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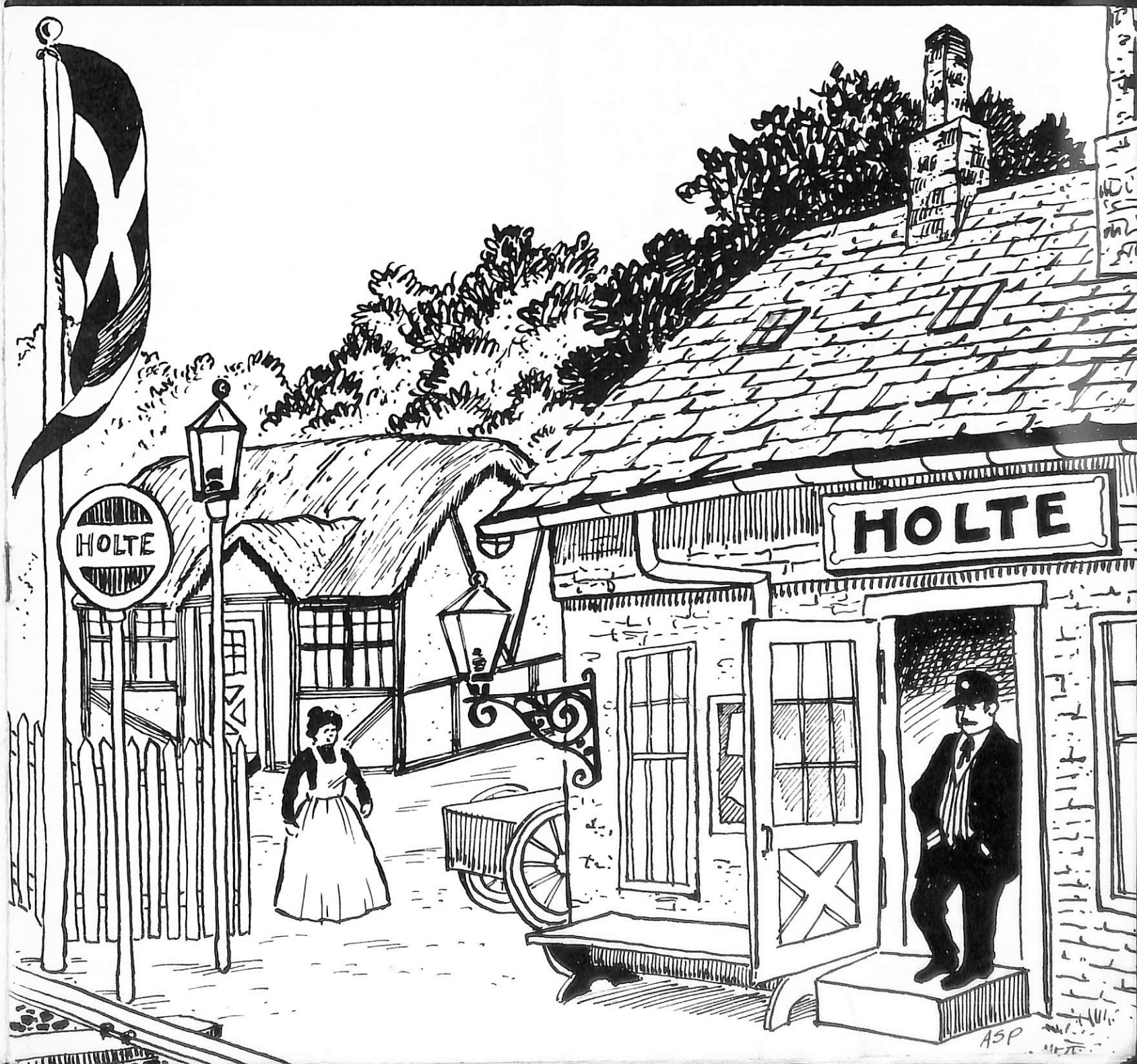
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large as what the Post Office would like, have put a squeeze on many companies who have relied on the mail to do business.

Even the *American Dane* will feel a pinch. A penny or so per magazine adds up quickly when thousands are mailed every month. I'm sure all of us could think of many ways that the additional hundreds of dollars could be put to better use.

