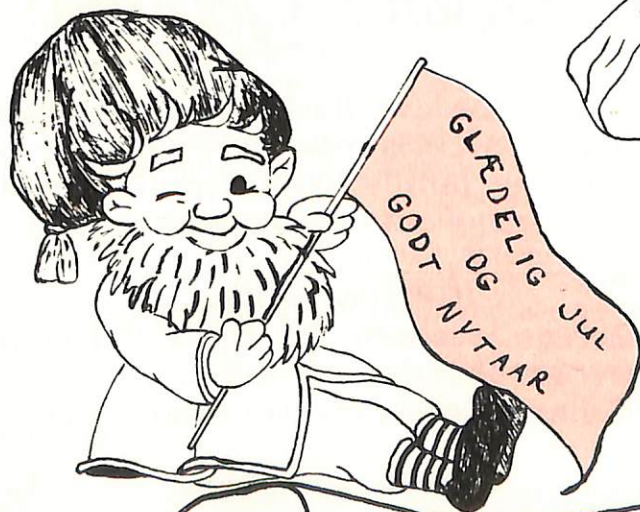


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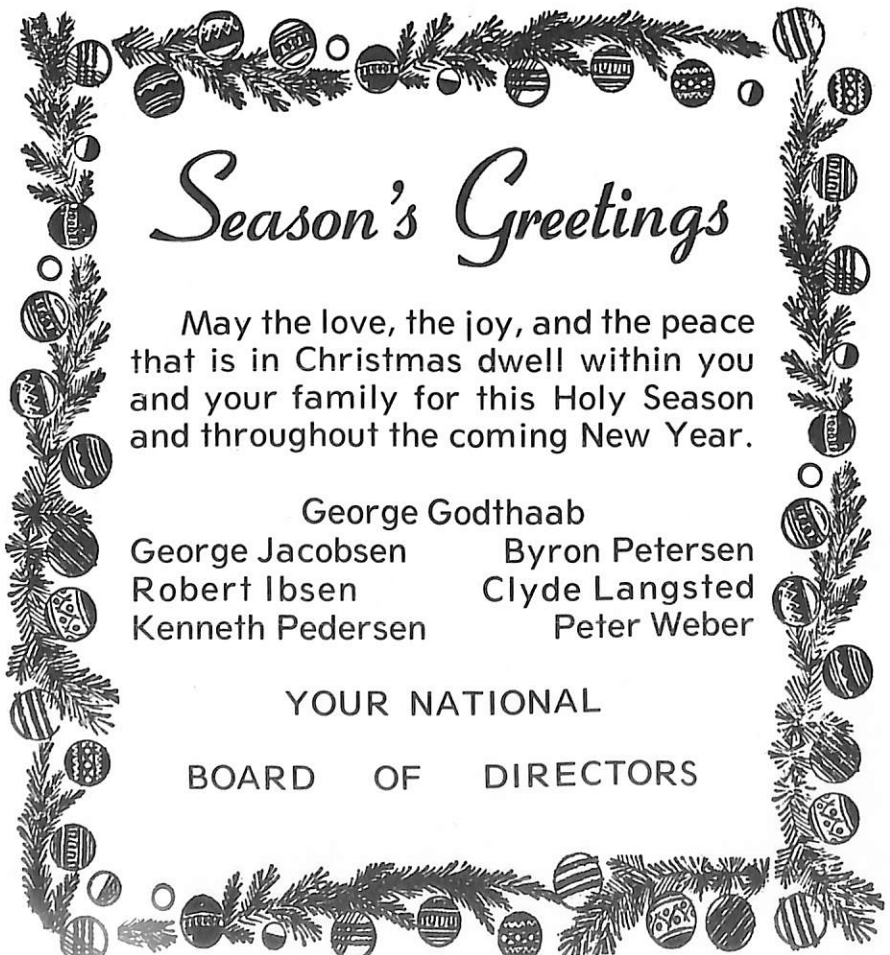
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Season's Greetings

May the love, the joy, and the peace that is in Christmas dwell within you and your family for this Holy Season and throughout the coming New Year.

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JACQUELINE HAS A SINCERE INTEREST IN HER FAMILY'S DANISH HERITAGE, AND IT SHOWS THROUGH IN THIS BEAUTIFUL OIL PAINTING.

Cover Artist Is A Talented Teenager

Jacqueline Juel is an Iowa teenager, keenly interested in Danish tradition, and it is clearly reflected in the many original oil paintings which adorn her family's home in Kimballton, Ia. Her subjects range from a rustic farm scene in Denmark to renditions of animals, to characterizations of the colorful "nisse" and his elves found in Danish Christmas lore. The paintings almost let one smell roses, walk down a country lane, or find yourself in a forest gathering mushrooms.

Jacqueline's artwork is also fea-

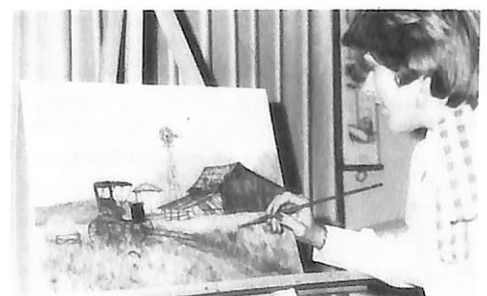
tured on the cover of this issue of American Dane.

A scholar, a band majorette and artist of high talent, she is also the daughter of Howard and Kaja Juel, prominent members of the new Kimballton-Elk Horn Lodge of the Danish Brotherhood. To be certain, the Juel family was instrumental in helping establish the new lodge in their community. They are fiercely proud of the Danish element in their lives, and there is little doubt this has helped motivate Jacqueline to paint the things she has.

After graduating from high school next spring, Jackie plans on entering nursing school in Council Bluffs, Ia. Jackie's sister, Jo Ellyn, a music major at Marysville College, has been setting standards for her younger sister to follow for some time. An accomplished pianist and vocalist, Jo Ellyn recently made the Dean's honor roll at Marysville.

The motto, "Danes Have More Fun", was invented because of families like the Juels. They are, as you might expect, a 100% DB family.

Jacqueline stands guard before both U.S. and Danish flags at football game, in left photo. Middle and right-hand photos show a talent for scenes on walnut wood and canvas.



