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Miss U.S.A.

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July, the anniversary of the founding of our country, is a good time to pause and assess just what living in America means to each of us.

America has become the great free nation that she is because people from many different ethnic backgrounds, religious persuasions, and political systems have worked, fought, and died together to protect our right to live, worship, and vote as we choose.

Part of the creed upon which the Danish Brotherhood in America was founded is fidelity to the American constitution while perpetuating traditions and customs of Denmark. Therefore let us preserve our proud Danish heritage, while supporting America and the freedoms for which it stands. Let's not take for granted our freedom, but appreciate and protect it — and be thankful we live in America.

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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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ST. CHARLES MISS TAKES U.S.A. TITLE — Miss Illinois, Karen Morrison, a tall, blue-eyed blonde was named Miss U.S.A. for 1974 at Niagara Falls, New York in May. She will compete for the title of Miss Universe in the Philippines in July. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Morrison. Mr. Morrison is a member of DB Lodge No. 92 in St. Charles, Illinois.

Grand Island Lodge Membership Spurting



FIRST BOOSTER AWARD PRESENTED

Paul Larsen [second from right] receives the Brotherhood's first "Booster" award in the Membership Recognition Program and a \$25 bond from Howard Christensen. Also on hand to honor Paul for his support were Ervie Laursen [far left] and D.B. area manager Andy Andersen [far right].

Remember the popular tune, "Comin' on Strong," which made the Hit Parade not long ago? Well, it's being sung again and this time by members of D.B. Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, Nebr.

They have plenty of reason to feel things are looking up thanks to the efforts of Paul Larsen, Ervie Laursen and D.B. area manager Andy Andersen. Seventeen new members have been signed in less than six months.

And that's not all! The lodge has a brand new meeting



NATIONAL SECRETARY INITIATES NEW NO. 211 MEMBERS

Howard Christensen and Ervie Laursen [left] initiated these new lodge members recently: Left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brown; Troy, Stacey and Tamara Osterman [Tamara held by Grandpa Julius Thomsen]; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helzer; and Garland Petersen. Standing behind Troy and Stacey are their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Osterman.

site and is already looking for another with more room to accommodate the new members. The boom in Grand Island's lodge membership is testimony to the new agency system of promoting our society. This means simply that an appointed representative follows up on leads provided to him by local lodge members, then sells the Brotherhood to these prospective new members, thereby gaining business income for himself and, at the same time, new members for the local lodge.



New Member	Location	Sponsor
Ralph C. Anderson	Racine (4)	Ken Janssen
Alvin L. Andersen	Racine (4)	Ken Janssen
Edward J. Johnson	Racine (4)	Ken Janssen
Edith M. Thomsen	Minden (16)	Herbert Nielsen
Jerry C. Jameson	Minden (16)	Herbert Nielsen
Franklin F. Andreasen	Chicago (17)	Alan Andersen
Jacqueline R. Hahn	Dwight (34)	Terry Hahn
Joan P. VonQualen	Dwight (34)	Keith P. VonQualen
Beverly K. Lund	Dwight (34)	Harold O. Lund
Genevieve M. Andreasen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Metha Jensen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
James E. Seerup	Dwight (34)	Oscar C. Seerup
Karen E. Ferdinandsen*	Perth Amboy (46)	W. Ferdinandsen
Jon E. Ferdinandsen*	Perth Amboy (46)	W. Ferdinandsen
Wm. G. Ferdinandsen*	Perth Amboy (46)	W. Ferdinandsen
Gordon C. Olesen	Perth Amboy (46)	P. Christensen
Lyle A. Larson	Albert Lea (75)	John Sorenson
Arnold Somes Levison	Albert Lea (75)	Eric Justesen
Marlowe E. Seyller, Jr.	St. Charles (92)	Carl Schouw
Martin B. Hansen	Viborg (139)	Anton Jacobsen

Julia K. Hansen	Viborg (139)	Anton Jacobsen
JoAnn Hansen	Viborg (139)	Anton Jacobsen
Jerald J. Hansen	Viborg (139)	Anton Jacobsen
Rene M. Ardon	Portland (167)	H. P. Jensen
Nick A. Hinrichsen*	Philadelphia (172)	John Hinrichsen
Erik T. Hinrichsen*	Philadelphia (172)	John Hinrichsen
Raymond Sorensen, Jr.	Waukegan (182)	Alan Andersen
Eleanor A. Petersen	Waukegan (182)	Alan Andersen
Robert T. Brown	Grand Island (211)	Elmer Jacobsen
Elsie M. Brown	Grand Island (211)	Elmer Jacobsen
Elizabeth K. Knudsen	Grand Island (211)	Ervie Laursen
Tamara D. Osterman*	Grand Island (211)	Julius Thomsen
Troy Osterman*	Grand Island (211)	Julius Thomsen
Stacey L. Osterman*	Grand Island (211)	Julius Thomsen
Alvin R. Jensen	Humboldt (217)	Walter Pedersen
Ole S. Jensen	Detroit (227)	Albert Rafaele
William M. Kreidke	Detroit (227)	Harvey E. Kreidke
Robert A. Lindhart	Askov (263)	Arol Hansen
Owen W. Petersen	Askov (263)	Byron Petersen
Bruce K. Christensen	Askov (263)	George Frederiksen
Adam K. Cloud*	Barre (294)	Marion L. Cloud
Eric J. Springer*	Solvang (299)	William R. Springer
Vagn J. Nielsen	Vancouver (328)	Conny Vinther

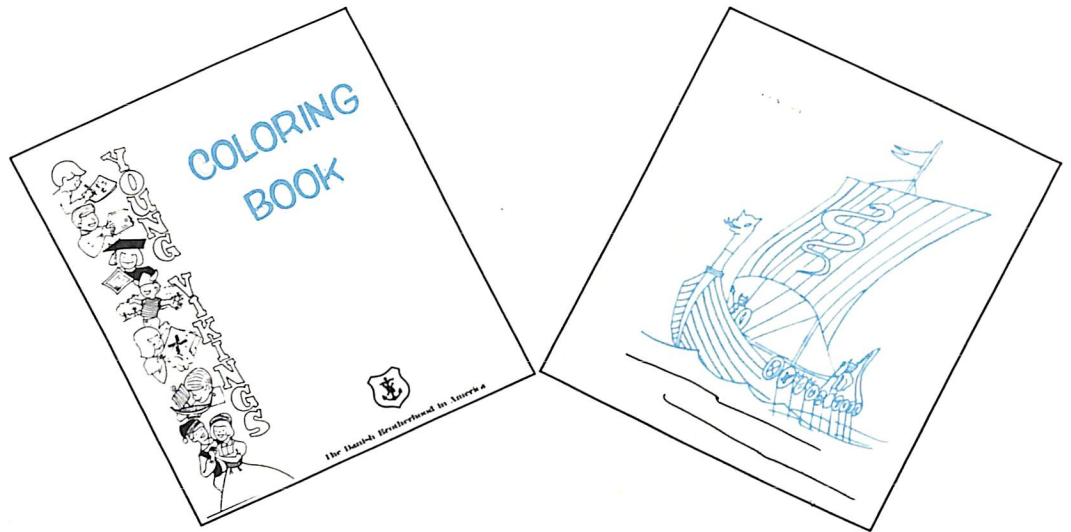
* Juvenile Members

Thought for the Month

"To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little, to spend a little less. To make upon the whole, a family happier for his presence. To renounce when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered. To keep a few friends but these without capitulation. Above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself."

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Just Out! 'Young Vikings' Coloring Book



Get yours now and get ready for the big "Y-VI" coloring contest to be announced next month. Lots of Danish scenes to color. Glossary of Danish-English words in the back. For hours of quiet summer fun, order now — 1 to 635c each 7 or more25c each

"Ask Birgit"

Dear Birgit:

Is sunbathing bad for your skin? I've read that it is, but you're "no where" without a tan. What do I do? I'm 13, a girl, and very fair skinned.

Paleface, Rapid City.

Dear Paleface:

Any dermatologist will tell you that over-exposure to the sun is one of the worst possible things for your skin, but as you say, "no tan — you're no where."

The best solution is to use a good tanning preparation and take it easy, especially the first few days in the sun. Your face is where the sun ultimately does the most damage, so use a make-up base with a sun blocking agent (there are many available), or they now have colorless sun blocking gels that do a good job. And hope for parasols, big hats and the "wan" look to come back.

Birgit.

TO: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Ne., 68131.

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

QUAN.	ITEM	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE
_____	Viking Ship			\$2.49
_____	"Y-VI" T-shirt (Give age, ht. & wt.)	_____	_____	1.99
_____	Inflatable Viking	_____	18" — 1.49 36" — 1.99	
_____	Coloring Book			1 to 6 — .35 each 7 or more .25 ea.

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

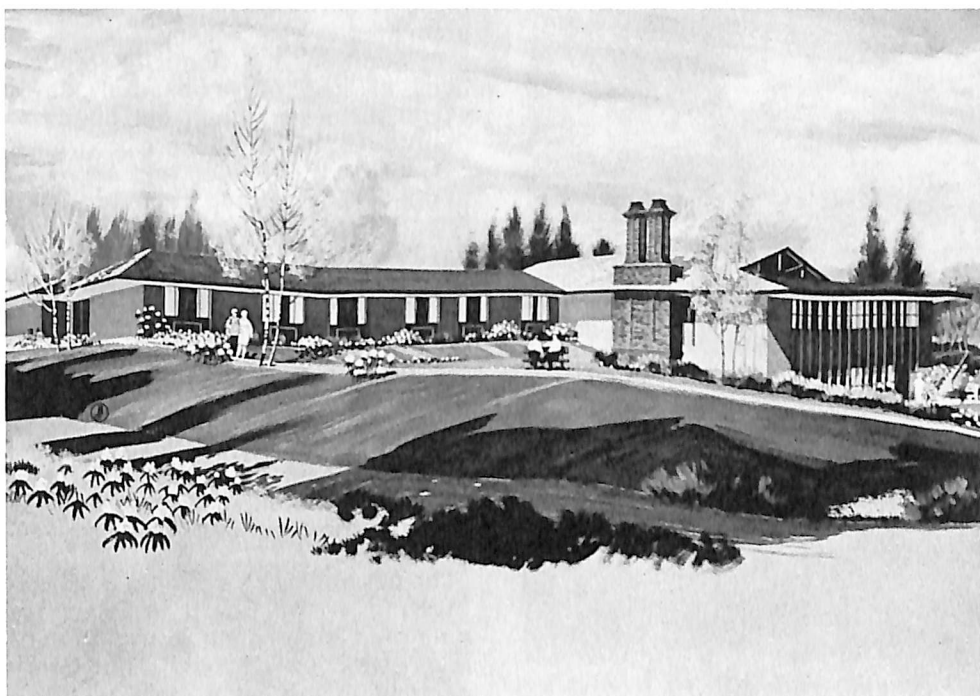
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PNW Home For Aged Celebrating Fifty Years



Danish Home located in Seattle, Wash.

