Life insurance enables you to provide an immediate and lifelong expression of love. Life insurance for your children or grandchildren is an extension of your love for them... not just for the remainder of your life, but throughout theirs.

**10. Danish fellowship and heritage.** Our Brotherhood's concern for your child through our new fraternal programs will help build good character as he or she grows to adulthood.

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My children's ages are: Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_

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Levi and his wife, Edith, are on a tour around the world which will take them far into the African jungle to visit the Lambarene Clinic, where the famous Dr. Albert Schweitzer established his world-wide reputation. The Perssons have visited Denmark, crossed Germany, Switzerland and Italy to the seaport of Genoa, and we pick up their story after they have boarded ship for the five-week trip to Africa.

### On Board the M/V Randa Somewhere at Sea

We are southward bound with West Africa barely visible through the grey haze of rain and low clouds, on the starboard side of the Randa.

# Vagabondia

by LEVI PERSSON

I sit on the partially inclosed deck behind the pilot house on the heavily loaded freighter. It is early in the morning. The sky is overcast solidly, still the temperature is ideal, if you wear a sweater.

The rain is pouring down with tropical force as it has most of the night. I feel cozy — only now and then does a drop of rain filter in to my hideaway. Now and then distant thunder reach my ears, but only a fair breeze is blowing. The foam capped waves are too small to bother the "Randa" in any degree.

Exhaust from the ship's 5600 horse-power engine is blown skyward where it merges with gray wet clouds. It is a grey and dreary dawn.

I slide out of my deckchair and stamp over to the mahogany railing. My eyes scan, in vain, the fuzzy horizon in search of something of interest, anything which could break the monotony. My face is splattered with sheets of rain. I smile inwardly as I lick warm, sweet raindrops from my lips.

From a mast top the radar antenna is making circles, scanning the horizon with electric impulses. I step into the pilot house and watch with fascination the radar needle turn on a lighted screen. The long needle wipes the screen clean as it turns, but constantly new blips appears in color. The African coastline fills the screen to the left, but dead ahead all is clear. Still the mate sounds the deep-voiced whistle every two minutes — just in case a small boat should be in our path.

When at sea there is not much to do in the pilot house for the mate on duty. Except for watching the automatic pilot and other important instruments he has nothing to do but to stare at the

nothingness between the ship and the horizon. An able bodied seaman, or an apprentice officer, assists him in his duties, still a passenger is a welcome guest on the bridge, when the Randa is under way. The mates can spin yarns about the seven seas and the (to landlubbers) mysteries of ships and its men.

The first mate of Randa told me that when the propeller is turning 120 rpm. we are doing 15 knots, normally. The Randa is 16 years old and her home port is Basel, Switzerland. However, she will never be able to visit her home port, because Basel does not have a harbor.

She is 142 meters long and can transport approximately 12,000 tons of freight.

Having chosen West Africa as her beat, she constantly "tramps" between Genoa, Italy and Matadi up the Congo River. She is a welcome visitor to the

exotic ports of the many new nations between Genoa and Matadi.

A roundtrip is an adventurer's dream on the Randa. It is usually scheduled for 10 weeks, but could take three months, and the Randa could make as many as 20 stops to pick up or discharge cargo. Most trips include voyages up rivers like the Niger in Nigeria, and a trip up the Congo River is always included. And when it comes to price (about \$775.00 for the round trip) you can't beat it.

The mate rings a bell and a few minutes later, Mario, the steward, appears with hot tea and cookies. We sip tea and inspect the instruments as we talk about ships and the sea. I envy him, his good luck — his ability to travel to the far corners of the world and get paid for it.

"Sure," he admits. "There is a certain amount of romance and glamour attached to a sailor's life. I'm a sailor because I love it. But I love it most of all when I return from months at sea and my wife and children run into my arms. But I hate it even more intensely when a few hours later, and that happens, I must say good-by for another 100 days."

The mate said he spent many hours at sea just thinking of his home and his family and that he was always looking forward to the day when he would go ashore for good and find a job in his hometown.

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I saunter back to my station on the lee side of the ship. I try to write, but I am too relaxed. I lean back in my chair and close my eyes. I hear footsteps and see Mario place tea and cookies near my typewriter. I mutter a "thank you" as he rattles down the stairway.

I sip hot tea and stare toward the

horizon, the moving panorama around me. The clouds are blacker now, the breeze is stronger and the sea a bit more turbulent. It is raining harder and a highnoted Zee sound fills the air as a billion big drops of water give the Atlantic ocean goose-pimples. I stare until everything becomes a grey blur. I feel myself skipping back and forth over that thin line which separates consciousness from sleep. I'm on a trip. Then a bell rings — it seems far away but getting closer. My wife says "Wake up. Breakfast is ready."