Some large publishing and direct mail companies have already switched to private carriers for cheaper, more efficient service. A recent article said the estimated loss of revenue to the Post Office due to this switch-over could amount to \$200 million over the next year. The U.S. Government Printing Office even uses a private carrier due to having so many lost and damaged materials sent by regular mail.

Now the postal workers' unions are demanding more pay and benefits. The public will have to foot the bill for the increases in one way or another through higher postage, taxes, or costs passed on to the price goods sent by mail.

Strange times we live in, aren't they, when we wind up paying more and more for a service that has made little improvement, if any, for quite a few years.

Robert E. Coffey

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What's New for August in the American Dane?

This month's cover art was provided by our knowledgeable philatelist and friend, Aksel Sand Petersen. He has written a brief piece about the early local private postal offices in Denmark which made attempts to build independent businesses from the mail system. Though they were unsuccessful back then, you can see that today's private mail companies are not a new idea. Perhaps those Danes were just a hundred years ahead of their time!

Congratulations are in order for the 1978 Danish Brotherhood Scholarship Winners. These nine outstanding high school students are featured in an article beginning on page 8. We wish them the best in their scholastic endeavors.

Chet Gottfried (cover artist and author of "Where is Saxo", May 1978) begins a new series in this issue on the history of Danish literature. In Part I he goes all the way back to the ancient runes and on to the skalds and eddas. I think you will find it fascinating reading.

It is not too early to start thinking about the National Convention coming up next September in Vancouver, British Columbia. Read about some of the enticements that beautiful Canadian city has to offer and see if you won't begin to get excited about attending the 1979 convention!

Is your lodge or district looking for activity ideas? Each month "Viking Adventures" features successful and fun activities from lodges around the country. It also contains some interesting bits of information about the Danish Brotherhood in the "Notes from National Headquarters".

Next month, as fall begins to wind down the active days of summer and the grass and leaves turn color, it is perhaps appropriate to remember the people in the autumn of their years. September's issue of *The American Dane* will pay special attention to those grand old folks so often forgotten.

Robert E. Coffey

John Hansen Dies at the Age of 86

John Hansen served as president of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood from September, 1937, to September of 1947, when he retired at the Seattle convention that year. Past President Hansen served on the Board of Directors during the occupation of Denmark by German armed forces, which began in 1940.

When news of the occupation reached the Board of Directors, they called a meeting to investigate possibilities to assist the struggling country. A delegation composed of the late Mr. Hansen, C. Bysted-Christensen and Secretary Treasurer Axel Skelbeck visited the Danish Embassy offering the support of the Danish Brotherhood. From this meeting, the National America-Denmark Association was born and later organized in Chicago incorporating a number of Danish-American organizations. The organization raised funds to provide financial and moral support to Denmark during the occupation. Mr. Hansen served as president of the NADA until 1943 and served thereafter as a member of its board.

Shortly after the liberation of Denmark in May of 1945, John was selected by President Roosevelt to travel to Denmark for a first hand observation of the conditions to report to the then President of the United States. On this trip he was accompanied by the well-known actor, Jean Hersholt.

John has also been recognized as a leader in his community of Bettendorf, Ia., as a member of the school board and its president, and mayor of the city from 1930 to 1934.

He was a successful businessman, founding Hansaloy Manufacturing in Davenport, Ia. He was awarded the honor of the Knight of the Order of Dannebrog in 1946 by His Majesty King Christian X and the King Christian X Liberty Medal in 1947.

Mr. Hansen was born in Nykøbing, Falster, Denmark, on October 9, 1891. He came to the



United States February 10, 1911, and joined Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 3 in Davenport on March 6, 1920.

Remaining active and vital through his 87 years, his presence in the Danish Brotherhood will be missed. He is survived by two daughters, Ellen Madison and Elsie Dort. Funeral arrangements were made at the Runge Funeral Home for Monday, July 24. The Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood was represented by President George Godthaab and Secretary Treasurer Howard Christensen.

Appreciation is expressed to Secretary Treasurer Emeritus Axel Skelbeck for his assistance with this tribute to our esteemed Past President John Hansen.



A History of Danish Literature

Part I

Runes, Skalds and Eddas

Chet Gottfried

Where there are people, there is writing; and where there's writing, is literature. It was some 10,000 years ago when the continental glacier, in its retreat, began to leave Denmark. With the opening of the ways, reindeer came and close behind the reindeer came men, women, and families. Their contribution to literature is perhaps small—a few incised figures on an antler—but it is the first. Many years would pass until the North had a formal written language of its own: the *runes*.