July 13 and 14 the Danes of Oregon and Washington will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home Association. The Pacific Northwest Danish Old People's Home Association as it was then known, was founded in January, 1924 at a meeting held in Portland, Oregon. The purpose of the association, then as now, was to establish and operate a non-profit Danish Old People's Home in the best traditions of Denmark where Danes could live out their declining years in pleasant, peaceful surroundings and receive adequate care. During the early years the home was limited to Danes and their spouses. In recent years, in keeping with the spirit of the times, the home has been open to all.

Led by Brother T. P. Nielsen, former Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood and a member of Seattle Lodge No. 29, the Old People's Home Association was formed at the meeting in January, 1924 in Portland. The membership was composed of representatives of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges of the Pacific Northwest, Danish churches, other Danish organizations, and interested individuals. At that first meeting a board of directors was elected and articles of incorporation were drawn up. Brother T. P. Nielsen was elected the first president of the board and the home association. He was succeeded in that position by several able men. The present president of the home is Brother Edmund S. Olsen, also a member of

the Seattle Lodge No. 29, who was recently honored for his work in this field by Her Majesty Queen Margrete of Denmark, with a decoration as Ridder af Dannebrog.

On the first board of directors members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood were prominently represented. One member of that first board is still living, Joseph Matsen, who still serves as legal counsel for the home. He also has been decorated with the Order of Ridder af Dannebrog for his work in behalf of Denmark and the Danes.

Over the years many persons, including many members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, have served on the board of directors and contributed much of their time, talents and resources to this worthy cause. Many others, either individually or through their lodges, circles, Danish churches, and other Danish organizations have supported the work of the home in many ways. We have also been privileged over the years to have dedicated managers and other staff persons who also have contributed much to the Home.

Property with a suitable building on it was acquired at a cost of \$15,000 in that first year of 1924. It was opened to residents that same year. In the late twenties the building was enlarged to accommodate about 40 to 45 residents. These facilities served the home until 1970 when increasingly strict health and fire regulations made them outmoded. A new facility was dedicated in 1970 and the old structure

demolished. The new facility, built at a cost of \$400,000, provides skilled, intermediate nursing care for about 48 residents and fully complies with all the latest fire and health regulations. The home is licensed by the State of Washington as an intermediate care nursing home.

The Danish Brotherhood Lodges of the Pacific Northwest are proud to have played an important role in the development and operation of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home Association. We take pride in maintaining or helping to maintain homes for the elderly where our people can live out their remaining years in peace and comfort under pleasant and adequate surroundings. We join other lodges over the length and breadth of this nation in this work which is surely a part of the Danish heritage that the Danish Brotherhood is dedicated to preserve.

The board and management of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home Association wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to all who have so generously supported this work over the past 50 years. The dedicatory plaque affixed to the new facility in 1970 puts it very well. It reads as follows:

"A memorial to the founders of the Danish Northwest Home and to the men and women who have so generously contributed their time and support for the success of the Home. And also to those who have come to seek shelter within the Home. May they always be remembered."

Kristen Jorgensen.

The next phase in the space program is sure to make headlines: Scientists are planning to put 300 head of cattle into orbit. It'll be the herd shot round the world.

**"DET ER SJOV"
[IT'S FUN]**

**Danish Language Tapes
and Danish Folk Dance
Kits still available
through the Home Office
at the low, low,
price of just \$24.95 for
the Language Tapes
[+ Danish/English Dic-
tionary] and \$12.00 for
the Folk Dance Kit.**

Report of Semi-Annual Officer's Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the Home Office, March 21-24, 1974. All Board members except Trustee Donald Moon were present. Due to pressing business matters, Moon was unable to attend and the Board excused him from this meeting.

Much of the spring meeting was devoted to preparations for the society's 29th national convention to be held in Denver, Colo., beginning September 17, 1975. A detailed review of all bylaws had been made by Board members and the society's legal counsel. Of special interest was an in-depth study made by counsel concerning a proposal to eliminate the requirement that all applicants for membership in the society purchase life insurance if under 50 years of age. A resolution passed at the national convention in San Diego in September, 1971, directed the Board to make a study of the regulations governing mandatory insurance requirements and present recommendations to the 29th national convention.

The society's legal counsel was of the opinion that to eliminate the mandatory insurance requirements as a prerequisite to full voting membership would terminate the society's status as a fraternal benefit society under both the internal revenue code and under the laws of the states in which the Danish Brotherhood does business.

Social members could not serve as delegates to the convention or vote on the selection of delegates without

risking forfeiture of the Brotherhood's federal tax-exempt status. In addition, counsel stated that to encourage social membership as opposed to beneficial membership could be further inviting loss of the tax exempt status we now enjoy.

It was pointed out, however, that the current provision in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws does not appear to pose any threat to our status as a fraternal benefit society. This provision permits social memberships where they meet qualifications for membership in the society, but are either uninsurable or 50 years of age or over.

The Danish Brotherhood is recognized as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the IRS code and under the laws of the states where we are licensed. This classification is very restrictive and excludes the conduct of social clubs or other activities either not recognized as being entitled to exemption under the code or recognized under the totally different sections of the code.

The Board of Officers, after studying all of the implications of changing to an optional insurance program, intends to recommend to the national convention in Denver in 1975 that the mandatory insurance requirements of the articles and bylaws not be changed. It is the feeling of the Board that continued relevant existence of the society as a fraternal benefit society with major emphasis on perpetuation of Danish heritage and culture through new fraternal programs, as well as continued expansion of current aid, scholarship and

youth programs, be a major objective of our organization. To continue this as our objective, funds provided through our low-cost life insurance programs are necessary.

In addition, the financial implications of loss of tax-exempt status would seriously impair our ability to maintain and expand these programs.

The Board reviewed and approved many other proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. All of these recommendations for change will be outlined in the Twenty-Ninth National Convention Report to be printed and distributed prior to the convention.

The national convention committee in Denver is planning the social program for the convention and invites delegates, guests and members of the Danish Brotherhood to attend these functions during convention week.

The possibility of avoiding a special meeting of the Board to select the nine-man convention committee on laws was considered. The Board decided to ask each lodge which is eligible to send a delegate to have their report of delegate election in the Home Office prior to October 17, 1974, which is the date established for the opening date of the annual meeting of the Board of Officers. Substantial financial savings will be realized by avoiding a special meeting. Delegates who wish to be considered as candidates for this law committee should see to it that proper filing of notice of delegate election is received prior to the Board meeting.

The president reported he had requested proposals from two public accounting firms to perform the audit prior to the national convention which is required by our bylaws. The selection of one of these firms to perform the audit will be made at the annual meeting.

The 1974 budget which had been sent to the Board members for study was reviewed and approved. The Board also reviewed and ratified the society's annual statement which is filed with the insurance departments in states where we are licensed.

The Fraternal Director, Don Ever-soll, presented the Solvang slide program and advised the Board that all programs comprising the "Living Heritage" series were now completed. A brochure describing each of these programs is available and has been sent to all lodge presidents with the hope that our lodges will order these new programs to make meetings more meaningful and interesting. Don also described the membership recognition awards program which was recently developed. This is designed to reward the members of

our society who assist our representatives in signing up new members.

Don reported that work was progressing on a handbook of customs and traditions as well as a coloring book for Young Vikings, and that a Danish party kit and embroidery kit were in the works. Much time is being devoted to expanding our new "Young Vikings" programs. Discussion was held concerning the possibility of having a "Young Vikings Jamboree" or convention in the summer of 1975.

The Fraternal Department is constantly striving to make the American Dane magazine more readable, to include articles which are educational as well as interesting, and is seeking reader involvement in preserving Danish culture. Reader response to the magazine has been very favorable.

Although the Consulting Director of Agencies, John Dressler, did not attend the semi-annual meeting, a prepared report of the activities of the Agency Department was presented to the Board. Three area managers had been hired, the sales kit has been completed and this kit is now in the hands of our representatives. The Fraternal Insurance Counselor's training program has been initiated. All representatives are now receiving

Harbour Highlights, a monthly publication, and area managers receive a new communication, the "Area Manager's Newsletter." Development of the Agency Department is proceeding very nicely, as is reflected in new membership gains and increased insurance in force.

Several projects and studies have been completed by the Home Office since the Board last met in 1973. A "local lodge dues" study has been made and a very brief annual report was developed for use by each of the ten districts. The report will improve communication between the Board, the Home Office, and each of the districts. Finally, the conversion of the member address file to computer has been completed and lodges are now receiving a printout of their member list which includes addresses. This should greatly assist the local lodge as well as the Home Office in communicating with our members.

Winners of Danish Brotherhood scholarships for the year 1974-75 were announced by the chairman of the scholarship committee.

The fraternal activities committee's report complimented the new fraternal programs and the slide program series in particular. All lodge presidents are encouraged to

use every means available to provide these new lodge programs to their membership.

The Trustees met in the official depository of the society and reviewed the investment holdings while performing their duties as instructed by the bylaws in clipping and segregating coupons for redemption.

The investment committee reported on the activities under their supervision during the past six months. Funds have been invested in treasury bills and negotiable certificates of deposit to take advantage of high interest rates being paid on these investments.

The bylaw committee had reviewed and appraised proposed amendments for several lodges and were pleased to report that these files were closed without any problems.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until October 17, 1974.

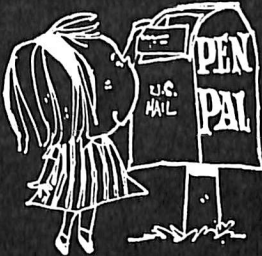
A man and his dog sat in a theatre watching a movie. When it was over, the dog applauded vigorously. At this sight, a nearby spectator said in amazement, "How astonishing!"

"Yes, it is," said the dog's owner. "He hated the book."

Danish Brotherhood

Pen Pals

A
YOUTH
PROJECT



It's an exciting moment when a stranger becomes a friend and that is just what happens when you belong to D. B. Pen Pals! Let us pick a pen pal for you and you'll share interests and hobbies with young people all over the United States, and perhaps even Denmark.

Anyone between the ages of 5 and 20 is eligible. Fill out the attached application and mail to Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters, Fraternal Affairs Dept., 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

Name

Address

Age Hobbies

I am a Girl Boy

Representatives Meet



One of the big reasons for the excellent new membership records our representatives are setting, are sales clinics like the one held for the Midwest Area at the Holiday Inn in Melrose Park, Ill., on April 27.

Pictured above standing, left to right, are J. W. Dressler, D.B. Agency Consultant; James Andreasen, Agent from Dwight, Ill.; Jack Andersen, Student; Ken Janssen, Agent from Racine, Wis.; Bennie Peterson, Agent from Kenosha, Wis.; Seated, left to right, are Terry Clayton, Agent from St. Charles, Ill.; Floyd Christensen, Agent from St. Charles, Ill.; Einar Danielsen, National President; Flemming Andersen, Area Manager, Midwest Area.

Modern Denmark



AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST TELLS
ABOUT HIS TRAVELS IN DENMARK

By Paul Rasmussen
Special Correspondent

Stopping the clock — and enjoying every precious second of its silence. Something severe and yet beautiful. Huge field-stones as grave markers. Flowers, flowers everywhere! Trees and birds. Warm sun and chill wind.