The Satin Ribbon

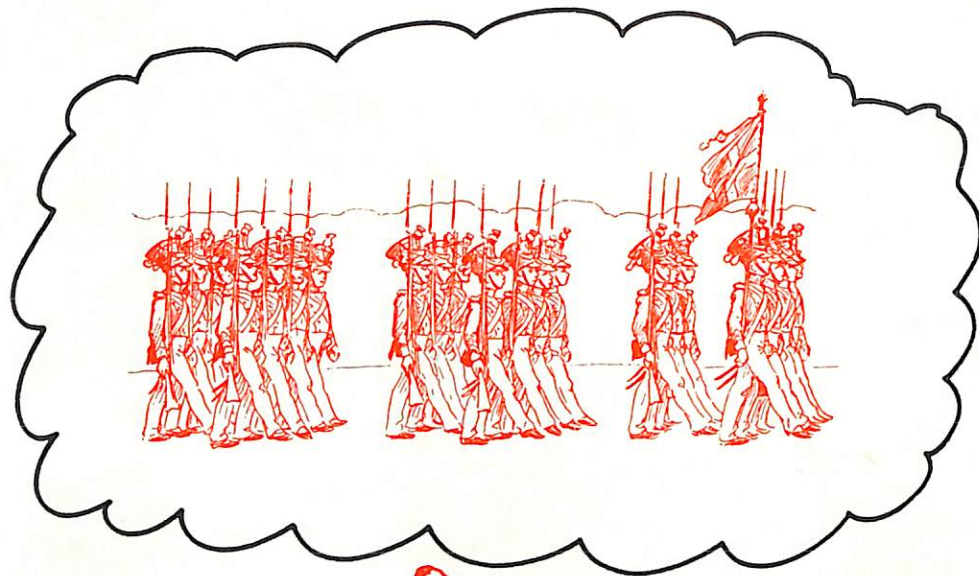
Traveling was my favorite pastime as a child, my chief form of transportation, imagination. Many was the time I walked the streets of Paris, skied the mountains of Switzerland, sailed the fjords of Norway and even braved the jungles of Africa. But there was a very special place, different from all the rest; one that I visited by vicarious experience and a satiny strand of direct communication — Denmark.

Early in their marriage, my mother and father came to America as Danish immigrants and with them came a part of their native land. A lilting accent was a reminder of their origin and the traditions they grew up with were grafted into our family life — such as hospitality. The coffee pot was always on because the Danes do not consider a visitor properly welcomed until he has broken bread with them. In our household of nine, sometimes bread was literally all there was to break but was made available without apology. It was the act itself that was considered important — a little touch of Denmark.

Then, too, Mom was a first-rate cook bringing to our table the culinary arts she learned in her own mother's kitchen. How often I was greeted at the door by the tantalizing aroma of fresh ground cardamom in Mom's favorite Danish coffee cake, like Circe beckoning me to satisfy a sudden mouth watering yearning. The recollection still has the same effect — a little taste of Denmark.

And there was melody! A trained pianist, organist and fine vocalist, my father contributed a wealth of music to our lives. No gathering took place in our home that did not sooner or later surround the piano as we sang lustily to Dad's accompaniment. Our repertoire was never complete without singing many beloved Danish folk songs in the original language. A non-linguist, I bluffed my way through the lyrics without understanding a word but they were precious to me anyway — a little sound of Denmark.

For someone with a nomadic soul like mine, this kinship with a foreign land was exhilarating to an extremely active imagination. I loved to hear Mom and Dad tell about "the old country" of their youth while simultaneously showing affection for their adopted homeland. In my childish



by Joan Gunst

way, I felt supremely privileged, as if I owned a piece of both. Underscoring the sensation was a steady stream of letters, packages and much later visitors from across the sea — like a bright satin ribbon connecting my two countries.

What fun it was in those days to gather around the dining room table after the mailman came and listen to Mom translate the latest newsy epistle from Muste Elna, her older sister. Sometimes she would stumble trying to find the right English meaning for a particular Danish word (and the suspense was delicious). Page after page of relatives, places and events unfolded with descriptive little asides from Mom — and my satin ribbon shimmered in the sunlight.

Then there were packages mostly at Christmas time, though sometimes for other occasions too. Always included among the beautiful hand

knits and handmade clothing was the yearly Danish calendar book. Page after wonderful page of pictures; King Christian with handsome plumed helmet, epaulets and a band across his chest, mounted on a beautiful white horse; Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, residence of the King; the Little Mermaid, watching over the harbor; Tivoli Gardens, playground of Copenhagen; thatched roofed farm houses; churches hundreds of years old and the many pastoral scenes that dot the peninsula of Jutland added substance and wonder to the mental images I had already formed — iridescent new colors in my satin ribbon.

Of course there were family snapshots by the dozens — the only visual introduction I ever had to the great majority of my Danish kinfolk. Eating must be a favorite pastime in Denmark. At least half the pictures

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"Silent Night"

by SORENS K. PETERSEN

Guest Author of American Dane

Where and who composed the lyrics and music of "Silent Night", a masterpiece in celestial composition, sung at Christmas time throughout the entire Christian world?

Two weeks before Christmas in the year 1818 in the little Austrian village

of Obendorf on the banks of the river Salzach, the parish priest Father Joseph Mohr sat at his desk in his scantily furnished study pondering over a manuscript when the village schoolmaster and church organist Franz Gruber entered. "I have the

lyrics to a Christmas poem," said the priest. "Perhaps with your knowledge you could adapt it to music. There are so many excellent voices among our school children we could, without their parents knowledge, instruct them in the school and, much to everyone's surprise, have them sing it before the altar on Christmas Eve."

"This is out of tradition," said Gruber, "but it is something different." He read a few stanzas of the poem and was deeply stirred by its words. The idea appalled and yet appealed to him, so he promised to see what he could do.

A few days later, Gruber brought his violin to Father Mohr's study and played the melody. The priest gave a look of satisfaction and approval. The following day at school the children began their rehearsal.

It was Christmas Eve; the bells from the tower of St. Nicholas Church were distinctly heard in the clear, cold air, calling the worshippers to midnight mass.

The ground was sheeted with a covering of snow; a frosty vapor had precipitated, covering the trees with glittering foliage like Christmas tree ornaments.

According to ancient custom, the church was decorated with pine boughs and holly berries. The peasants sat in their homespun clothing on the wooden benches.

Father Mohr gave the sign for the children to enter from the vestry, forming them into a group before the altar. The congregation looked at one another in surprise and anticipation, attributed to the deviation from the regular appointed course.

When Father Mohr's tenor and the children's voices floated through the church a sudden spontaneous pulsation swept through the congregation and ecstasy shone upon the faces of everyone. In the flickering light of the candle flames, the wooden Madonnas seemed as if they had come to life and nodded their heads in approval. Thus the hymn, "Silent Night", was heard for the first time.

The composition was placed on a shelf in the vestry and forgotten. Later, by accident, it was found, crumbled and dusty, by Father Mohr's successor, who realized what it was, a masterpiece of composition, though he didn't know that in time it would be sung all over the entire Christian world.

Now each Christmas Eve the children of Oberndorf gather around the Christmas trees in the snow on the site of the old St. Nicholas Church, to sing "Silent Night".

He Who Laughs, Lasts



Before I answer any questions, tell me one thing, Are you my son or my daughter?

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and to talk. Then we devote the next twelve years to telling them to sit down and shut up.

City Boy: "Oh, what a funny looking cow. Why doesn't it have horns?"

Farmer: "There are many reasons why a cow may not have horns. Some grow horns late in life. Others have been dehorned. Some breeds are not supposed to have horns. This cow does not have horns for another reason, however. It's a horse."

A teenage daughter was listening to the sound of acid rock blast forth from the radio when her father came into the room.

"Did you ever hear anything so fabulous?" she asked.