When and where did the runes originate? No one is quite sure. A fair proportion of the twenty-four runic symbols were derived from Latin, but a combination of European languages have influenced the remainder and have shaped the whole. The earliest runes are found in Denmark, and the runic language may have originated there. From its beginnings in perhaps the first century, the runes remained the alphabet of the North until the conversion to Christianity, when Latin replaced the runes.

This transferal of alphabet along with the transferal of religion had a single culminating point: the second—and larger—of the two Jelling Stones. King Harald Bluetooth, in the late tenth century, had this stone carved and inscribed in runes: "King Harald had this monument made for Gorm his father and Thyri his mother; the Harald who had won for himself all Denmark and Norway, and made the Danes Christian." Thus the pagan alphabet is used to describe the Christian triumph. This is even more impressive when you consider that the runes were associated with pagan magic.

The literature written in runes is mostly confined to memorials; however, it does point to the real-life doings of people—whether commoners or nobility—of a thousand years ago. And the runes cover place as well as time: the Northmen traveled across the known world and the runes traveled with them. It is possible to see runes carved into the neck of a stone lion in Italy or to find them in the stone balustrade in the vast Hagia Sophia of Istanbul, Turkey.

At the beginning of the Viking Age, around 700 A.D., the runic alphabet was reduced from twenty-four characters to sixteen. But the runes were associated with magic and twenty-four remained a magic number. Three was also a magic number and "3 times 24" is considered to have much significance. By transferring one of the most famous Northern curses to the runic alphabet, it was found that the Icelander Egil Skallagrímsson—the

warrior poet—composed the two stanzas with 72 characters in each, or the potent "3 times 24." It is no wonder that the curse worked!

No one shall ever know the first real literature of the North since it was *oral* poetry. It was also incredibly complex, but it is this very complexity that made it possible, for many generations, to pass along these poems until they were written down. From Iceland, there is a substantial amount of poetry that has been saved, and although written in Iceland this would have been the same type of skaldic poetry of all Scandinavia. It, as other northern classics, has not had much attention, but it hasn't been ignored as completely as Saxo.

The reason for this avoidance is twofold: complex rhyme schemes and complex "kennings." Kenning—the heart of skaldic poetry—is the art of substitution: "sea," for example, was thought to be a far too commonplace word, but its substitution, "the land of fishes," is a kenning. The possibility for kennings are limitless, and whenever a kenning became too well known, it was substituted with a more complex one. Most translators look at skaldic poetry, throw up their hands and say "Impossible. No one wants to read this."

It is not impossible—difficult, yes—but by no means impossible to translate. It must be remembered that skaldic poetry flourished many hundreds of years and whole populations of many countries enjoyed it. As far as I know, there's only one book—a paperback—that is devoted to skaldic translations: *The Skalds* by Lee M. Hollander, published by the University of Michigan Press.

In the eleventh and twelfth centuries, writing and literature began in earnest. Both church and secular literature flourished in Scandinavia; one could read the life of the Holy Virgin, the romances of King Arthur, and Tristan and Isolde as well as many other books: the educated Scandinavian, then as now, was exceedingly well-read. It is no surprise that the Icelander, Snorri Sturluson (1179-1241) began his famous *Prose Edda* with a history of the northern gods originating in Troy and wandering till they settled in the North: influences from Homer and Vergil: Snorri was a genius, but not in isolation.

Snorri wrote the *Prose Edda* because he feared that the old traditions were being lost and that poetry was becoming inferior. He wrote of the former gods and gave examples throughout his text of skaldic poetry as well as the derivations of kennings. This along with Saxo's writings forms the

cornerstone of our knowledge of the Nordic pantheon; of Yggdrasil the world tree that embraces heaven, hell, earth, and all other lands in its roots; of Bifrost, the rainbow bridge; and Ragnarok, the doom of the gods.

Snorri is supposed to have based his work on a collection of poetry. For many years there were vain searches for such a manuscript, but not until the seventeenth century—400 years later!—did such a manuscript come to light. The discoverer, the bishop of Skalholt in Iceland, whatever his reasons, didn't want anyone to copy his book and made it virtually impossible for anyone else to refer to it. There came a time, however, when the bishop needed a legal favor and gave the manuscript along with many other priceless books to the King of Denmark, Frederick III.