How best can I start writing about one of the richest experiences in my stay in Denmark? It's really three different days, but I will roll them together because they have blended and melded in my head. For the mere and mundane purpose of description, let me say that this is about a visit, a quick look, and a long trip into the hilly hinterlands of Jutland.

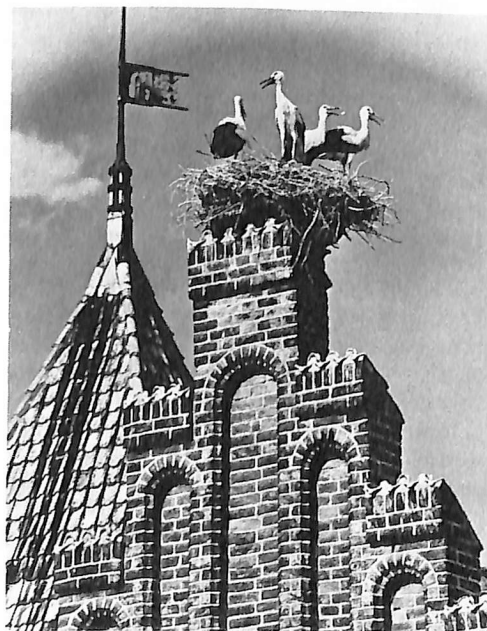
THE AGING CHRISTIAN SENIORS

Through the thoughtful kindness of an ex-pastor and his still high-spirited wife, I learned of, and was invited to participate in, three experiences. Christian and Esther Nissen cordially accepted me into three pleasant episodes of their long and constructive life. I found them through Thyra Nussle, whom many of you already know, and though they are both on the wrong side of 75, they savor and enjoy life. The preacher is retired, but teaches some piano regularly in his hill-top home here in Højbjerg. He reads avidly and is regularly invited to play the music for song sessions, to say nothing of the calls upon him for recitations and readings. Esther Nissager Nissen is also still with it. She cooks a mean pot of soup for this hungry American, enjoys the walls full of copper stuff and porcelain treasures — with Christmas and memorial plaques that go all the way back to when you-know-who was an altar boy. She dotes on good talk and the exchange of separate experience-

es. Her description of her nurse work in Des Moines and her teaching time in Kimballton, her memories of the Nissen's five-month visit to the U.S. and Canada in '54, her opinions of events, current and past, and her just plain earthy style were, to this scribe, worth the visit. In the best use of our midwestern idiom, she is still "quite a gal."

NOW TO SCHOOL — FOR SENIORS

The Nissens know many of the lowans that I used to know. She remembers the Nordbys, the Mullers, the Jensens, the Lillehøjs, the Tinkles, and least 20 Rasmussens and Thomsens, to say nothing of Petersen, the town butcher, who kept me in spending money when I was his city-kid turned block-butcher back in '26 and '27. She had never met my



mother, but seemed to recall my little brother, Hoot, who had moved to Kimballton a year before my intrusion into that small, quiet, prosperous "Dane" colony. Fortunately, she had never heard of this writer — nor of his brilliant quarterbacking of the short-lived 1926 K-town football team that got skunked 36-0 by Elkhorn on that disgusting and shameful afternoon out in the corn stubble south of town. Had it not been for Herluf and Evald Jensen in our backfield, and the rugged defensive work of such as Ove Muller and Folmer Sjøe and little ole Hoot Rasmussen, the score would have been closer to 95-0. That was the day I learned that small-towners and farm boys can be kind to city slickers. Not one whisper of criticism of my dumb failure and how humanly well they understood that I just couldn't get a play started before that whiz kid, Stu Osterholm, was running all over us. But let's get back to the happier nowadays.

KOLT SCHOOL — A NEW THING

The Nissens thought I would like to see — and maybe write up something about Kolt School. Wagner Jensen came to pick up the Nissens and I was asked to come along. Kolt is maybe five miles west of here. It is a "school" of a very special kind. It's just for the old ones — the pensioners we call "Senior Citizens" in the land of the red, white and blue. Kolt is unique to say the least. Decades ago the school was for little kids — was abandoned — and then people like Wagner and Kirsten Jensen had a hot idea. They were able to give a good project some professional (and inspired) guidance, and were able to get

the proper authorities to come up with the money necessary to totally remodel, triple in size and skillfully reorganize, for something new. That's Kolt Elders' School — and it deserves the good reputation it now has.

SENIORS LOVE SCHEDULES, TOO

From Reveille before 7 a.m., and first bell at 7:15, and then breakfast at 7:45, the class of 24 men and women go into school room routines, some gym for some, but not all, and then into midday chow. A short period for rest, "coffee and" at 14:30 (army time in these parts), more classes that vary in the two-week course of study, then supper at 17:30. Many hands help clear the tables and perk up the ever present flowers. There are some paid helpers from nearby farms and towns. There are competent trained teachers in subjects that include history, crafts and ceramics, who work hard in sunny classrooms that seem to have all the necessary equipment from charts and chalk to maps and microphones. Coffee again — and sometimes with strawberry pudding and cake. That's all for the day at 21:00, but TV-news and cribbage, radio and twice-a-week entertainment filled in the time between supper and bedtime. The night I was there, Pastor Nissen played the Klavier — and then recited first a serious and religious theme and then a salty and very funny story about — Yes, you might have guessed — Jute peasant humor.

FLOWERS, MODERN PLUMBING AND RULES

There has got to be some order in things, and the bulletin board gives one much more than rules. I saw "12 Good Rules to Reach Age 120" that were set down by a European woman, Dr. Ana Aslan, and of course there was the one about eating oftener and eating less at a time — cut down smoking, etc., get some exercise, (they call it "motion") and good group talk O. S. V. But the one I got a kick out of was this one (so help me, Prince Henrik) "Don't Read Mystery Stories and Westerns Just Before Bedtime!"

EVEN GOOD THINGS COST MONEY

In the group at the time of my visit, were folk from Jorgensen to Pedersen and it included two Rasmussens, and they all hailed from 8 to 10 different provinces. I was to discover later that Wayne and Kirsten are professionals in the finest meaning of what it is to be a "pro" in a field one understands and for which one has the "heart" that it takes. When they saw my interest in the school and its work, they warmly invited me back and to go with the whole gang on a trip planned for 10 days later.

Maybe the U.S.A. and certainly Canada's new liberal-socialist provincial governments should experiment with the Kolt idea. The aging couples, the widows and the widowers, the old bachelors and the never-did-get-married girls that I met, talked with and tripped with — all come here for fun and fellowship. They do pay a part of the tuition and keep and they can get a little stipend from their government social agencies to cover costs if they are not well-fixed. They have paid taxes to a welfare-state of sorts for some years. But shouldn't our Senior Citizens Associations and our private pension funds look into the Kolt idea? The dividends of this idea relate directly to a fact of life. That these elders know they are growing older — oh, yes — but do they feel older? No!

NOW THE TRIP AND THE HISTORY

When the Wagner Jensens had learned of my interest and that I would write up the Kolt Elders School for American readers, they had said "Come back in 10 days and we will take you for a ride." The Aarhus-Skanderborg bus stops right in front of the school, so they told me to get there early and they would pack a lunch for me too. I agreed.

Ten mornings later now and I am one of 25 eager bus riders off to an experience that really was! The clean and classy (and glassy) bus came from Ivan's Rentals. It was a "Scania-Vabis," its powerful engine made in Sodertalie, Sweden — its sturdy modern body made in Denmark.

DESTINATIONS: VIBORG AND NAUNDRUP MILL

Like a bunch of happy kids the group busts out in song just as we pull off the main road and scoot across the old Aarhus creek where once there were at least nine water-driven mills. Everything is so green — so lush. The early lilacs, the everywhere tulips and daffodils and pansies they call "stepmother's flowers." Where there is no grass — and where there is still no sign of the crops "a coming", there are dandelions (Trilliards) of the weed they call "Lion's teeth" and I think of the dandelion wine my big brother and mama made in Chicago — no exaggeration, but there was more of this yellow in one acre than there are people in Manitoba and Montana.

Droves of fat Jerseys. Old churches and an old smithy, now side by side run the ancient road and the new modern national highway 10. We see TV relay towers in the Norway Pines, and acres of Xmas trees for the market of '75. The old railroad tracks are ripped away but the still good

station houses now are used for family living or for Carlsberg transfer sheds because beer is even bigger than Coke in these parts.

It's a national holiday — Prayer Day — so we see school kids and scouts, cross-country runners at practice and many family outings. Wagner has a small mike and P.A. set up front and keeps our heads turning left and right and then dead ahead as we get historical angles. This is rich fare and accurate because the man has done his homework. Kirsten is not on the bus. She has gone on ahead with the Thermos, coffee and other interesting stuff, from special table cloths to pilsener and soda-sweet.

ACROSS THE GUDENAA

Now we swing across the Gudena (God's creek), a little thing now, but it was once a racing 150 kilometers long. Now an old "Kro." (No pun intended — a Kro is Danish for Inn). Then we sweep past a cloister-cluster where first the St. Augustine monks built and taught in 1200 A.D. This is Tvillum and here come the many commercial nurseries where 13 million plants and seedlings grow, and in 150 varieties. Somebody mentions the sandwich packs and maybe there will be Hamborg among the vittles. Up front someone calls back and asks me if we have this delight in America. I thought they were giving me the needle until my seatmate, Mrs. Barnung from Zeeland, described it for me. It's a succulent, smoked pork loin — and you and me call it "Canadian Bacon!"