"Can't say that I have," replied her father. "But I've come close. Once I heard a collision between a truckload of milkcans and a carload of ducks."

"To get my son out of bed in the morning, I just open the door and toss the cat on his bed," exclaimed a resourceful mother. "He sleeps with his dog."

Middle age is when the narrow waist and the broad mind change places.

The young first grader had never had a physical examination before entering school. The doctor asked him, "Have you ever had any trouble with your ears and nose?"

"Sure," answered the boy. "They always get in my way when I take off my T-shirt."

The father of five children had won a toy at a raffle. He called the kids together and asked, "Who should have this present?" "Who is most obedient?" "Who never talks back to your mother?" "Who does everything she says?" Five small voices answered in unison, "You play with it, Daddy."

How come a slight tax increase cost \$200, while a substantial tax cut saves you 30c?

Game Warden: "Say, you're hunting with last year's license."

Hunter: "Yes, I'm only shooting at the ones I missed last year."

Judge: "How can you be so sure you were going only fifteen miles per hour?"

Defendant: "Because I was going to the dentist."

Kid praying: "Forgive me for the naughty things I did today, and for the things I planned, but didn't get done."

Etiquette: Knowing which fingers to put in your mouth when you whistle for the waiter.

It takes most wives about two and a half cars to learn to drive.

Going into debt often comes from spending what you tell your friends you make.

Two farm teenagers were comparing notes on their past season. "I'm pretty proud," said one boy. "I made a scarecrow so natural that it frightened every crow right off our place."

"That's nothing," replied the other boy. "I made a scarecrow that scared them so much they brought back the corn they stole last year."

The other night I ordered a \$5.00 dinner and the waiter asked, "On rye or white?" QUOTE

Primitive man had no technology, limited culture intelligence. Just clean air and pure water.

As the doctor applied his stethoscope to the chest of a small boy, he explained he was going to listen to his heart.

"But mine is where I sit down," the youngster said.

"Whatever gave you that idea?" the doctor asked.

"Well," he replied, "Whenever I do something good Grandmother pats me there and says, 'Bless your Little Heart'."

Small boy's definition of a conscience: "Something that makes you tell your mother before your sister does."

The wife who drives from the back seat isn't any worse than the husband who cooks from the dining room table.

An elephant was drinking from an African river when he spied a snapping turtle asleep on a log. He ambled over to it and kicked it all the way across the river. "Why did you do that?" asked the giraffe. "Because," replied the elephant, "I recognized it as the same turtle that took a nip at my trunk 50 years ago." "What a memory," exclaimed the giraffe. "Yes," the elephant agreed modestly, "Turtle recall."

Our Readers Write



Dear Sir:

I will be in Denmark for a period of six months (April, 1976-September, 1976). During that time (at least part of it), I would like to stay with a Danish family. Could any of the readers of American Dane Magazine assist me? I will be doing independent research during that time (particularly in Roskilde). Any contacts given to me would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Diane Sarley.

Miss Diane Sharon Sarley
c/o Occidental College
1600 Campus Road
Los Angeles, Calif. 90041.

Dear Sir:

As I was looking through the American Dane Magazine, I noticed the Home Office is publishing a monthly newsletter. It sounds very interesting. As I am not able to attend the lodge meetings while in school, I would like to be put on your mailing list.

I am looking forward to receiving the "Viking Adventures", and would like to thank you for making a mailing list so that I could keep informed about the lodge and its Danish program. Also, the new "Danes Have More Fun" stickers are really cute.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Petersen,
McCool Junction, Neb.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for sending me the Viking model ship so fast. My son enjoyed building the ship, and I'm sure all the kids in his class enjoyed seeing what a Viking ship looked like.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Baratta.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the help you are giving me during this long period of illness.

Now I have learned what Brotherhood means.

Sincerely yours,

Winstrup Olesen.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for granting me \$25.00 for Scout Camp. It really helped me a lot, because of equipment that I needed.

I had a good time at camp; fishing, swimming, hiking, and canoeing. In addition to that, I earned two merit badges, fishing and swimming.

Sincerely,

Edward Jonasen.

Dear Sir;

Thank you for the \$25 camp grant this year.

I went to Circle R Camp for five days. I had a lot of fun and met a lot of people.

Thank you,

Valarie Nielsen.

Notice: Portland Lodge No. 167 has moved their meeting site to Nobel Hall, 6225 N. E. Stanton St., just south of Sandy Boulevard in Portland, and they now hold their meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The December meeting, however, will be held on December 30.

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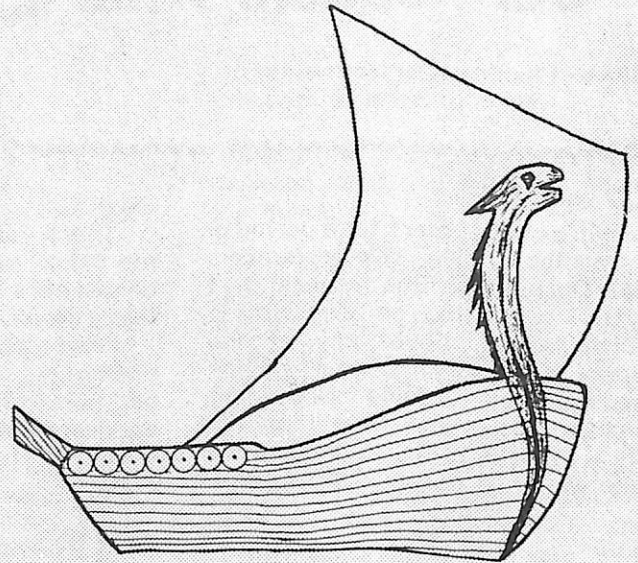
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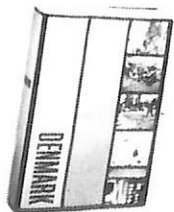
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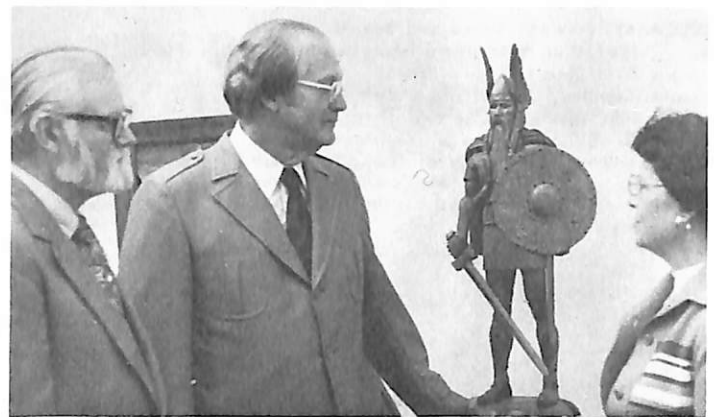


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Hundreds of visitors and guests from all over the United States gathered this fall on the campus of Dana College, Blair, Neb., to formally dedicate the Lauritz Melchior Memorial. Among them was Ib Melchior, at left in this photo, admiring one of his father's possessions, a carved Viking warrior, which was the present of Cliff Arquette, TV's "Charlie Weaver". Shown with Ib Melchior are Dana faculty and DB members Norman Bansen and Mrs. Paul Neve. The Melchior Memorial is a gift to Dana from the tenor's family and consists of the world's largest collection of Melchior-related items found anywhere in the world.