Needless to say, this poetry collection made quite an impression as it dealt with the Old Norse gods and heroes in much greater detail than anyone, excepting Snorri and Saxo. Scholars immediately declared that this was the very book that Snorri based his *Edda* on, and so gave way to one of the confusions of the world: they called the new book the *Elder Edda* and Snorri's became the *Younger Edda*. It was subsequently discovered that despite these names, Snorri's book was written at least fifty years before the *Elder Edda*: the *Younger Edda* is older than the *Elder Edda*. Happily, there are also the terms *Prose Edda* (Snorri) and *Poetic Edda*.

The *Poetic Edda* is an amazing book—and of all the Old Norse writing, it has been the most frequently translated. As important a writer as William H. Auden, the English poet, has tried translating these poems, although, one has to admit, they're an odd lot. Compared to the skaldic poetry, the eddic poetry is downright sloppy. There is neither the thorough composition or sophisticated use of kennings.

Nevertheless, despite an unseemly youth rather than pagan origin, there is a grandeur to some of its forty poems that bears comparison with the poetry of any other civilization. Perhaps the most impressive one of all is "Voluspo" or "The Sibyl's Prophecy." Odin, the ruler of the gods, raises the sibyl from the grave; first he tests her knowledge and afterwards he asks her the fate of the gods, which she proceeds to tell. In 66 verses, the poet paints the world and its fate with a vigor beyond compare.

No doubt, they were exciting times when King Harald Bluetooth set up his Jelling Stone. The skaldic poetry may not cover these and contemporary events as much as a reader might like, and history books are informative but not atmospheric since history books (and articles!) have to cover what is known. Novelists don't have these limitations, and a Swedish author has written a remarkably good book about a Dane living in the time of King Harald: *The Long Ships* by Frans G. Bengtsson, published by Knopf (1953). It was made into a could-be-better movie, but the novel is exceedingly well-written and uses a surprising number of historic sources.

Scholarship Recipient To Become Physician

Eric Thomsen is about to complete his education in the field of medicine and has maintained an exceptional academic record through the four years his DBIA scholarship was in effect. Eric is a member of Lodge No. 16 located in Minden, Nebraska. He writes: *I am presently in my last year of medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Looking back on my first few years of medical school, it seems hard to believe that I will be graduating next year. My education has required a lot of time and hard work, but it has definitely been worth the sacrifice. The satisfaction received when you help someone who is ill makes all the hard work worthwhile.*

I want to thank The Danish Brotherhood for helping me attain my career goal of becoming a physician. The Danish Brotherhood scholarship was extremely helpful in allowing me to meet the financial obligations of my medical education. I want to end by saying that The Danish Brotherhood is performing a great service in helping young men and women attain a higher education which might not otherwise be possible. Thank you very much for your help.

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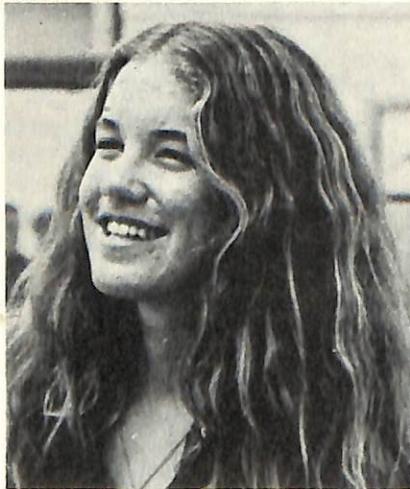
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Danish Brotherhood

Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to award nine scholarships to young DBIA members. Scholarships — one of the society's fraternal benefits — are awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence, need as demonstrated by the applications, character, evidence of leadership in the local lodge, and degree of self-support. Applications for scholarships to be awarded in 1979 will be accepted until February 15, 1979. Forms may be obtained from the National Headquarters office.

The award winners for 1978 are no exception to the premise that selection of only a few from the outstanding group of applicants is extremely difficult.