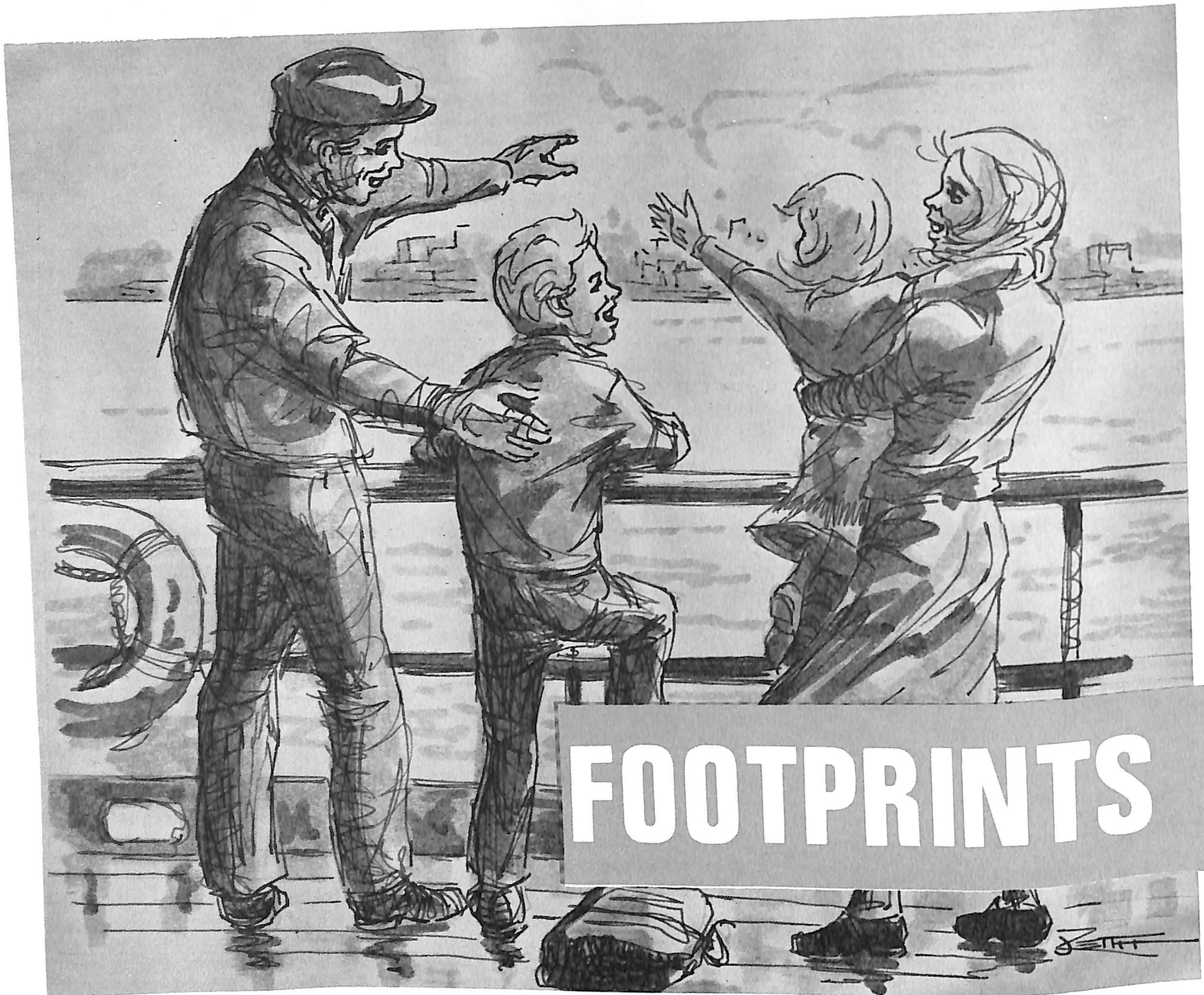
MAN-MADE LAKE AHEAD

Here is a huge man-created lake. It's the Tange (like in the first part of kangaroo). Years ago, they dammed the Gudena, making a lake of the valley and now there are farms and tall pines all hidden down there with the eels and the carp. 20 million cubic meters is a lot of lake.

Thatch roofs still here and there among the tile and the Johns-Manville. The cauliflower is doing well and other vegetables are shooting up; especially where there is sprinkler irrigation. Here is a soccer pitch at the highest point in the Jutland highlands. Hans, our good driver, has been braking down and low gearing up, but all the time providing his close attention vital in the twists and turns and roller-coaster terrain. See the high-power lines but don't miss the bee hives of a big honey farm. The sign reads — Vindum — 2 Km. and Rodmarksbro — 5 Km. That last one is Red Meadow Bridge.

Jensen talks about Viborg and the fabulous archives and art collections there. It will be our first and only rest-stop. Red pine stands, simple fir

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Quite unable to enumerate all the men of Danish birth outstanding in the field of agriculture we had better look into other pursuits of life with an eye open for Danes of note. In the popular sense of the word very few Danes have followed a political career and the former GOVERNOR MORGAN LARSEN of New Jersey is one of the very few men of Danish descent, who have attained an elective office. In the field of appointees a much greater circle of Danes have held office, and people still living will remember that HENRY L. HERTZ served ably during several terms as internal revenue collector in Illinois; as a matter of fact he was in the early nineties elected Treasurer of State. CHRISTIAN MADSEN, able United States soldier and one time of the French foreign legion, held the office as deputy marshal of the State of Oklahoma during the era when that office meant to be a sure shot. Even at that, Madsen never killed a robber or bad man; he just owned the reputation of being perfectly certain of "getting his man", and that reputation stood him in good stead, although his old Danish body bears plenty of scars and healed wounds. Madsen was quartermaster sergeant with Colonel Roosevelt on the expedition in Cuba, and nothing made the latter

President more delighted than to have Madsen and two other Oklahoma law defenders visit him in the White House.

As for science, art and literature there are also some outstanding names in United States of Danish origin. Thus we find that PROF. WM. HOWGAARD at the Institute of Technology at Boston is an educator in maritime matters, in fact the greater number of Annapolis men of the last decades are post graduates from Prof. Howgaards forum. In this connection we might mention that one of Uncle Sams inspectors in the field of aerial construction with the rank of commander, is WM. NELSON, born in Minneapolis as the oldest son of a very popular Danish manufacturer and business man of the Northwest, CHR. NELSON, owner of the Nelson Knitting Works. When the huge airship "Shenandoah" some years ago met with disaster while travelling over Ohio, it was young Nelson, who was called by telegraph in the middle of the night to aid in the rescue work, inasmuch as he knew more about the big balloon than anyone else. He had supervised the construction step by step; just now he is busy with aeroplane construction with headquarters in New Jersey. He has for years been a member of the Danish Brotherhood lodge at Boston.

Not a few Danish born physicians have distinguished themselves in the world of medicine; here is reason to memorialize Dr. Fenger, the surgeon of Chicago, who was advanced in his day. And the immense and modern City Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the life work of a Dr. Christian R. Holmes, a Dane, who passed away recently. But perhaps the greater appreciation of the living today should go to those hundreds of humble family doctors spread all over the land who always unsung, and sometimes heroically, administered to the wants of suffering humanity. In the ranks of these practitioners we will find a great many Danes.

In the state department at Washington, D.C., a Danish born solicitor, H. H. NIELSON, has distinguished himself all through changing administrations, and among those who have praised his work most highly is the one time Secretary of State, Charles Evans Hughes. It speaks well for the few and very small Danish colleges in this country, that Nielson received his fundamental education at Dana College, Blair, Nebr. PROF. BLICHFELDT of Stanford University in California is rated as an outstanding mathematician, and at the Crerar Library in Chicago CHRISTIAN BAY is a chief librarian of national renown. During a lifetime DR. MAX HENIUS has conducted a school of chemistry in Chicago, while for many years also serving his home city as a member of the library board. Among sculptors there is cause to mention ROHL SMITH, who has created the statue of President Jackson in Washington, and GUTZON and SOLON BORGLUM, each one a mighty hewer of lasting art. While resting a moment from his

We have not so far mentioned very many Danish born men of business; this country being so well advanced in industry and commerce there are of course a great many Danish business men, and a good many very able ones. MR. SORENSON of the Ford Motor Co. is said to be nothing less than the right hand of the great Henry; but if that is the case there is WM. KNUDSEN of the Chevrolet Motor Co. — he is actually both hands as well as the brains of the good old Chev. Very many of the imposing organs both in church edifices and in great theatres are built by that one time Danish immigrant, M. MOLLER of Maryland. Away up in the northwest, in and around Seattle HANS PETERSEN has done a tremendous amount of building; in St. Paul, Minn. PAUL STEENBERG is just now finishing a 3 Mill. Dollars National Bank Building; in Cleveland the Danish inventor CHRISTENSEN has distinguished himself in the matter of air brakes; his beautiful daughter in the meantime distinguishing the house of Owen D. Young, sometime mentioned presidential timber, by becoming the wife of Mr. Young, Jr. Ambassador Dawes' banking interests in Chicago had a youngish Danish vice-president by the well known name, BODHOLDT, until a year ago, when this able financier died in middle age. It will not do to forget ADOLPH BOYSEN, land owner on a large scale, who has created a great many colonies in the midwest; he passed away at a ripe old age on his Arkansas Estate a few years ago. And just before we forget it let it be mentioned here that one of the very able musical composers in United States is of Danish birth; CARL BUSCH, who some years ago directed the Kansas

IMMIGRATION

This article, written by Axel H. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota originally appeared in the official convention publication, 1931 Danish Brotherhood Convention, Detroit, Michigan. We think it offers valuable, historical insight into the accomplishments of Danish immigrants to America.

labor of cutting over-sized reliefs of four presidents in the rocks of the Black Hills in South Dakota, Gutzon Borglum was this summer present in Prague, Czechoslovakia, where his statue of Woodrow Wilson was unveiled. While looking abroad for a moment we might as well remember COLONEL LISTOE, who served United States as consul in Holland during many years. And there is the young MAJOR RASMUSSEN, who did valiant service during the World War — his grave over there in France.

Are there any Danish born actor folks in United States? Well, yes — and why not? Did anyone ever hear of EVA LeGALLIENNE? Well, at any rate, she is the one important ingredient to a real American Ibsen performance. Miss LeGallienne has a Danish mother, while the father is French. All good mothers teach their children their mother tongue; consequently the Danish language is spoken charmingly by the eminent actress when at ease, i.e., not acting. And in the sometimes bizarre, always tantalizing film world? You surely know JEAN HERSHOLT, the remarkable character actor, who wears his own home grown mustache, and is such a delightful villain. He is a Dane and he had proven it in "Hell's Harbor," when he is supposed to speak Spanish to a pearl fisherman. Well, Mr. Hersholt cheated just a little bit at this point, telling the miserable fisherman in Copenhagen cockney: "Hold Mund, dit Fae." Yeah, that guy is a Dane, alright, said many thousands of Danish descendants throughout the country, when they saw and heard the big film story.

City Symphony Orchestra. Likewise Jacob A. Ries of New York City for many years served ably in the field of journalism on the "New York Sun," and later became known as a great Philanthropist. It would not be difficult to continue indefinitely mentioning outstanding and successful men of Danish origin in their respective calling, but modesty being the motto of this article, the reader may already be in a mood of inquiring: Who built this country, anyway?

The answer to that query is just another question: Who won the war?

Don't Forget!

September 17, 1974 — is the deadline for lodges to elect a Law Committee.

October 17, 1974 — is the deadline for the election of a delegate to the Convention. However, if you want your delegate to be considered for the 9-Man Convention Law Committee, the "Notice of Election of Delegate" form must be in the Home Office before October 17, 1974, the date the Board of Officers meets in the Home Office to make its selection.

Further reminders will be published from time to time concerning deadlines for the
1975 NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN DENVER, COLORADO, SEPT. 17-21



Our Lodges in Action



Minnesota

Convention planned for the 24th of August, to be held at the Holiday Inn in Austin, Minn. Each lodge should elect two delegates and two alternates and plan to attend. Registration will be before 1 p.m., Saturday. There will be a banquet at 7 p.m., Saturday evening with entertainment to follow. Meetings will be held in the club rooms at the Inn, beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday. Local lodges will be notified of our full plans at a later date. Anyone wishing reservations, please write to Carl Shutt, 710 8th Avenue, S. W., Austin, Minn., 55912.

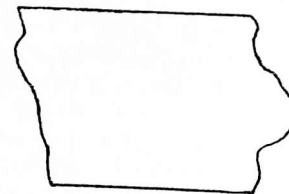
Carl Shutt, Secretary.