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Queen's Visit May 10-24

From information available to National Headquarters, this much is known about the coming visit by Queen Margrethe to the United States:

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, Prince Henrik, will visit here from May 10-24. At present, appearances are planned in Washington D.C., Chicago, New York City, Boston, Omaha, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Omaha visit will include a luncheon at SAC Headquarters, followed by a trip to Dana College, where the Queen will deliver the commencement address at afternoon graduation ceremonies. In the evening the royal couple will be honored at a special banquet sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood.

American Dane readers need not be concerned about reservations for the banquet. A special coupon will be printed in the January issue for those wishing to attend. It will be held Thursday, May 20, at the Hilton Hotel.

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A Note From the President of the General Committee of Eastern Lodges:

I am happy to inform the Eastern lodges that our next convention will be hosted by Long Island Lodge No. 325 on September 4, 5 and 6, 1976.

Norman Edmonds, President.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. — Our anniversary dinner dance on October 24 was well attended and enjoyed by all. We were glad to see many brothers from area lodges, and enjoyed their company very much.

Our annual children's Christmas party will be held in Franklin Square Hall, Saturday, December 13, at 3 p.m. There will be gifts, games, prizes and refreshments for the children. Coffee and Wienerbrød will be available for the adults. Bring all the kids down and lets have a good time.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — This lodge opened its doors to welcome members and guests for the first time October 17. As the newest lodge in the east we welcome everyone to join us at our meetings, and watch how we grow into the greatest Danish Brotherhood lodge in the land.

Niels Malmquist, President.



These are some scenes from the organizational meeting held October 17 for the new lodge in Bucks County, Pa. Some members from the Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 showed up to help the new members along toward their objective of receiving full recognition as a new lodge. Charter ceremonies were scheduled to be held November 22. President of Lodge No. 342, which will be known as "The Viking Lodge", is Niels Malmquist.



At left, Lise Gallagher signs up for new lodge with assistance from No. 172 member, Flemming Hinrichsen. At right, Nanda Gamborg-Nielsen presents George Clausen with new "altar" cloth and then, in turn, George Clausen presents Niels Malmquist with No. 172's old altar cloth.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — It never seems to fail; whenever something big is planned, the weather is against us. That's the way it was on October 18 and 19, continuous rain. The big event was the Bicentennial parade in North Haven, Conn. The brothers of Haabet Lodge joined with the sisters of Freden Lodge in sponsoring a float in the parade. Much preparation was put into the float and we were all disappointed when the parade was canceled until next year. The visions of bringing home the best float award were almost a reality to us all. The weekend wasn't a total waste. The sisters still had their Aebleskiver booth on Sunday and the JADA group put on a fabulous show. We are all waiting patiently until next year when all of New Haven will know about their Danes.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. — Results of an officers meeting November 14 was the formation of a committee to plan an affair to recognize Brother George Godthaab, who, after years of devotion and hard work within the Brotherhood, was selected president of the national board of directors. Brother Svend Sorensen is chairman and has things on the way for Saturday, May 15, at the Ramada Inn, Clarke, N. J. More details later, so keep the date open.

Congratulations go to Brother Willy Hansen upon receiving his 25-year pin at our October meeting. Willy was responsible for the delicious cream cakes, "Flødeskumskager", he brought with him. We thank Willy very much. New officers will be elected at our December meeting, so lets have a good turnout.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. — Thor Lodge No. 46 has had a very busy year with new memberships, picnics and G.C.E.L. convention. At one meeting, fifteen members were initiated by George Godthaab, who is now our National president. We think we are the only lodge to have a member, Alan Ferdinandsen, who served on the submarine, Triton, which sailed around the world submerged. Three of our members have received plaques for getting new members; we have a few members still trying for plaques. Keep up the good work.

The picnics were both successes despite bad weather at one. Thanks to Knute Jensen and Alan Jackson, and their able committees, a good time was had by all who attended. Our thanks to Knute Jensen, Chris Brems, Harold Martensen and Ozzie Olsen for our after-meeting snacks and drinks.

Our past president, Pete Christensen, had a heart attack, but is well on the road to recovery now. Unfortunately, Pete couldn't attend the convention in Denver. Hardvig Mathiasen attended as alternate and gave a very good report on the convention.

At the G.C.E.L. convention dinner our president, George Ferdinandsen, introduced George Godthaab, who served as M.C. for the evening. He introduced Fred Richards, president of the city council of Perth Amboy, George Jacobsen, and past president, Chris Jorgensen, of the Brotherhood in America, who all spoke. Officers of all lodges present were also introduced. We honored our older members, Paul Jessen, 72 years; Martin Sindet, 60 years; Peter Christensen, 51 years; Wilbur Jensen, 50 years; Hardvig Mathiasen, 34 years Good Time Chairman; and Edwin Johnson, former secretary. There were others to be honored, but who could not attend for various reasons.

Our congratulations to Peter Christensen and his committee for a wonderful convention. Pete's wife,
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daughters and granddaughters are also to be congratulated for their fine help at this affair.

Our house committee is planning a husband and wife affair for Christmas. We know it will be a good one. The officers and members of Thor Lodge wish all the officers and members of the Danish Brotherhood a Merry Christmas and a good and Prosperous New Year.

George Ferdinandsen, President and Correspondent.



Former President Bent Busch-Petersen and Joe Janco, followed by President George Clausen, tote logs for the fire at No. 172's annual camping trip.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

A tentative flight program has now been established with seventeen flights each way from New York and Copenhagen. There is bound to be more as the flights get booked. If you plan a vacation in Denmark during 1976, it is high time to sign up as a member of People to People, if you haven't already done so. Each D.B. member must sign individually, family rates available.

Flemming Hinrichsen, 222 Wilde Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania 19026

[Note: Thanks to Barry Edmonds for rounding up the news in his usual reliable manner. — Editor]



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, Calif. — Alhambra Lodge had another happy occasion on October 10. This was time for enjoyment, pride and fellowship. You can bet it was evident with 80 or more members and friends participating. Our entertainment chairman, John Kristensen, and his ready and willing committee arranged a real Danish dinner with all that is needed for a most palatable meal. The big event, with our most able president, Niels Christiansen, setting the stage and conducting the initiation of fifteen new members was, as always, a very touching and meaningful event in the Danish Brotherhood for the new as well as the regular members.



Fifteen new members of Alhambra Lodge No. 323.

Accolades were in order for Gunner Hansen for his

efforts in bringing in these new members and Gunner was presented with a U. S. Bond and a beautiful plaque by area manager, Erv Tobeck. All this time our treasurer, Roy Johnson, maintained a watchful pen on the finances, both incoming and outgoing. Brother Rowse handled the refreshments with the expertise of a professional. Visitors from other lodges were recognized and a special Mail-O-Gram from the Omaha Office was received and read. Dancing for all ages balanced the remainder of the evening and coffee and Danish pastry were served before departure.