Sarah F. Miller
Lodge No. 255, Selma, California

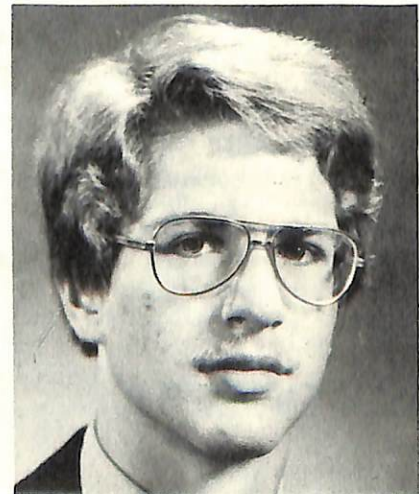
Sarah spent her freshman year in high school and the first semester as a sophomore at Lowell High School in San Francisco, where she lives. Lowell is open only to students with a superior academic record. At the conclusion of this third semester, she transferred to McAteer High School to participate in the Urban Pioneer Program for two semesters. Students in this program earn credits by participating in backpacking trips and other wilderness and practical application activities. They must review several books, maintain a daily journal and evaluate their experiences in writing.

Sarah is interested in science including ecological issues, the practical aspects of nutrition and physiology. She will attend Marin Junior College this fall and hopes to transfer to a University of California campus to complete her education.

Greg Jensen
Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, New York

Greg became a juvenile member of his Lodge No. 71 as an infant. He has become an active member since that time. Greg graduated from the Penn Yan Academy this June. He was a member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams. He was chosen by fellow students and faculty to attend the 1977 New York American Legion Boys State in Morrisville, New York. In 1978, his name was added to the list of Who's Who Among American High School students.

Greg has been accepted to attend the State University of New York at Cortland, the State University of New York at Albany and the State University of New York at Binghamton. He believes he will attend Albany State with his major in accounting.





Greta Hempel
Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA

Grete, now a sophomore at the Delaware County Branch of the Pennsylvania State University with a major in nursing, received her first exposure to the medical field in high school. With a hospital located next to the Upper Darby Senior High, she participated in a Professional Field Experience program which allowed her to do volunteer work at the hospital for high school credits. The program was for students interested in the health profession.

Grete has worked part-time to help defray college expenses. She has assisted Lodge No. 172 with their children's Christmas parties and Fastelavns parties. She was also the recipient of a second place award in the 1972 Danish Brotherhood essay contest.

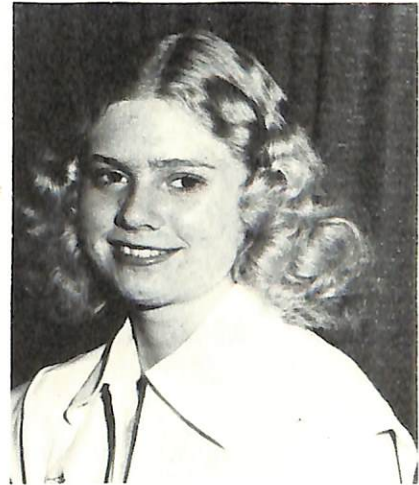
Outside of these activities, she has been a member of the Folcroft Girls' Club and the International Order of Rainbow Girls. She keeps active playing softball, basketball, and bowling.

Kristen Anderson
Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Kristen was a member of the National Honor Society at Burnsville Senior High School in Burnsville, Minnesota, where she graduated this spring. She is proud of her Danish heritage, noting her ancestors came from Copenhagen, Ringsted, Kalundborg on Sjaaland and several areas in Sønder Jylland, Denmark.

She has been working as a dietary aide at the Ebenezer Ridges nursing home in Burnsville and is an active member of the St. James Lutheran Church.

Kristen plans to attend Normandale Junior College for two years taking classes to become a medical assistant. She feels the choice of the medical assistant program combines both her interest in clerical work and science.

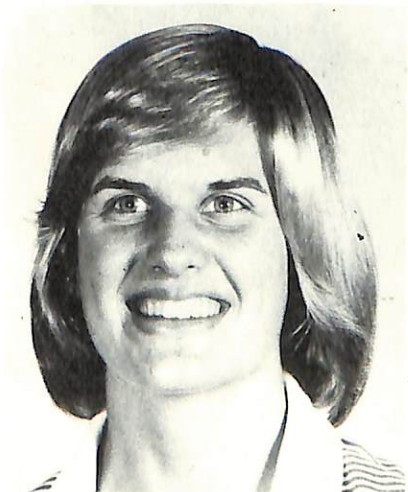


Christine Rossen
Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington

Recognized for her ability with the violin, Christine has received the highest recommendation from teachers and counselors at her school, Garfield Public High School in Seattle, based on her outstanding academic achievements and contributions to school life.