At a recent meeting of Danish Brotherhood Lodge 263, Askov, Edwin Sorensen suggested that the lodge donate \$100 to the local ice skating committee, and it carried unanimously. President Larry Peterson made the presentation to Joan Thinesen, member of the ice rink committee, at a brief ceremony March 11.

Present at the warming house were, left to right, Edwin Sorensen, treasurer of the lodge, Peterson, Mrs. Thinesen, David DeWitt, members of rink committee, and Arol Hansen, secretary of the lodge.

Lodge No. 111, Austin, Minn. — We are proud to announce that we are the hosts for the Minnesota State
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Iowa

Iowa United Lodges The 42nd annual convention of the Iowa Lodges will be held over the Labor Day weekend, August 31 and September 1 and 2. The host lodge will be No. 147, Newell, Iowa. There will be a short business meeting of the board members and a social evening for those in attendance on Saturday evening, August 31.

Registration will be Sunday morning. A joint meeting of the brothers and sisters will be held shortly after noon, after which they will adjourn to their separate meeting places. There will be a banquet and dance on Sunday evening. Business meetings will resume on Monday morning, September 2.

Each secretary should have a copy of the minutes of last year's convention. These should be read and discussed at your meetings to see if there are new things to be brought up at this convention.

Motel reservations should be made in Storm Lake, which is just a short distance from Newell. If any lodges has some item they could bring for door prizes, it would be greatly appreciated by No. 147.

Iowa United Lodges President Irvin Strand would appreciate your sending an approximate number of people who are coming from your lodges. This is a great help in conducting a convention. Let's get out and go to Newell, we have enjoyed previous conventions there a great deal.

For further information, contact Loyd Plaehn, 201 Chestnut St., Reinbeck, Iowa, 50669 or Irvin Strand, 127 S. Main St., Aurelia, Iowa, 51005.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent.



California, Nevada

CALIFORNIA CONVENTION — 1974

Hello from "Down on the Farm."

Activities for Thursday, August 14:

Golf Tournament — starting time is in the morning. Contact Ray Olsen for tee-off time.

Registration — starting at 2 p.m. at the Convention Center — the Elks Hall.

Evening — be our guest for a cocktail prior to the welcoming program which will begin at 7 p.m. sharp! Enjoyable entertainment and dancing will follow. This will get the convention off to an enjoyable start.

Activities for Friday, August 15:

Registration — will start at 7 a.m. The Elks Lodge will provide a buffet luncheon if you care to stay.

If you haven't been to "The Farm," Friday evening is the time to get your favorite gal or beau and come on down. Put on your boots, (don't wear spurs — we don't want anyone hurt in the stampede), grab your hat and fill your hearts with fun!

The chuck wagon will begin barbecueing at 6:30 p.m. and the entertainment will delight any farmer at heart.

Friday evening is country night so dress the part. The barn dance will start at 9 p.m.

Activities for Saturday, August 17:

Registration at Elks Lodge at 7:30 a.m. (All activities today will be at the Elks Lodge).

Meetings will be held beginning at 9 a.m.

Installation will be at 2 p.m.

Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

We'll end the convention elegantly with the Grand Ball which will begin at 9 p.m. and last till the wee hours.

If you're looking for more — come to convention in '74.

Howard Saabye — Jeanette Davis,
Convention Committee.

Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — Our regular correspondent, Alice Pinkerton, is unable to submit the news this month due to being hospitalized for major surgery. We are happy to announce that she is home from the hospital and on the way to recovery.

At the regular lodge meeting the delegates for the forthcoming California-Nevada General Committee convention to be held in Modesto, Calif., were elected. Delegates were: Lene Boas and Keld Petersen with alternate being Alice Pinkerton.

On June 9 a swim party and barbecue was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed. The group was small but with the hot summer upon Las Vegas the cool water was most refreshing to those who participated. As usual the food was delicious and the day was an enjoyable one.

April Gerrity, Secretary.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — On May 8, we had our usual large turnout for the pre-meeting dinner, 140 brothers and sisters this time and as a result, we also had a turnout of 70 brothers at our business meeting.

President Werner Walther initiated one new member into the Brotherhood during the meeting. He is the Rev. Earven Andersen, pastor of the Congregational Church in Wayne, Mich. Rev. Andersen was welcomed to the lodge and the Brotherhood by Past President Harold Capion.

On May 22 we held our second annual blood drive and we had 38 brothers and sisters who showed up to donate a pint of blood for the blood bank in the name of the lodge. Those who gave were treated to Danish sandwiches and coffee by the lodge.

For those in the Detroit area, it was announced that the bowling league is going to change to a new bowling alley next season. The new lanes are located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Farmington, Mich.

In the lodge jackpot drawings during the month of May, the names of Thorvald Appel and Bendt Nielsen were called but neither of them were present so they could not collect. As a result, the pot continues to grow.

We have lost two more brothers due to death during the past month. They were Viggo Dyhrberg and Niels Falk. The lodge wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the families of these departed brothers.

There will not be an article from Detroit in the next magazine, because "yours truly" and his family will be vacationing in Denmark at the time the letter is due in Omaha. But I'll be back the following month. I hope all who read this article have a safe and pleasant summer.

Lodge No. 227 was proud recently when David Mau, son of Jorgen Mau, member of Detroit's lodge, was chosen to receive a National Camp Grant, sponsored by National Headquarters of the D.B. David is a member of Scout Troop No. 1629 in Royal Oak, Mich., where he serves as a senior patrol leader. David also recently received his Eagle Scout award. He will be attending Scout Camp D-A, at Metamora, Mich.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the District Convention at Ludington. I know we delegates from Muskegon had a nice time. Keep in mind that Muskegon will host the convention next year, so plan to come.

We had a rather dull month in May. It seems everyone was too busy to come to meetings, but we are hoping to do better this month. Our fishing trips were fun, but the fish did not cooperate too well, but we'll get enough fish for a fish fry yet. At our regular business meeting, Don Hansen and Michael Helm served as the lunch committee. Richard Hansen's name was drawn for the jackpot, but he was not present, so the pot grows.

Clayton Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On May 1, Lodge No. 51 held their regular monthly business meeting conducted by President William Smith. Following the meeting we drew the name of Brother Lawrence Stevens for the jackpot, but he was not present so the pot grows

larger. President Bill was on the lunch committee for the evening.

On May 4, we held the district convention in Ludington with business meeting at 2 p.m., banquet and program in the Bethany Lutheran church at 6 p.m. and ending with a dance in the Danish Hall at 9 p.m. We extend a big "thank you" to all the workers that helped put on the convention, and of course also the members both locally and from our brother lodges for coming to Ludington for the event. Our congratulations to Brother Albert Christoffersen who was presented his 50-year pin by National Officer Svend Sonderup. Brother Al has been one of our most active members through the years and seldom fails to put in his appearance at our meetings and activities.

On May 15, we held our regular monthly social evening. The name of Brother Charles Neil was called for the jackpot but as he was not present, we will add to the pot and draw again next meeting. President Smith put on the lunch again, with openfaced sandwiches, pickles from the pantry of Mrs. Smith (and are they good) sweet rolls and assorted beverages.

On May 22, we held our regular monthly pinochle party in our lodge rooms. Committee for the evening consisted of Treasurer Al Garcia, Inner Guard Lars Christoffersen, Brothers Frank Hansen and Oscar Petersen, and Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen. Following the games a potluck luncheon was served and prizes were awarded.

To our Trustee Kenneth Johnson (somewhere in Denmark, Norway or Sweden) — "Hope you are having a good time".

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. — Again, D.B. Lodge No. 70, Greenville, announces their annual festival.

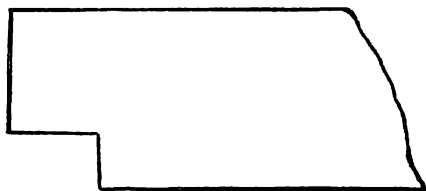
Our city is labeled, from all four entries, "Danish Festival City." This makes us very proud to be able to live up to this category and we welcome you to our festivities, August 17.

We were well represented at Ludington for the district convention. The hospitality extended to all was so genuine and very characteristic of the Ludington group and we say a hearty "thank you."

The JADA group is planning to make use of our building two meetings per month as the boys of the area, too, enter in to help our girls build a new national organization. May the youth of our area and other areas maintain and accept the heritage offered from a background of honest, ambitious and very respectable people of Danish descent.

May more strength and integrity to this group come to develop interest in a heritage that must not close in on us, ever.

Vern Minard, President.



Nebraska

Nebraska News — July 21st is the day for the Nebraska Sisterhood and Brotherhood annual state picnic, which will be sponsored by Lodge No. 161 of Ruskin. The picnic will be held at Lovewell Lake, seven miles south of Superior (look for sign). Lodge No. 161 has done a lot of work to make this a fun day, and even if it rains, they have provided cover for us. Let's all pack our picnic baskets and come down to Lovewell Lake and enjoy Lodge No. 161's hospitality. A joint lunch will be at 1 o'clock.

Nebraska State Convention — First of all, let me set the time and place correctly. The time is August 23, 24 and 25 in Omaha, and the place is Ramada Inn at 71st and Grover St. (get off I-80 at 72nd St. exit, go two blocks north, turn right and you are there.) Friday evening, August 23, is a get-together. Brother Bob Gabelhouse is chairman for this event and you can be sure he has something planned for that evening.

Registration and meetings on Saturday, the 24th, banquet, installation with the Omaha Drill Team assisting, followed by dancing. There will be a breakfast on Sunday morning at the Home Office at 38th and Harney — time to be announced.

Brother Fred Jensen is chairman for this convention. He says we are going all out to make this, our 50th anniversary convention, the best. Don't forget to bring the children as there is a great program planned for them.

So — Nebraska, and neighboring lodges, make it a mini-vacation and spend it with us in Omaha.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — Lodge No. 161 held their meeting June 9. President Schultz conducted the business meeting. Final plans were made and committees were announced for the state picnic which is hosted by Ruskin at Lovewell Lake on July 21.

Two new members were initiated into the lodge. They are Ilene and Gary Nielsen. A social evening was spent playing cards. At the close of the evening, a cooperative lunch was served by the hostesses, Loetta and Kenneth Pedersen and Florence and Orville Bargan.

Glenn McCutcheon, Correspondent.



Washington-Oregon

British Columbia

(Pacific Northwest)

Enjoying the only major international exposition scheduled by an American city in this decade, the Inland Empire Metropolis not only entertained the Expo 74 this year but also the Great Danes which included long-time Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, his successor Howard Christensen and National Vice President Kristen Jorgensen as well as Lilly Andersen, National Vice President of the Danish Sisterhood and Margaret Larsen, their Past Supreme President. Next year's event is being planned for Portland and we understand that Brother Rude E. Vida "en rigtig Tryllekunstner" is already being booked for another performance.

It was at the 11th annual district convention of the Danish Brotherhood in Spokane that I had the esteemed honor of being installed as president. Now, 14 years later, the Lilac City again hosted the yearly conclave with their usual "know how" and these are the "gentlemen" who were duly placed in office for the next 12 months — President Walter Hansen, McMinnville, Ore.; Vice President Poul Christensen, Vancouver, B.C.; Secretary-Treasurer Karen Bruun, Bellingham, Wash.; Conductor Eyvind Andreasen, Vancouver, B.C.; Inner

Guard Martin Taekker, Junction City, Ore.; Outer Guard Fred Matheney, Spokane, Wash.; and Trustees Max Madsen, Portland, Ore.; Jack Oakley, Enumclaw, Wash.; and P. Sten Jessen, Seattle, Wash.