Remember our regular meetings are on the second Friday of each month. Your lodge will continue to be a happy affair when all members actively participate in all the gatherings. It is with thanks and appreciation that we had a very good response to this ceremony and we hope to see you more and more.

Frank E. Jepsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 230, Humboldt, Calif. — Thirty-four members and friends attended our 70th anniversary dinner held at Bella Vista Inn, Arcata, Calif., on Saturday night, November 1. Prior to enjoying a delicious prime rib dinner, President Mary Frost requested the audience to join her in a moment of silence in respect to our departed members.

The following guests were introduced: Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Remler from Esbjerg, Denmark; Jorgen Kjer from a town near Haderslev, Denmark; and Mr. and Mrs. John Kjer from Ukiah, Calif. Secretary Laura Schuler read excerpts from articles taken from local papers in 1905, which are — "Several Danes from Eureka, Arcata and vicinity met at the Woodsmen Hall in Arcata on Sunday, November 5, to finalize the work of instituting Humboldt Lodge on November 26. It stated that San Francisco Lodge No. 49 assisted them in obtaining the necessary supplies. The membership consisted of Ex-President John Roth, Arcata; President Chris Nielsen, Eureka; Vice President C. M. Jensen, Eureka; Secretary and Treasurer John S. Beck, Arcata; Conductor, John Rusthøi, Arcata; Trustees Robert Roberts, Arcata, Henrik E. Jensen, Eureka, and Frederik C. Antonsen, Eureka. Niels Mortensen of Eureka was Inner Guard and Peter Adolph Jensen of Eureka served as Outer Guard. The following other members comprised the fourteen membership: Martin Larsen, Gustav M. Christensen, Niels P. Grundt and Andrew A. Damgaard".

Brother Peter Iversen, our senior member, having joined our lodge in 1907, recalled many meetings in the past. He mentioned several of the members who are no longer with us, that had devoted much love and labor for this order. He brought back many memorable events,

such as when we purchased the hall, how hard we worked to get it paid off, the excitement and planning for our 1955 convention. He also stressed on the fact that the ladies worked real hard to help earn money for the lodge. Thank you, Pete, for refreshing many cherished memories.

Two wedding anniversaries were acknowledged — Soren and Sofie Holgersen, who reside in Oakland, on their 60th year; and Viggo and Vera Poulsen on their 20th year. Congratulations to both couples. Our treasurer, Earl Kjer, also observed his birthday on November 1 and he was presented with "an appropriate gift". Concluding the evening, after our guests expressed their appreciation for inviting them, Brother Sven Madsen and his wife, Nomi, provided the group with delicious Kransekage cookies for our final cup of coffee.

We regret to announce the passing of one of our brothers, Melvin Ellison, husband of Sister Anna C. Ellison. He passed away on September 23, in U.C. hospital in San Francisco. Due to these circumstances, Anna has sold her home and is moving to Sparks, Nev., to be near her sister and family. Our sincere best wishes go with Anna, as she has been a wonderful worker for our lodge, having grown up in this organization as some of us have.

We are going to be very active in the next few months, with our election of officers, initiation of new members, our annual Christmas party on December 6, and our installation on February 28, 1976. We hope many of our brothers and sisters throughout the state will join us at that time. Plans are beginning to formulate for a gala evening.

In conclusion, in behalf of Humboldt Lodge No. 230, I wish to extend our very best wishes for the coming Holiday Season.

Laura L. Schuler, Secretary.

Lodge No. 67, Fresno, Calif. — Word has reached us here at Lodge No. 67 that some exception was taken to installing Brother Jens Mogensen (not yet fifteen years old at the time) as a guard last January. This sent us back to reviewing our bylaws to find that what we did was not quite legal at the time. At the national convention in Denver the section we violated was amended, so it will not be necessary to remove our young brother from office. (This business of imitating Washington can be carried too far.)

We cannot help feeling that if Brother Mogensen were better known there would be more sympathy for the "errant" ways of Lodge No. 67. Brother Mogensen is one of the fine examples of our juvenile membership. Nearly all of our earlier juvenile members have matured and

Lest We Forget

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP, WE HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
9-11-75	Theofil C. Jensen	78	Udbyned, Denmark	262	Cozad, Neb.	1916
10-4-75	Richard C. Gade	75	Veddum, Denmark	600	Omaha, Neb.	1936
9-26-75	Niels Sorensen	91	Hjorring, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1908
11-5-75	Christian H. Gersten	80	Vong Rike, Denmark	11	Clinton, Iowa	1916
11-1-75	Pedro J. Andersen	82	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1914
8-12-75	William H. Nielsen	78	Hartford, Conn.	314	Hartford, Conn.	1943
11-10-75	Frederik Woller	87	Nykobing Mors, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1926
11-17-75	Al Bernhard Johnson	80	Copenhagen, Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1923
11-17-75	Inguard Andersen	91	Middlefarø, Denmark	67	Fresno, Calif.	1913
11-17-75	Kaj V. Torp	71	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1945

taken their places in society as responsible citizens. Brother Mogensen is at the threshold of that stage in life. He is a brilliant student, energetic, enthusiastic and almost tall enough for the "Kings Guard". That, we figured, was good enough to guard Lodge No. 67. Also, in a few short years, when he reaches military age the whole nation will be better defended. Lodge No. 67 is thankful for those delegates at the national convention who see this matter in the same light as we do.

L. S. DeLaurant, Secretary.

Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — Members and friends of Silver State Lodge have just greeted and waved farewell to the Danish Boys Choir (Det Danske Drengkor) who recently performed here in Las Vegas at the Landmark Hotel. The concert was a great success and a special thanks is extended to the Landmark Hotel for their cooperation in opening their showroom and providing the necessary personnel, including lighting effects, to make this concert a "professional" type of performance. A special thanks is extended to the families who housed and entertained these boys and the leaders from Thursday night until Sunday morning. Members: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed, Dr. and Mrs. David Young, Mr. and Mrs. Per Conradsen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conradsen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Holmes, Alice Pinkerton, Kathe Romano and, non-members, Dr. and Mrs. Otto Ravenholt, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allires, Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Kierkegaard, Mr. and Mrs. David Mage, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gentner.

A special thanks to Harold Reed for all his work in coordinating this together with the choir and hotel to make it a huge success. Many of those non-members had also housed boys two years ago and were more than willing to take them again this time and their help is very much appreciated. By the time the boys arrived in Las Vegas, one of the boys, Peter Houkjaer, had unfortunately broken his leg in a trampoline accident in Aspen, Colo., but what better place to break a leg, just before ski season, when all the expert doctors in that area are ready and willing to get some practice for the forthcoming ski season!!! Peter seemed to fare the ordeal well and was walking on his cast without the aid of crutches by the time he was to perform here in Las Vegas.