She and her family have been active in their Lodge No. 29 where Christine has taken part in several plays presented at children's Christmas parties and assisted with activities sponsored for the residents of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home for the Aged. She also has participated with the Danelag Folkdancing group in Seattle, while working part-time to help provide for her education.

She is considering declaring her major field as biology, with an eventual goal of graduate work in marine biology.



William C. Bracker
Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, IA

Bill is a 1978 graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. Active in athletics, he has served as vice president of the French Club, vice president and president of the Debate Club and was elected to the student council. Although working part-time since the age of 14, Bill has remained active in St. John's Lutheran Church, as an Eagle Scout, and as a volunteer instructor for the Red Cross swimming program. He will attend Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa, with a triple major in Political-Economics Systems, Political Science, and English. He eventually hopes to complete his education in the field of law.



David J. DeLaurant
Lodge No. 67, Fresno, California

Serving as Inner Guard for Lodge No. 67, David has also been active in the Bethel Lutheran Church as president of the Luther League Youth Group. As an Eagle Scout, he has been asked to return for a third year to work at the Boy Scout Camp at Shaver Lake. He includes the Fresno County Historical Society and a workshop for the handicapped in his volunteer activities.

David has maintained a high academic average and was ranked in the top ten percent of his 593-member graduating class. He will major in medicine, attending the California State University at Fresno, and later San Francisco State or the University of California at Davis.

Inge-Lise Christensen
Lodge No. 600, Omaha, Nebraska

Inge-Lise will enter Ohio State University this fall. She is a 1977 graduate of Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Inge-Lise and her family reside in Irwin, Pennsylvania, but Inge-Lise has spent her year since high school graduation training at the Gymnastikhojskolen (Physical Education Academy) in Ollerup, Denmark. During high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, American Field Service Club, Leader's Club, Art Club and the yearbook and newspaper staff.

She worked by babysitting and as a volunteer clown at children's wards in local hospitals. She was a volunteer swimming instructor for handicapped children, a student representative for the Citizen's Advisory Commission, a finalist in the Pennsylvania Junior Miss contest, a finalist and recipient of the "Miss Congeniality" award in the Pennsylvania Teen Queen Contest.

Inge-Lise is a dedicated athlete and received numerous awards for her participation in track events. She plans to major in physical education.





Steven C. Johnson
Lodge No. 283, Dagmar, Montana

Steven was the top-ranked student in his graduating class at Plentywood High School this spring. In addition to The Danish Brotherhood scholarship award, he received as a junior, the Haynes Foundation award during High School Week in Bozeman, Montana. He was the first high school junior ever to win the Haynes scholarship.

Steven was elected representative to Montana Boys State and received the D.A.R. good citizens award.

In athletics, Steven was chosen Plentywood High School's 1978 outstanding wrestler. His uncle, James Johnson, also of Lodge No. 283, presented the certificate commemorating his DBIA scholarship award on the night of his high school graduation.

Steven will enter Montana State University majoring in computer science and electrical engineering this fall.



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1978 Camp Grant Awards

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Forrest M. Kublick, age 11
Portland, Oregon

Brent E. Kublick, age 10
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Karl Kristian Sand, age 11
Eugene, Oregon

Karen Sand, age 12
Eugene, Oregon

Kirstin Ketelsen, age 14
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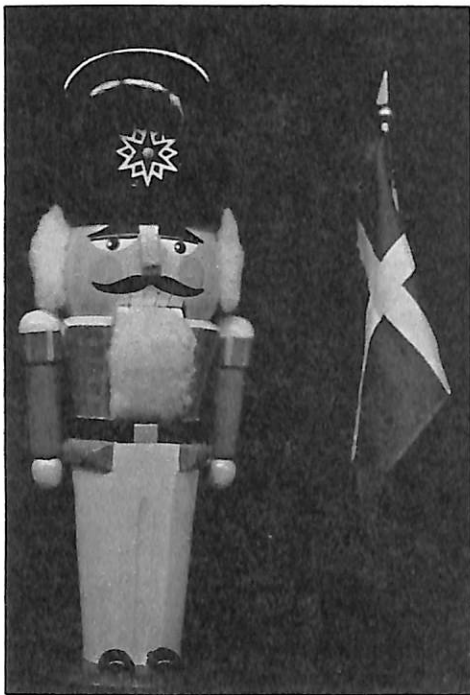
Sarah W. Baratta, age 7
Broomall, Pennsylvania

Niels Norby, age 13
Dan Diego, California

Bendt Norby, age 12
San Diego, California

Finn Norby, age 11
San Diego, California

Marnie Liberace, age 9
Havertown, Pennsylvania



Our Lodges In Action

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb. — Our June social meeting was an "open house" at the Brotherhood National Headquarters.