One of the national brotherhood scholarships was awarded Lena Jessen, daughter of the editors of our Northwest Danes Newsletter, Birgit and Sten Jessen. Attending Washington State University in Pullman, Lena is a graduate of Inglemoor high school in Kenmore and was admitted to the 1973 Society of Outstanding Student Leaders. Her chosen profession will probably be physical therapy.

Congratulations to DB 42 Secretary Lawrence Charneski on being presented a 25-year honor emblem along with Brothers Robert Hoegh and Bill Garras; Chris Hansen (50 years) and Svend Kaufman (60 years). Brother Marinus Diksen passed away on April 14. Brothers "feeling under the weather" include Fred Holm, Marius Hansen, Fred Martin and Jim Jensen. Spokanians will picnic on Sunday, July 28 at Audubon Park.

According to Brother Lem Petersen, "Grundlov-dagen," which is Denmark's constitution day, was celebrated on June 9 at the Northwest Danish Home. A brief program was presented by Aase Delay's Danish children's class and the traditional refreshments of strawberry shortcake was served by the ladies whose husbands are the directors of the Home.

The Northwest Danes Newsletter reports that outgoing District Presidents Emil and Mary Larsen came over across the mountains to attend DB 29's 86th anniversary. Belated congratulations to Brother Viggo Pedersen, a resident of the Northwest Danish Home, who has received his 60-year membership pin.

From Past District President Sigurd Nielsen, we learn that the McMinnville Danes enjoyed a potluck dinner in May after which he and Florence took a good turnout on an armchair tour to Denmark via colored slides. Portland's Brother Melvin Pihl represented the Rose City Danes at an Arbor Day celebration.

Father's Day was observed by Enumclaw's DB 113 on the Saturday before. Latest new members include Brothers Lester Jensen and John Rogers.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 64, Rockford, Ill. — Rockford was happy to host the Mid-West District bowling tournament at Don Carter's Lanes. Dinner and dancing took place at the Clock Tower Inn the same evening.

The winners were as follows:

Men's high team scores with handicap: Kenosha No. 2, 3032; St. Charles No. 1, 2967; Racine (Green), 2931; Racine No. 1, 2922.

Women's high team scores with handicap: St. Charles No. 146, 2852; Racine, 2767; Olga No. 11, 2763; Chicago No. 4, 2717.

Individual high series with handicap: Martin Andersen, Racine, 671; Bud Andersen, Rockford, 664; Virginia Christensen, Chicago, 619; Emma Kush, St. Charles, 599.

High scratch series: David Hunecke, St. Charles, 584; Bud Andersen, Rockford, 574; Lois Ryckeghem, St. Charles, 535; Mary Danielsen, St. Charles, 483.

High scratch game: David Hunecke, St. Charles, 246; Lois Ryckeghem, 210.



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

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — We will have meetings the second Friday in July and the second Friday in August.

The lodge will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a banquet and dance. We always have a big crowd from south Jersey for all our affairs, so we decided to meet them halfway this time. Mark your calendar and reserve this evening for what we think will be an outstanding celebration.

The banquet will be held Friday, October 25, at the Old Orchard Inn & Country Club, Eatontown, N.J. Details are to be worked out.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — Our trip to the Metuchen Old People's Home is still on, but unfortunately, there weren't enough participants signed up for the trip so a bus would be too expensive. We will have to use our cars.

At our June meeting, we would like to give our President Joe Janco, an ovation for a great job done for the lodge. A camping trip is in the works for the weekend following Labor Day, September 8. If you are interested, contact Joe Janco or Bent Bush-Petersen.

So far, we haven't received any response for old historical books and papers, records, or anything else you might have.

Thanks to Kay and Carrie Andersen for a nice meeting and delicious coffee and cake. Our new officers were installed. Best of luck to all of them.

George Clausen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — After the last meeting opened, the president announced that he had a meeting with the officers of the Elks Club about using their clubhouse and if approved, we will start to hold our meetings there after September 4. The Sisterhood will have their meeting the first Tuesday of the month. The committee voted unanimously to make the move to the Elks Club. It is cheaper and they have their own caterer and they will serve our dinners.

At this time, Brother Bill Petersen and wife, and Victor Petersen and wife, are on vacation in Denmark. We hope they will all have a good time. The secretary reported that the following brothers have been presented with service pins: Svend Munk — 50 year; Otto Ramsing — 60 year; Carl Nissen — 25 year. Congratulations to you all.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — Joint installation of officers took place at our June meeting with Sister Jennie Elliott of Frehed Lodge 153, Hartford, Conn., officiating and Sister Mollie Decker of Haab Lodge 158 conducting for the sisters. Brother "Jim" Elliott of Hartford Lodge

314 with Einar Petersen conducting, did the same job for the brothers. Congratulations and many thanks to our honorable visitors for a fine job well done.

Installed for the brothers were the following: President Herbert R. Nelson; Vice President Erling C. Braumann; Secretary Carl W. Sorensen; Treasurer Jan C. Braumann; Conductor Edmund C. Sorensen; Trustees Henry R. Nelson; Asbjorn H. C. Guldhauge; and William J. Gill; and Inner Guard Peter W. Rasmussen.

Carl W. Sorensen was given the distinct honor of presenting Brother "Gus" Gustavsen with his 50-year emblem and Sister Lillian Gill presented her husband William Gill with his past president's pin and a great big kiss.

Past President of 102 and Vice President of G.C.E.L. Erling Braumann will be married on June 15 and we all wish the happy couple much success and long lives together.

We are looking forward to our annual barbecue and cookout to be held Saturday, August 24 at the Verdandi Club. Hope to see you there.

Our special guests of the evening were Ronny and Ruth Ghelfi and Lillian Pollini of Bridgewater, Mass. We just know they had a good time. Many thanks to the sisters for the fine table of open sandwiches and other goodies set up for the after meeting activities. Our next regular meeting will be on August 9. See you there.

Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., N.Y. — As we are entering the summer season, coffee and cake will be served. Egon and Frances Larsen are on the committee, also Ib and Soffy Andersen. Bingo will be the entertainment for the evening and the proceeds will go to the Danish Seamen's Church, with a minimum of \$25.

At our last meeting, we were proud to announce that Ingrid Jean Brantley recently received her degree in medicine from Duke University. We congratulate her and her family and wish her the best of luck.

The jackpot is now at \$40. Jack Svendsen wasn't present to collect when his name was drawn. Better luck next time. The annual convention of G.C.E.L. will be held in Philadelphia, sponsored by Lodge No. 172. Our president is a delegate and Hans Pedersen is the alternate. We hope to see you there.

We announce our second chess tournament. In fairness to all we shall award a first, second and third prize, therewith compensating those with equal skill and determination. The rules governing the games will be the same as the last competition. "Default" shall be the only disqualification. All members are invited to participate. Now you can show that you could have defeated the winner in the last tournament if... (fill in your own alibi).

It is predicted that baseball will never replace love, but it is the strongest competition to other sports. We're not competing with either, but we offer a free stamp exchange to all collectors.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., — At a recent joint meeting of D.B. officers and D.B.S. Building Association, it was decided unanimously that the functions of the building association be transferred to the lodge and that the matter be presented to the lodge on Friday, May 24, in the form of a motion. If the motion is carried, it will mean that the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the building association will be the same as for the lodge. The association funds will remain in the same account. The president will appoint a building director for the remainder of the year.

Edward Jonasen, Secretary.

Dear brothers og kaere Venner!

Our lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. had a very enjoyable "Fastelavn" Party, which was delightful to watch. The party reflected our memory to the next generation and renewed a Danish Tradition to the entertainment of all the children, standing in line to "Slaa Katten (ud) af Tonden". By using a baseball bat, for effectful results, their effort was awarded when "Tonden" spilled its contents for collection by small and eager hands. Everyone was rewarded, until finally "KATTEN" was knocked out of the barrel!

I can assure all, that the party was a great success and we shared in the enjoyment of this heritage with the next generation of children and grandchildren. This I believe, is one of the Brotherhood's aims! Consequently, I like to suggest for other lodges to take up this festive celebration and thereby expand and create new interest in their programming of affairs. If my enthusiasm of illustrating our "Fastelavn Party" was motivated by its beauty and rewards, then I also believe that we have many of our members who will remember this jolly custom at Fastelavn from their youth. It is to those I have a call for HELP! Since I must confess that both my memory and knowledge are incomplete to satisfy the questions of its origin, to "Slaa Katten (ud) af Tonden". It is therefore I direct my question and appeal to you? WHO can give us the history and explain the tradition, we enjoyed so much, so we can perpetuate them and preserve them for our children?

Med venlige Hilsner og Tak, fraternally yours.

Jørgen G. Endler,
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PNW Silver Anniversary Called A Big Success

When a convention — more especially a Danish convention — goes into history, countless memories remain to be talked about, enjoyed and relived once again.

So it was with the 25th annual Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood convention held in Spokane, the World's Fair '74 city, in May.

"We were so happy that so many came to our silver anniversary convention," stated Emil Larsen, region president, "we had a great time and my wife Mary, Sisterhood region president, and I wish to thank our many friends who made this affair the success it was."

Conventioneers descended upon the welcoming town in a happy friendly and rollicking mood. Among them were the National Brotherhood's First Vice President Kristen Jorgensen of Seattle; Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen of Omaha, and Axel Skelbeck, retired secretary-treasurer, Omaha.

From the Danish Sisterhood, who were also convening at the same time, came Margaret Larsen, Past Supreme President, Omaha; and Lily Anderson, National Vice President.

The three-day affair was headquartered at the Lamplighter Lodge (a few miles from city center) where the business sessions, grand banquet and breakfasts were held with plenty of coffee breaks featuring Danish pastry furnished by the Sisterhood.

Special buses brought the members into Spokane Friday evening, May 17, for a look at the World's Fair and a buffet dinner and reception given by the family of William F. Vind, one of the founders of the national lodge and the local Vind Lodge No. 42.

Danes found it amusing that the buffet was held in one of the area's popular Italian restaurants, Domini's, and although the crowd was more than expected and space was at a premium, everyone accepted it in good spirits, song and fun and really enjoyed the "close-togetherness." Special entertainment featured a girls' barber — or beauty — shop double quartet which turned out to be all of Scandinavian descent and pop recording artists.

Hosting the evening were the granddaughters of William Vind, Ellen Downing, Marguerite Vida and grandson-in-law, Rudy Vida. A corner of the room was devoted to memorabilia of the early days of the Brotherhood with news clippings, pictures and family photos of the Vind family, and his lodge mementos.

A bar set up in another corner, with Danish tenders and Danska brew, was furnished by John Bech, president of the Spokane Lodge.