At the October meeting of the lodge a "Prospective Member" afternoon coffee was planned for November 16 at the home of Anni Gam.

TO ALL CALIFORNIA — NEVADA GENERAL COMMITTEE LODGES

Charles T. "Skip" Ward, President of the California-Nevada General Committee, has announced the following tentative schedule for the forthcoming installation of officers. All lodges have received a copy of this schedule and should contact either Skip or Rick Johnson, secretary, if they wish any changes made.

January 10, 1976, Solvang; 15, Santa Barbara; 16, Los Angeles and Alhambra — combined; 17, Bakersfield; 31, San Diego.

February 5, 1976, Selma and Fresno — combined; 6, Hayward and Fremont — combined; 7, Petaluma; 21, Ripon; 25, San Francisco; 27, Oakland; 28, Arcada and Ferndale — combined.

March 6, 1976, Las Vegas.

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Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Our sympathy goes out to the family of Brother Holger Pahl, who passed away recently in California. Holger was a very active member and staunch supporter of the lodge until he left the area.

Four new members; Charles Madsen III, transferred from juvenile membership, James Switzer, Jerry Hansen and Richard Schold. Welcome aboard, gentlemen, glad to have you with us. Our count is now at 211.

It's Torsk Time and we had a recruiting smoker Tuesday, November 18, before the regular meeting. The lodge treated any prospective member to the meal. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gerlach on the marriage of their daughter.

A big pat on the back goes to DBS and DSS in Milwaukee for the Torsk supper and dance they recently put on. Kenosha was well represented with 27 in attendance. Several couples are going down to Waukegan for their anniversary party.

Robert Ibsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wis. — The lodge has a magnificent and extraordinary good attendance at our Torsk dinner October 18, and we are proud to announce that 84 brother-members from the Midwest District Lodges responded to the invitation. We had the pleasure to have as guests: Midwest District President and wife, Bob and Elaine Ibsen; Midwest District Sisterhood President Kittie LaPointe and her husband, Arthur; President, Lodge No. 4, Howard Bassinger and his wife, Millie; Vice President Lodge No. 4 Gordon Andersen and his wife, Lillian; President Lodge No. 17 Erik Nielsen and his wife, Elsie; President Lodge No. 182 Carl Petersen and his wife, Janet; President Lodge No. 340, Richard Christensen and his wife, Shirley; from Lodge No. 9, Oshkosh, and from Fon du Lac and Area Manager Flemming Andersen with his wife, Ann, and family; from Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Jim Andreasen and his wife, Gennie. Later Jim Andreasen played the good old Danish dance music and all 190 present had a good time, because Danes are full of fun.

Carval Westerlund, Secretary.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — All of us in Lodge 34 wish Brother Mervin Madsen a speedy recovery after suffering a heart attack this past month. Congratulations to Brother Glen Bloxam and his wife, Lorna, on the recent celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

1976 Calendars ... In one of the recent American Dane Magazines there was an order blank for the 1976 calendars with the Danish recipes, etc., on them. Due to the generosity of our insurance representative, Brother Jim Andreasen, each family will receive a calendar from him — sort of a "Thank You" for belonging to the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 34. Be sure and come and pick up your copy.

The dance scheduled for Saturday night, February 14, has been changed to Friday night, February 13, due to a

conflict at the VFW hall. A report was given by our president, Leo Pedersen, on the national convention held in Denver, Colo., on September 17-19. Leo and his wife, Hazel, attended the convention as delegates from Lodge No. 34.

Monday, December 29, will be the Family Christmas Tree party at the VFW. At our November 10 meeting Vernon and Charlene Gassman showed movies and slides of their recent trip to Canada and other points of interest.

Margaret Goodwin, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 346, Wood Dale, Ill. — Our congratulations to Jess Bunderson and all our brothers and sisters in Milwaukee for a fantastic Torske dinner party. It's always great to share in a real successful event, and to meet so many friends from the Midwest District.

At the November 5 meeting Rose Hansen and Hanne Farrar showed us all how to make Danish heart basket ornaments and other planning sessions were held for the party. Ted Kaiser provided an exceptionally good refreshment layout of cheese sandwiches and cakes, all Danish.

The juvenile recruitment program is still on. Now is the time to sign them up. The juvenile sponsor and lodge all benefit during this program that ends in December.

On January 7, 1976, we will have election of officers and establish ground rules for club entertainment for the year. The theme of next year's entertainment will be Danish Heritage in America. March 16, 1976, Lodge No. 340 will have their One Year Anniversary Celebration. July 4, 1976, will be the Wood Dale Bicentennial parade.

Dick Christensen, President.

Dannevang Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — A feeling of warmth was so apparent among the 145 people that attended the 72nd Anniversary Dinner/Dance party celebrated by Dannevang Lodge No. 182 on Saturday evening, November 15, at the Illinois Beach Lodge. Four members received their 50-year pins, which in itself is a reason for celebration. They were Vernon Sorensen, Henry Sorensen, Thorkild Lehde and John Petersen. It was especially heart warming to see Mr. Petersen receive his pin from his son, Carl Petersen, President of Lodge No. 182. It was indeed an honor to have Einar Danielsen, Past National President, attend this party and award 50-year pins to the other three gentlemen. Einar, whose first official duty as a member of the National Board 20 years ago was to speak to the members of Lodge No. 182 at their annual banquet, was also honored. Much to his surprise the Midwest District presented him with a plaque, complete with gavel, for his many years of dedicated service to the District and the National Board, as well as a gift of a bar for his home, outfitted with all the proper supplies. The members of the District think of him as "Mr. Danish Brotherhood."

Other guest speakers were the Mayor of Zion, Mr. Milton Jensen, who delivered an awe inspiring message; Robert Ibsen from Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, who is, fantastically enough, the secretary of his own lodge, president of the Midwest District and a newly elected director on the National Board. Bob is always eager to do all he can to further the Danish Brotherhood in America. Last but not least is our ever faithful Flemming Andersen, Midwest Area Manager. Other awards given that evening were to Carval Westerlund from Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, who received a Booster award and \$25 savings bond for ten membership points, and your

correspondent accepted an award from the American Dane for contributions to that publication.

The Midwest District was very well represented with people from No. 4, Racine, No. 9, Oshkosh, No. 14, Kenosha, No. 17, Chicago, No. 34, Dwight, No. 35, Chicago, No. 36, Milwaukee, No. 64, Rockford, No. 92, St. Charles and No. 340, Wood Dale. It is so gratifying to see the district growing closer together all the time. We were delighted to have Mata and Chris Jensen from Lodge No. 34 give a demonstration of Danish Folk Dancing for us. It wasn't long before everyone was joining in the fun. The music for the evening was provided by the "George Daisy Trio". The banquet committee outdid themselves and they are to be commended for their fine efforts.

By the time you read this we will have elected new officers for 1976 and enjoyed a Christmas party, complete with Danish open face sandwiches and Christmas cookies. The membership decided, at the November meeting, to take up a collection of money to be donated to the local "Help Them To Hope" Christmas fund in lieu of exchanging gifts. Don't forget the installation of officers at the January 9 meeting. Also, our speaker will be the Danish Exchange Student from Kenosha, who will also show slides of her homeland. In behalf of Lodge No. 182 I would like to wish to you and yours the peace and promise that is Christmas and may the joy be with you now and through the new year.