We received the following letter from the Royal Danish Consulate General in Chicago: "Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II, has asked me to convey to you her sincere appreciation of the birthday greeting which you sent to her recently."

The regular July business meeting was canceled for the 4th of July holiday. Instead, we held a pancake breakfast at Vennelyst Park.

Iowa

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — We sponsored two buses loaded with a total of ninety people to attend Danish Days at Kimballton. We also visited the Danish Windmill at Elk Horn and enjoyed a dinner at the Danish Inn.

At our regular June meeting we welcomed three new members into the lodge. Following the meeting, Leta and Alfred Gangstad put on another of their humorous skits with a cast including quite a number of our members.

The Izaak Walton Lodge will be the site for our family picnic coming up in August.

Marie Pedersen, Correspondent

Midwest

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wis. — More memberships are coming in as we approved seven and initiated seven members in June.

Committees have been set up and plans are being made for our 75th anniversary coming up.

Square dancing followed adjournment of our June meeting.

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Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Results of our Law Committee election had Gordon Andersen, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Bob Ibsen, Ben Peterson and Richard Schold as candidates. Ben Peterson was chosen to represent us at the 1979 National Convention. Ben and Gordon Andersen are the delegates to the Midwest District Convention this September.

Our lodge had the largest out-of-town contingent at the Midwest District picnic in Rockford. The Rockford lodge did another fine job in hosting the picnic.

Mat Fosbinder tied for third place in the Midwest District Trap Shoot while Bob O'Neal and Dick Walker, Jr. won money in the rifle shoot.

Our lodge's picnic will be held July 30 at Washington park. There will be a buffet, free beer and soda, door prizes and games for everyone.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — The Law Committee for the 1979 National Convention includes: Leo Pedersen, chairman; Jim Andreasen, Bill Clavey, Ken Jensen, Herman Perschnick.

We have sold 100 Scandinavian cookbooks and have received 100 more.

We were honored with a guest from Denmark, Mr. Fred Ipsen, a cousin of our president's mother.

Following our June meeting we saw a Walt Disney film, "Mysteries of the Sea."

Results of the Midwest District Trap Shoot are as follows:

Rifle (Vikings)—R.J. Jamieson, Dwight #34, 1st. Ted Christensen, Chicago #17, 2nd. Alan Sorensen, Wood Dale #340, 3rd.

Rifle (Women)—Shirley Holzauer, Dwight #34, 1st. Aneita Bloch, Wood Dale #340, 2nd.

Rifle (Men)—Terry Riccolo, Dwight #34, 1st. Bob O'Neal, Kenosha #14, 2nd. Dick Walker, Kenosha #14, 3rd. Kjeld Nielsen, Chicago #17, 4th. Kaj Nielsen, Chicago #17, 5th.

Trap High Scores, Viking—Tom Anderson, Dwight #34. **Women**—Shirley Holzauer, Dwight #34. **Men**—Jim Wilkey, Dwight #34.

Team, Dwight #34—1st. Racine #4—2nd. Kenosha #14—3rd.

Despite hot weather we had a good turn-out with five lodges represented. Dwight won the team championship to keep the traveling trophy. A fried chicken dinner at the Sportsmen's Club followed the day's activities.

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter

California - Nevada

Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, Calif. — Our lodge and the Sisters of Lodge 186 joined together to celebrate St. Hans Eve with a picnic. Over 55 people attended, including Soren Stonderup who was recovering from serious surgery.

Our next special occasion will be August 3 when we will have a steak fry preceding our meeting.

Vivian Jeppesen, Publicity

Eastern

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — At our May meeting we initiated nine new members, all sponsored by Art Sorensen. Art was presented with a plaque and \$25 savings bond from the Home Office in appreciation of his membership efforts.

GCEL correspondent Barry Edmonds and his wife Winnie had their first child, Roberta Lee, on June 13.

Our annual picnic will be September 17 at Art and Elaine Sorensen's. Activities begin at noon with food, drink and socializing for all.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J. — Plenty of food, drink, fun and brotherhood is on tap for our annual picnic on July 22 to be held at Eleanor and George Hansen's home.