Business sessions took care of most of the time on Saturday with the grand banquet in the evening. The room featured a long head table of lodge dignitaries with Lawrence Charneski, Spokane's secretary, as a humorous master of ceremonies. Speeches were warm and to the point and awards were made to Svend Kaufmann for 50 years of service, and to Anker Christensen for 25 years.

A hand-crafted afghan, made and donated for raffle by Clara Larsen, was won by Fred Matheny. Decorations by Edith Gilbert and committee.

The entertainment of the evening brought modern Denmark to the screen through a series of slides narrated by two students and arranged by Rita Clausen. A colorful magical performance by Rudy Vida followed, and after a series of bunnies, doves, flowers, etc. Vera and her Rascals, a tuneful orchestra with a repertoire of plenty of polkas, topped off an evening of dancing and sociability.

The breakfast was a farewell on Sunday morning — to many new and old friends, but a promise to be in Portland, Oregon, the rose city, for the 1975 convention.

Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood:

Past president, Emil Larsen, Spokane, Wash.; President, Walter Hansen, McMinville, Ore.; Vice-President, Paul Christensen, Vancouver, B.C.; Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Bruun, Bellingham, Wash.; Trustees, Max Madsen, Portland, Ore.; Jack Oakley, Enumclaw, Wash, and Sten Jessen, Seattle, Wash.; Conductor, Eyvind Andreassen, Vancouver, B.C.; Inner Guard, Martin Taekker, Junction City, Ore.; and Outer Guard, Fred Matheny, Spokane, Wash.

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Artist (or art work) to illustrate new book of Danish customs and traditions. We have text. Need repro art for such customs as "Grundlovsfest," "Vintergaekkebreve (Guessing Letters)," "Fastelavn," "Mortensaften," etc. Will pay for top quality work. Write the editor of this magazine if interested.

Scenes From Pacific Northwest Convention in Spokane



AT PNW CONVENTION — Rudy Vida, host for the Grand Banquet; Emil Larsen, PNW Brotherhood President, and Kristen Jorgensen, National Vice-President; center, a portion of the William F. Vind display. PNW proudly boasts descendants of Vind, the very first president of the D.B. At right, Convention "Officialdom," Rudy Vida, host; John Bech, Spokane Brotherhood President; Mary Larsen, Sisterhood District President; Ellen Downing, hostess; Alvida Garras, Spokane Sisterhood President; and Emil Larsen, District President.

45's "Old Timers" Strike it Big

The Danish Brotherhood's National Bowling Tourney drew many keglers again this year. A total of 62 teams bowled in what has become a yearly D.B. institution.

The Minneapolis Lodge 45 "Old Timers" bowled their competition over with a top score of 3,124, including a handicap of 510 pins. What's even more to their credit is that they beat out much younger competition. Team members, and their ages, are: Harold Petersen, 69; Aage Aagaard, 82; Harry Henriksen, 71; Paul Nielsen, 75; and Carl Johnson, 71. A big "Congratulations!"

Second place was taken by Team No. One, from Rockford's Lodge No.

64, with a score of 3,066, including 558 handicap.

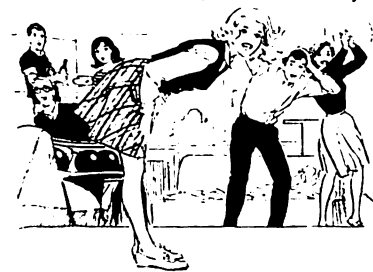
Men's individual high game was captured by Leroy Larsen of Lodge No. 263, with a score of 246 and handicap of 30 pins. Leroy also placed 5th in the Men's High Series with a 660 total pin count. Leroy was presented \$20.00 for his efforts.

Best score for High Men's Series was posted by Arne Christensen from Ludington's Lodge No. 51, with a high series score of 700 even. Arne also came in 4th for High Game with a more than respectable 255.

The Ladies' Team from Hayward's Lodge No. 184 won handily in the Women's Division with a score of 2,633, including a 627 pin handicap.

Mary Danielsen, St. Charles Lodge No. 92 walked off with both the Women's High Game and High Series with scores of 216 and 630, respectively.

We hope, most of all, that everyone had fun and that we'll have even more participants next year. We especially invite more women and "Young Vikings" to enter and share in the good fun and the prize money.



1974 BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Price	Place
45	Old Timers	2614	510	3124	\$100.00	1
64	One	2508	558	3066	75.00	2
268	Wildcats	2624	423	3047	60.00	3
51	One	2610	435	3045	50.00	4
92	One	2472	513	2985	45.00	5
299	D.B.S. No. 3	2463	507	2970	40.00	6
45	Two	2356	606	2962	35.00	7
227	Two	2567	393	2960	30.00	8
242	Three	2529	423	2952	27.50	9
227	Four	2397	549	2946	25.00	10
263	Askov Alley Cats	2618	315	2933	22.50	11
227	Nine	2380	546	2926	20.00	12
92	Two	2447	477	2924	19.00	13
299	D.B.S. No. 1	2401	522	2923	18.00	14
92	Three	2240	669	2909	17.00	15
242	One	2365	543	2908	16.00	16
172	Philadelphia-West	2284	600	2884	15.00	17
143	D.B. No. 3	2266	618	2884	15.00	17
227	Five	2388	489	2877	14.00	18
43	Columbine	2371	501	2872	13.00	19
39	Two	2321	543	2864	12.00	20
167	Johnson's Constr.	2478	378	2856	11.00	21
113	Great Danes	2280	576	2856	11.00	21
227	One	2411	441	2852	10.00	22
29	Carpenters	2414	429	2843		23
227	Three	2417	399	2816		24
113	Leftovers	2089	726	2815		25
299	D.B.S. No. 2	2188	603	2791		26
242	Two	2325	465	2790		27
227	Ten	1989	801	2790		27
84	Two	1997	774	2771		28
283	Dagmar Co-op No. 1	2316	444	2760		29
283	North Dagmar Kings	2340	417	2757		30
325	Lions	1936	819	2755		31
172	Philadelphia-South	2401	351	2752		32
227	Six	2236	513	2749		33
325	Vikings	2011	723	2734		34
227	Seven	2144	582	2726		35
283	Dagmar Danes No. 3	2318	408	2726		35
332	One	2069	651	2720		36

167	All State Electric	2174	546	2720	tie	36
167	Larsen's Plumbing	2139	579	2711		37
325	Tigers	1848	852	2700		38
29	Old Timers	1910	771	2681		39
143	One	2366	312	2678		40
143	Flyers	2112	564	2676		41
39	One	2224	450	2674		42
184	One	2181	489	2670		43
126	One	2235	429	2664		44
337	Anker Lodge	1966	696	2662		45
29	Seattle Danes	1939	714	2653		46
242	Four	2150	498	2648		47
184	Four	2006	627	2633		48
1	Addition	1927	699	2626		49
143	D.B. No. 2	2022	597	2619		50
1	Les Girls	1648	963	2611		51
219	Somerlyst	1606	966	2572		52
184	Two	1915	651	2566		53
1	Avon	1725	834	2559		54
227	Eight	2022	528	2550		55
1	King Pins	2069	477	2546		56
332	Ripon No. 2	1924	288	2212		57

Men's Individual High Game Winners —

263	Leroy Larsen	246	30	276	\$15.00	1
92	Donald Kusk	231	33	264	10.00	2
242	Henry Jensen	235	23	258	7.00	3
51	Arne Christensen	222	33	255	6.00	4
227	Don Andersen	224	29	253	5.00	5
172	Joe Janco	219	34	253	5.00	5

Men's Individual High Series Winner —

51	Arne Christensen	601	99	700	\$15.00	1
299	Martin Hallum	620	72	692	10.00	2
64	Donald Moon	563	105	668	7.00	3
242	Henry R. Jensen	541	120	661	6.00	4
263	Leroy Larsen	570	90	660	5.00	5

Top Women's Team —

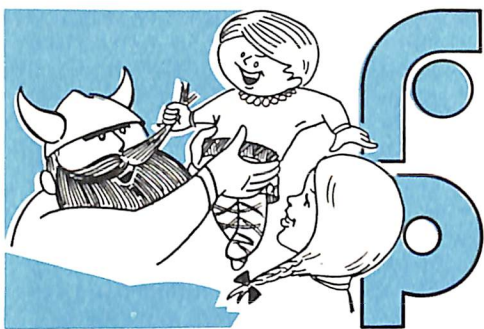
184	Four	2006	627	2633	\$100.00	1
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Women's Individual High Game Winner —

92	Mary Danielsen	182	34	216	\$15.00	1
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Women's Individual High Series Winner —

92	Mary Danielsen	528	102	630	\$15.00	1
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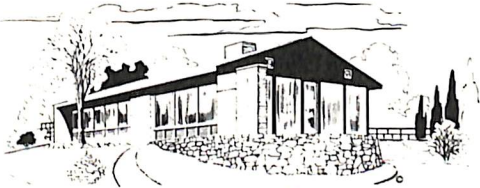
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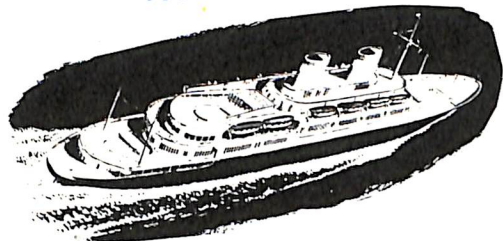
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Modern Denmark

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trees and the hillside of beech trees. More hill and dale. It's only poetic if you think about this spot here was a tunnel-dole once back in the ice age.

MR. BROWN'S DREAM

Paved roads for a furlong and then into the valley of Bruuns h a a b (Brown's hopes) where a Mr. B. fore-saw future needs and made great changes so that cowland could be factory site and paper mills could use the pine pulp. Now across the Mølle-aa (Millcreek) along the shore of the Tangz — now it's a Viborg by the sea — all lakes are seas here like in Holland, but not enough salt to fix up one herring. Fresh, clean unpolluted water.

A NUNNERY ONCE HERE

Once a nunnery for the St. Augustines long before Martin Luther's time — now a rowboat rental, small factories, beautiful public schools and apartment complexes. From ice age to skating pond. This is Viborg and we swing into St. Mogen's Plaza and park in front of the huge Dom Kirke (central church and always big and a sight to see over here).

REST AND RELIGIOUS ART

Off the cozy bus, stretch in the warm sun, and then right into the Skovgaard Museum. Old Joachim Skovgaard and his whole family of nine were sculptors and painters and their works are here and in great quantity. Here we meet a competent curator, director and guardian of the art treasures, Harald Ditzel. He tells us many things and shows us it all in less than an hour. While in the meantime, Wagner Jensen is talking the church rector into opening up the Dom Kirke just across the street. I could take five pages here about that sturdy old edifice. It was built in 1130 and restored in 1876. The German army was here too, you see. Here was the inside burial place of a Danish Knight-General and his wife — that battle of 1712. There is stone and paintings and enormous brass candelabra and an altar area big as a bus station. Skovgaard had worked on a scaffold 90 feet up and on his back just like Michaelangelo.