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — We here in Detroit held our first meeting of October on the 8th of the month. The business meeting was preceded by our usual dinner at which both the brothers and the sisters enjoy a meal and lots of talk before we settle down to our respective meetings. It was announced at the meeting that we have lost another brother to death. On September 16 Hans Hansen passed away. Past President Howard Hansen welcomed Richard Sears and John Hansen to our lodge as new members of the Brotherhood.

Carl Hansen, our delegate to the recent national convention, gave us a report on the events at the convention. From his report the convention was a success and the host lodge in Denver should be congratulated on a job well done. Our bowling league is going strong these days with the competition among the ten teams quite intense, as it is every year. Robert Holm and Adolph Jorgensen have missed out on the lodge jackpot at the last two meetings simply by not being in attendance when their names were drawn from the box that contains each members name. Preparations are now in progress for the annual Christmas party for our members families which will be held on December 26. As this article comes to a close I want to take this time to wish all of the members of the Brotherhood and their families a very Merry Christmas and the best in the coming new year.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — We have been having pretty good attendance at our meetings of late. Our bowling teams are in full swing. Starting next Saturday, the hunting parties begin gathering game for our rabbit suppers. This past month we took in a new member, John Ake. We welcome him to our lodge.

At our business meeting on October 28 we were invited to a potluck supper by the Sisterhood Lodge. This was in celebration of their 83rd anniversary. After the delicious meal, a short program was held. We then went to our own lodge room for our meeting. George Williamsen's name was drawn for our jackpot. As he was not present, the amount will be bigger for someone else.

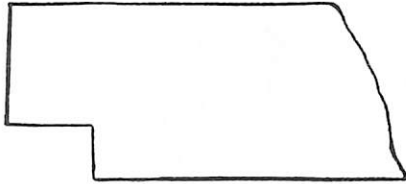
Clayton Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. — Time again for our fall festival, "Our Annual Stiffelsefest" ... The feasting of fine foods and dancing to familiar tunes.

We have installed on our huge dance floor a beautiful pool table and hope to also have as fine a new shuffleboard in the near future to add to the attractions for Danish meeting twice each month.

Now, soon, we will also be thinking about the Christmas entertainment while the sisters are busy on their evening out. Last year a fine meal was prepared by Brother Erv Lohr. Whether it will be an oyster and chili dinner or next best will be the big question. Who knows what the future holds in store for this group? Cheerio to the entire lodges for a feasting and festing season.

Vern Minard, Correspondent.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 16, Minden, Neb. — Our lodge had a bingo party November 12. Many prizes were given away, including a Mother's Day Plate, and two turkeys. The committee then served homemade pumpkin pie, popcorn and coffee.

December 10 will be our regular Christmas smorgasbord and Christmas party. Members from other lodges are welcome to attend and see the Christmas lights.

Certificates were given to Ann Eckloff and Valerie

Nielsen for the camp grants they received this summer. Richard Jacobsen, who was the winner of the 1975 National Essay Contest, received a \$100 bond and a certificate for his fine achievement. Herbert Nielsen then gave a report on the National Convention in Denver.

Herbert Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — Our lodge held its regular meeting October 11 in Ruskin. Five new members were initiated: Mr. and Mrs. Soren Thompson, Kirk Grove, ReJean Grove, and Jerry Grove. Mr. Andy Andersen was our guest, showing a film and explaining IRA, a retirement plan.

Congratulations to two of our members for their new positions: Wayne Schultz was elected to the State Board at the convention in Grand Island, Neb., and Kenneth Pedersen was elected to the National Board at the convention in Denver, Colo. Our supper and dance was held November 15 in Ruskin to honor Kenneth Pedersen.

The Brotherhood Christmas supper will be December 1 at the Wagon Wheel in Ruskin. Everyone likes to dance, so we are again having a Danish Brotherhood dance in Ruskin December 19. Bob O'Neil is the orchestra.

Ginny Schultz, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb. — Saturday night, November 1, was the time set for Chris Krogh's 75th birthday party, held at Vennelyst Park. Chris and his wife, Mary, are both members of Lodge No. 1. Family and friends came from as far away as Canada, Minnesota and California.

A party was given by Lodge No. 195 and No. 1 on Friday evening, November 7, to welcome the National Board of Directors. Brother Fred Jensen, an ex-board member, was M.C. All the Directors spoke briefly, as did Howard Christensen, and Axel Skelbeck, Secretary Treasurer Emeritus.

We all went to the coffee table and it was loaded down with; well, you name it, I'm sure it was there. Thanks to all the ladies who worked hard to prepare the lunch. The rest of the evening was spent visiting or playing cards.

The two Council Bluffs Lodges served an aebleskiver and sausage breakfast on Sunday, October 26. As usual when they put on something, they have a good turnout. Thank you, Council Bluffs!

To all members and prospective members in the United States, Canada, and Denmark, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

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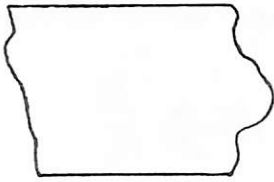
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Iowa

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia., was honored at their October meeting to have guests from Denmark; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christensen and son, Enair, of Gyland, Denmark. Mrs. Christensen is a sister of Henry Pedersen. Dora Christensen, Kalundborg, Denmark, is the sister-in-law of Mrs. Gudrun Andersen. Mr. and Mrs. Anker Nielsen of California brought Mrs. Christensen to Humboldt. The Nielsens also brought greetings from Lodge No. 337. Also a guest of the Chris Madsens, Humboldt, were Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Thompson of Lodge No. 326. We were elated having these visitors with us.

Fifty-six members and guests enjoyed a delightful evening. Several Danish songs were sung, with Carroll Jensen the soloist, with Mrs. Edna Nelsen accompanying him on the piano. Mrs. Nellie (Carroll) Jensen gave two very humorous readings. All were most enjoyable.

At the business meeting our Christmas party was discussed. The party is to be December 12 at the Star Restaurant, Humboldt. Several of our members will be leaving for the winter, seeking warmer climates; we are hoping for a large turn-out for the party before their departure. Lunch was served at which time all became better acquainted with our foreign guests.

Marie Pedersen, Correspondent.



Washington-Oregon British Columbia (Pacific Northwest)

Christmas these days seems to be times of hurry-scurry — shopping — and looking forward to "getting away from it all". Let's not hurry so much that we lose sight of the meaning of these holidays. Let us count our blessings, give thanks for what we have and most of all — remember the true reason for the celebration. Sonia joins me in wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Joyful New Year.

The Northwest Danish Home, under the presidency of Brother Edmund S. Olsen, held its quarterly meeting in Portland on October 18, hosted by the Sunshine Club. Then on November 1, the 1975 Annual Bazaar was launched at 10010 Des Moines Way South, Seattle, mixed with a pleasant fellowship evening and full financial report. Treasurer Joseph Matsen and Secretary Paul Hansen joins President Ed in thanking the many organizations and individuals who continue to support this benevolent organization.