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Breakfast aboard the Randa is much like any other continental breakfast. Coffee, tea, hot homebaked rolls, different kinds of marmalade, cheese, sausage and eggs and potatoes.

Dinner at 11:30 is something else. Every dinner is a bit of gastronomic adventure, with fish and meat and gravy and soup. We figure that the cook must have a big cookbook, because he did not duplicate a single recipe during the first three weeks we were aboard the Randa.

There may have been times when we were a bit bored by the monotony of the sea, but then thinking about the next dinner or supper would invariably fill us with anticipation and pleasure.

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We are four days out of Valencia and Morocco is aft. Our course is southwest. In the evening we sight the dim shimmering lights of the Canary Islands. The mountains stand out like dark shadows against a lighter sky. In the morning there is nothing but a naked horizon surrounding us.

Now Spanish Sahara is on our left. Through binoculars we view the coastline of Mauritania. In the evening we see the lights from Dakar, Senegal, Gambia. We skirt Cape Verde, the most westerly point in Africa and change our course to southeast, as we steam past Guinea. It is early in the evening as we drop anchor in the shallow water near Freetown, the capital of the Black republic of Sierra Leone.

A white pilot comes aboard. He guides the Randa past shoals and reefs to a safe anchorage just a few hundred yards off Freetown's wharfs.

Our captain informs us that we will be in port about three hours or just long enough to clear the papers of the 24 extra "crewboys" we are taking aboard in Freetown.

The pilot ferried us ashore in his speedboat. As we stepped on African soil for the first time, he warned us to stay on lighted busy thoroughfares and to refrain from giving alms to beggars. "My launch will return you to the Randa in two hours." He said. "But be on time. If you miss your boat you will be in trouble." We nodded in silent agreement. We knew we'd be back on our ship before two hours, if possible.

And so we had our first look at Africa and our first Black republic.

It was black indeed. Our visit in Freetown amounted to a slow walk up and down the Main Street. We were so busy

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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?

## RULLEPØLSE ROLLED SANDWICH MEAT

1 flank of beef or lamb  
1/2 tsp. saltpeter  
3 or 4 thin slices pork  
1 onion, cut fine  
2 tbsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. allspice  
1 tsp. pepper

Remove sinews from meat and cut it so it forms a square or rectangle. Flatten out and sprinkle with seasonings. Lay on pork slices. Roll meat tightly so when cut it will

slice across grain of meat, and sew ends and sides. Put in cold brine for 10 days.

### BRINE:

2 1/2 qts. boiling water  
2 cups salt  
1/2 tsp. saltpeter

After 10 days remove meat from brine, wind securely with cord and put into boiling water. Cook slowly for 2 hours or until tender. Remove from water; press between two flat surfaces until cold.

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trying to avoid gaping holes in the sidewalks and small pools of water that we bumped into people who knew about these hazards. We lingered over a Coke in a bar the rest of the time.

It was a very peculiar feeling — to be the only two whites among thousands of Blacks. They stared at us constantly. Some smiled in a friendly manner, others glowered. Edith was very happy when we

got back to our ship. She stated that if the rest of Africa was like Freetown, then she had had enough of Africa, right now. Fortunately it wasn't.

(to be continued)

# 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	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
June 13	—Harry Markussen	68	Haarby, Denmark	245	South Bend, Indiana	1925
June 19	—John B. Christensen	81	Gevno, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1925
June 23	—Karl B. Bengtsen	90	Vamdrup, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1906
June 19	—Johannes M. Toft	90	Stendrup, Denmark	3	Davenport, Iowa	1915
June 5	—J. Peter V. Nielsen	88	Skanderborg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1903
June 8	—Henry Petersen	61	Nykobing, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1936
July 12	—Johan F.P. Petersen	83	Aarhus, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1908
July 16	—Viggo W. Andersen	92	Raagelunde, Denmark	64	Rockford, Illinois	1906
July 24	—Axel H. Juel	81	Svendborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1922
July	—Johannes Halse	85	Skive, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1912
May 30	—Jens Olesen Wolbro	67	Norresundby, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1925
July 26	—Max J. Ricker	72	Austria	245	South Bend, Indiana	1954
June 28	—Andreas C. Sorensen	83	Asaa, Denmark	214	West Point, Nebraska	1916
June 4	—George Hansen	82	Chicago, Illinois	9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	1937
July 18	—Anton J. Lund	80	Agerskov, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1927
June 12	—Albert Henriksen	84	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1942
July 13	—Wilmar C. Christensen	67	Viborg, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1971
Aug. 4	—Adolph B. Lemke	64	Alpena, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1964

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Albert Bilgrave, Sr.	Perth Amboy (46)	Peter Christensen
Robert R. Shutt	Greenville (70)	Vern Minard
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