NEW ZEALAND AND OHIO

Mr. Ditzel caught the astonished look on my face as I gazed upon a 7-ft. high stone marker in the shape of a Maltese Cross. On that gravestone it said, "Bishop Jorgen Herman Monrad — 1848-1903." I had remembered (in my efforts to trace my family tree) how Bill Rasmussen in Port Clinton, Ohio, had told me last year on a visit that he was not my "family" but came from a long line of priests

and bishops named Monrad and Monrath! This stimulated Mr. Ditzel to tell the group something not in the regular guide talk. It seems that P. C. Skovgaard had carved a 26-inch doll and Mrs. P. C. S. had cut and sewn special clothes to make it "The Jute Peasant" in 1864. Honest, the wife's name was Georgia. Now, Bishop Monrad had missionaried-migrated to New Zealand in the South Pacific seas some time after the doll had been made and took the little art-job with him overseas and lost it, somehow. No one, almost no one, knew where the doll had disappeared to, but it became a legend, when suddenly just a year or two ago there was an incessant banging on the front door of the museum after closing hours. Ditzel tells me he was very busy so he ignored the knocking until it became a disturbance that would not go away. With understandable annoyance and plenty of irritation he threw open the door where there stood a little old woman, demanding attention and entry. At first, he listened patiently and half-heartedly to her gasping insistence that she had something of interest to him. "The Doll, Man, the Doll," she kept repeating. In firm politeness he said something like, "So what, madam."

"This," she almost shrieked, and with that she pulled a package out of a shopping bag. In two shakes she stripped the wrappings out of the way and thrust the Doll into Ditzel's hands. No dope is Ditzel, he's well trained, so the scene changed fast. "Come in, come in," is now the word. Yes — it was the long-lost Jute peasant — by now a priceless art object. A quick trip to the third floor — off limits areas — and we saw the Doll and could handle and examine it for ourselves. She had brought it home and knew where it belonged.

I should try to stop now, but I can't. There was now a short haul to Naundrup Mill by way of the Røosø (Red Sea) which was once a glacial lake. Across the Skalsaa (Shell Creek?) a few rods on National 13 — the Aalborg turnpike — and there is the millhouse and the millfarm.

LUNCH, SONG, HIKE AND GAWKING

Kirsten and "committee" served up the lunch-packs, made at Kolt to order and marked for each of us on trestle-tables in the millhouse main room. Walls 20 inches thick, history from Wagner, a few songs again and out to look around. I took two peeks at the tiny racing brook that had been a mill race since 1355, and then on my own walked into the cow barn and the piggery. Beef, milk, pork sausage for people-dudes such as you in Decorah and Denver. I skip over the apple

tarts and whipped cream. That came with the good coffee just before we took off for home.

Cecilia Tophølm, Kolt teacher and mainstay, was our guide on the way home. She knew we all were sleepy and tired so she put Hans and all of us on the fast road straight line without much scenery — that is to talk about. I mention Harlev Mollevej and Lille Ring — and Anton Petersen (another staffer — 30 years in Argentina and now the all-round man at Kolt) who showed us the richest farm owner's place in all Jutland, the malt works, the gas plants and other stuff on the way back to supper of Medisterpølse, Hot spuds, Asier pickels and strawberry pudding and cookies. A brief rest-time and then the daily TV news and a special (very good) film about our Queen and her visits and interviews. And then it was time for me to grab the last bus back to Aarhus and on out to Højbjerg.

I end it here. What a day! What comment is necessary?



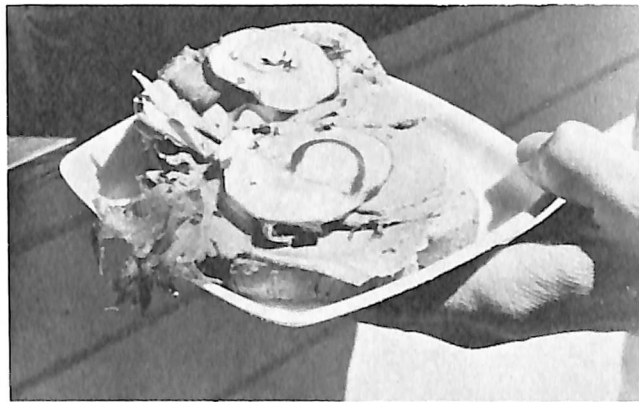
A farmer's mule once kicked his mother-in-law to death. A tremendous crowd turned out for the funeral, all men, curiously enough. The minister during the course of the obsequies, commented: "This old lady must certainly have been very popular, when one looks about and observes the large number of people who have left their work to come to her funeral."

"They're not here for the funeral," observed one of those who had come. "They're here to buy the mule."

Then there was the golfer who had hit 12 balls into the water on a short water hole. Suddenly, something snapped. He pulled his clubs out of the bag, broke each one and threw them one by one into the water. Then he threw his bag into the water and then the golf cart. Then he turned and ran all the way to the club house. He pulled open his locker, ripped up his golf clothes and set fire to them. Grabbing a razor, he slashed his wrists. An ambulance came and as he was being carried to it on a stretcher, he noticed in the crowd of shocked, hushed spectators, one of the members of his foursome.

"Sol," he whispered, "what time do we tee off tomorrow?"

Bumper sticker on beat-up pickup truck: "Pass with care. Driver chewing tobacco."



Smørrebrød

There's nothing so Danish as smørrebrød, unless it's the good Danish beer that goes with it. Smørrebrød means literally "buttered bread," but it's so much more. The open faced sandwich must never be skimpy; the contents must completely cover the bread and be made with great care to appeal to the eye as well as the taste buds. Smørrebrød is most tempting when piled high with the filling and garnished

Danish Kitchen

with tasty tidbits. Be lavish and artistic and don't worry about calories until tomorrow.

Here are some suggestions for smørrebrød. Start with a variety of good bread and real butter:

Smoked salmon, mayonnaise, sweet pickle; thin sliced roast beef, cream cheese, raw onion rings; liver paste, sauteed mushroom slices, strip of bacon, lettuce; Danish blue cheese, onion ring, sieved hard-cooked egg yolk; mashed sardines, lemon juice, chopped pimento, olives, mayonnaise; chopped chicken, cubed pineapple, mayonnaise; chopped cooked chicken livers, crumbled bacon, sliced tomato, lemon juice; sliced corned beef, watercress, sliced hard-cooked egg; sliced roast pork, prunes, curl of sliced orange; chopped shrimp, chopped cucumbers, French dressing, radishes.

The combinations are endless — so have fun and "spise hjertelig."

IN STATE OF DENMARK THINGS AREN'T GOING WELL FOR GOVERNMENT

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salaries. Mr. Glistrup, leader of the upstart Progressive Party, made much capital during the election campaign by talking about "the public popes at their desks."

But the biggest source of discontent clearly is the rate of personal income tax, which takes 35 per cent to 40 per cent of the average worker's wages. "Even Sweden, which has been the home of the income tax, has been overtaken by us," says Mr. Petersen of the Radical Liberal Party.

The problem is that personal income tax has become the chief instrument of revenues for public programs. Other governments make more liberal use of social security contributions by employers, for instance.

Mr. Hartling believes that the rate of tax — "especially when people earn something more" — is deterring individual initiative. "There are so many instances where they earn 100 more kroner and their new taxes are 110 or 120 kroner" because they move into higher tax brackets, he says.

Arne Lund, chairman of the Danish Employers Federation, says flatly that "wage earners in Denmark would prefer having their income taxes reduced to having their nominal wages increased."

To make the changes soon that the voters seem to want is clearly impossible. As one politician points out, the voters'

attitude is "not very logical — not very rational." Surveys show that Danes want to keep just those welfare-state programs that cost the most money. But they want to pay less for them.

"It is impossible to deliver the goods that the people want now," declares Mr. Petersen of the Radical Liberal Party.

Kjeld Olesen, vice chairman of the Social Democratic Party (which went from 70 parliamentary seats to 46 in the December election), thinks that all the parties have been "talking and talking and

talking, and acting too little." Now, he says, they must do something to "re-establish confidence between the voters and the politicians."

The politicians, he says, have a two-part task: "Listen; and tell the truth, including the unpopular things."

Says Mr. Lund: "We need five, maybe 10, years, in which we stop the politicians from introducing new programs, while those who work in the private sector are allowed to keep more of the profits of what they are doing."

PRAYER OF BLACK ELK, AN OGALALA SIOUX HOLY MAN:

"Grandfather, Great Mysterious One, you have been always, and before you nothing has been. There is nothing to pray to but you. The star nations all over the universe are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. Day in, day out, you are the life of things. You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer. Grandfather, all over the world the faces of living ones are alike. In tenderness they have come up out of the ground. Look upon your children with children in their arms, that they may face the winds and walk the Good Road to the Day of Quiet. Teach me to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that live. Sweeten my heart, and fill me with light. Give me the strength to understand and the eyes to see. Help me, for without you, I am nothing."

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	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Mar. 26	Jean Jensen	95	Vejele, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1906
Mar. 26	Hart F. Nelsen	76	Newell, Iowa	147	Newell, Iowa	1943
Apr. 24	Clifford Pedersen	63	Coalridge, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1929
May 10	Andrew V. Larsen	86	Yankton, S.D.	139	Viborg, S.D.	1910
May 6	Emanuel Larsen	80	Lokken, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1922
Apr. 19	Alfred M. Anderson	89	København, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1928
May 1	Harold Korsgaard	88	Herning, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1912
May 9	P. C. Madsen	91	Helsingø, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1906
Mar. 24	Knud Nelsen	92	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1910
Apr. 19	Viggo Dyhsberg	70	Skive, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1924
June 2	Arthur Edholm	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1927
May 23	John C. Pedersen	79	Struer, Denmark	96	Jackson, Minn.	1925
June 3	Ernest A. Larsen	71	Hjørring, Denmark	334	Geneva, N. Y.	1949
May 17	Volmer J. Gray	71	Troy, N. Y.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1955
May 28	John C. Juhl	83	Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1921
May 23	Hans A. Koch	82	Gudhjen, Denmark	67	Fresno, Calif.	1914
May 17	Christian D. Nielsen	83	Denmark	67	Fresno, Calif.	1928
June 7	Lars Andersen	88	Svendstrup, Denmark	254	Brush, Colo.	1925
June 8	Peter Jensen	78	Lindel, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1917
May 18	Ole C. Olsen	98	Boomer, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1901
Sep. 73	Carl J. Holland	80	Gal, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1962

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DB's Elmer Rasmussen Receives Dana Award

Dr. Elmer M. Rasmussen, Registrar and Director of Counseling at Dana College, and a member of The Danish Brotherhood in America, has been named a recipient of the 1974 Dana Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dr. Rasmussen was presented the award at the annual Recognition Dinner held on the Dana Campus, Saturday, May 25.

A member of the Lodge No. 206 in Blair, Dr. Rasmussen received his B.A. degree in 1939 from Dana. Four children of Dr. and Mrs. Rasmussen — Phyllis, David, Richard and Gary — all have attended Dana. Dana is the only four-year college in America founded by Danish pioneers.



Elmer Rasmussen, center, receives award from Dana President, Dr. Earl Mezoff, left, as D.B. member and former Dana President, Dr. C. C. Madsen, looks on at right.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3[b] — Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4, and/or Section 6, paragraph 1; Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published:

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