District Secretary Treasurer Karen Bruun has moved from Bellingham, Wash., to Gillcrest, Ore. Karen is the new librarian for two schools in the little city between
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A 100% Family

Here is the 100% DB family of Carl and Leota Christensen of Milan, Ill. Left to right: Linette, age 11; Carl, Leota, and Lisa, age 15. The Christensens are members of Lodge No. 3 in Davenport, Ia., which is located just across the Mississippi River from their home. Carl serves his lodge as Treasurer. Congratulations to the Christensen family!



Bend and Klamath Falls. We know they will like her. District President Paul B. Christensen, Vancouver, B. C., is making plans to visit all lodges in Washington and Oregon in the near future. The 1976 District Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Seattle in the spring.

Portland's Past District President C. Ed Hirsch and wife, Helen, observed their 35th wedding anniversary in October. The famous drill team picnicked this summer at the home of Past District President Hans Jensen. Congratulations to Brother Lorents and Dagmar Lorenzen on their 50th marriage year.

Spokane's Past President Ernest Law Wales announced the wedding of his son, John Paul, on June 27 to Linda Joy Voss of San Rafael, Calif. Brother Paul C. Christensen passed away on August 2.

Seattle's Brother Fred Carlsen, a member since 1905 and now 94 years of age, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary with wife, Sophia, on September 5. Past American Legion Commander, Brother Ted Kofod, reminds one and all of our 27th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges in the Queen City next year. Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor Sten Jessen has announced the engagement of his daughter, Lena, a member of DB 600, to Brian Zadorozny.

McMinnville's member Jens Jensen was laid to rest last month following a long illness — Jens was a brother of Past District President Thorvald Jensen. Florence, wife of Past District President Sigurd Nielsen, has had surgery again in the local hospital. Brother and Mrs. Otto Larsen have just reached home from Nova Scotia. DB 194 had a dinner party on November 8, in observance of their anniversary date.

Tacoma's Vice President Ragnar Brochner and wife, Mable, have just returned from an extended trip to Denmark and Turkey. Past District President Henning Lindberg and wife, Signe, regularly sing in the Order of Runeberg Lodge Chorus.

Enumclaw's Past President Martin Petersen was laid to rest on October 10 following apparently some vacationing and hospitalization — we herewith extend belated sympathies to his wife, Hannah, and son, Douglas. I see that we have not heretofore mentioned the passing of Brother Peter Liane on July 19. Past President Elmer and Anna Boysen are visiting relatives and friends in Denmark. Another Past President of DB 113, Invald Nelsen, has been on the sick list, as has his wife, Carlotta, who recently moved from Enumscratch to Burnett. Enumclawites had their traditional Thanksgiving meeting on November 8.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

Danish Kitchen



GRØNKAAL SUPPE MED GRISEKØD [Green Kale Soup with Pork]

3 to 4 lbs. pork shank or side pork or spare ribs
2 or 3 sliced carrots
2 or 3 leeks
2 tbsp. salt
Mixed herbs including parsley
2 kale plants (10-12 leaves)
4 tbsp. flour (scant)

Put well scored meat in saucepan; cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Skim thoroughly. Add carrots, leeks, parsley and herbs. Simmer 3½ to 4½ hours. Remove outer leaves of kale and coarse ribs and blanch in boiling salted water for 10 minutes. Drain. Chop kale fine; place in kettle and sprinkle with flour. Gradually add hot pork stock. Bring to a boil; simmer for 5 minutes. Serve. Eat the pork with the soup.

THE SATIN RIBBON

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were of gatherings around tables laden with delectable looking goodies. I could almost taste those yummy treats — and my satin ribbon took on weight.

In the kaleidoscopic world of a growing girl there was little room for politics, but more and more strange rumblings from Europe began to intrude our home. My parents' overwhelming concern for their native land transferred itself to me — and my satin ribbon was threatened.

Too soon the war years were upon us. Nazi occupation of Denmark and a long silence began. From time to time, word trickled through of the Danish resistance movement, and both pride and fear filled my heart, but by then there were more intimate concerns for my family and me. Two of my brothers drafted early in 1941 were shipped out to Africa not many months after Pearl Harbor. My youngest brother joined the Navy right out of high school, shipping out to the Pacific not long after boot camp. With long delays between letters and gold stars appearing daily in windows all over our little town, our prayers and attention were riveted primarily on my brothers' welfare. The horrible reality and demands of war were all around us and the time

for childish imagery was snatched away never to be recaptured. With care and regret, I rolled up my satin ribbon and put it away.

At first glance it seems almost sad that the colorful meanderings of a small girl's imagination should ever have to end — as if true life could never offer the same unspoiled pleasure. Not so! Just as a baby's aimless kicking strengthens little legs for their specific purpose, my early "travels" in Denmark taught me how to appreciate and enter into life beyond the tip of my own nose. When the day comes that I first set foot on Danish soil, it will not be as a stranger but as an old friend because of my satin ribbon.

The strand is older now, but stronger — softer in hue, but deeper — mellowed, but radiant. Even if I never see Denmark, a part of her shall always be my undeniable legacy from loving parents adding luster and depth to my love for America. Her people, traditions and history weave in and out through the fabric of my life, catching light along the way — like a lovely satin ribbon.

Joan Gunst was born at home to Rolf and Agnes Gunst on December 24, 1926, in Metuchen, N. J., the

youngest of seven living children. After growing up in Metuchen and completing school there, she met and married Walter C. Haulenbeek in May, 1947. The couple now has four sons, three of whom are married, one daughter, and three grandchildren. The Haulenbeek's make their home now in Lenox, Mass., a lovely little town tucked away in the heart of the Berkshire Mountains.



Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, Fla.

— Our October meeting was very well attended and all enjoyed the refreshments served by our entertainment committee, supervised by Chairman Brother George Holm and assisted by many of our sisters. Four new applications for membership were turned in to the secretary. We are still growing and hope to continue to do so. be our Christmas party and the entertainment committee is making arrangements for entertaining all members of the Danish Brotherhood who are able to attend. So come out and have a good time with your brothers and sisters.

Georg R. Pedersen, Secretary.

Rookie salesman: "How can you remember names so well?"

Old Pro: "I took that Sam Carnegie course."

Apply For A DB Scholarship Now

The Scholarship Committee wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1976, will be considered beginning February 1, 1976. Those eligible members wishing to apply should write to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebr., 68131, and request an application form not later than December 31, 1975. No applications received after February 1, 1976, will be considered by the Committee for 1976 awards. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$125.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,000.00.



Eligible for scholarship awards are insured members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending, or planning to attend, an accredited college, technical school or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award. [See Sec. 61, Par. 9 of the bylaws.]

**GEORGE JACOBSEN, Chairman,
The Scholarship Committee.**

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December, 1975

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— Benjamin Franklin

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.