Our members expressed their congratulations to Bende Lassen Juhl when he received his 50-year pin from President Ejvind Kjems with Juel Juelsen conducting.

We warmly welcomed guests from Denmark, Hans and Valborg Sorensen, who are visiting Anna and Ejlif Kjems. Also, Christina and Hans Schmidt brought regards from Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, Florida.

We are suspending meetings for the summer until September 19 so we wish you all to have a great summer!

Claire Kjems, Secretary



Lodge President Ejvind Kjems presents Bende Lassen Juhl with his 50-year pin, Juel Juelsen conducting.

Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt. — Over Labor Day weekend we will be sponsoring the 54th annual convention of the General Committee of Eastern Lodges. Some of the highlights will include: a barbecue and dancing Saturday night, sightseeing tour of the world's largest granite quarry, banquet and dance on Sunday, installation of GCEL officers and smorgasbord on Monday.

Motel reservations should be made as soon as possible if you plan to attend. All meetings and activities will be held in the new Knights of Columbus hall, Pine Hill Road, Barre Town, Vermont.

Gertrude Mikkelsen, Secretary

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — Lodge President Helge Steiness presented George Jacobsen with a Booster Award plaque and savings bond for his membership efforts.

John L. Peterson received a 25-year membership pin in July.

Our annual lodge picnic will be held at Eisenhower Park on July 23.

The Danish Constitution Day celebration (Grundlovsdag), arranged by the Danish-American Coordinating Council of Greater New York was held at the Danish Home for the Aged at Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. All of the East Coast Danish organizations participated with two of our members taking responsible posts. George Jacobsen acted as fundraiser and Svend Hansen, public relations. Speeches were given by Lieutenant Governor Mary Ann Krupsak and CBS correspondent Jim Jensen.

Egon Larsen, Secretary



Helge Steiness presents George Jacobsen with Booster Award plaque.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, New York — Despite our hard winter this year, we got off to a great start when George Seversen, president of Lodge 190 in Schenectady, along with conductor Glen Nissen, installed our new officers. Our president is Harry Jensen, Jr., who is also trustee on the General Committee of Eastern Lodges.

Later on we again invited our Schenectady brothers for a corned beef and cabbage dinner. We didn't know that an Irishman could do such good Danish cooking, but Gary Mulligan and Jimmy Christensen certainly did well!

Our spring "Fastelavn's" party was followed by Danish dancing. Irv Jensen led in practicing our "Finger Polkas" and "Crested Hens" so we could help our Sister Lodge entertain the Sisterhood Eastern General Committee at their annual convention in Troy.

We have two new brothers and we are looking for more new members and more good times to hold us all together.

Betty Jensen, Correspondent

Michigan - Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Our lodge recently enjoyed two very popular social events besides keeping active in our monthly business meetings.

The first social event was our annual "Sports Night." We congregated at a local school gym to play basketball, volleyball and hockey, followed by a sloppy joe supper.

June's social event was a "Fish Fry" with the fish being provided by our seafaring president, Art Sweet.

Hans Nielsen and Carl Hansen, two of our senior lodge members, were honored with 60-year pins for their many years of membership and service to the Danish Brotherhood.

Harold Neiser, Secretary



Art Sweet presents Hans Nielsen and Carl Hansen with 60-year pins.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On June 7 we had our regular meeting in the Danish Hall followed by a lunch of chili, pickles, crackers and assorted beverages.

A stag steak fry was held at Trustee Al Seguin's cabin. Charcoal grills were set up for everyone to fry their own steaks.

June 24 was our monthly carry-in supper and dance at the Danish Hall ballroom. A sing-along was also included in the evening's festivities.

June 28 we held our monthly pinochle party in the Danish Hall.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent

Canada

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. — Our lodge has sent BIEN a contribution of \$52 to help one of the few Danish language newspapers to stay alive.

The annual Peace Arch picnic was held to commemorate Danish Constitution Day. Kids had many races and a tug-of-war for their enjoyment.

Our lodge helped to sponsor the NESA orchestra from Copenhagen which played in Vancouver and New Westminster.

"Circus" Package

Put Together

By Copenhagen Hotel

Dinner with a panoramic view of Copenhagen, ringside seats at the circus and a nightcap at a plush dance bar.

That's the management's idea of fun at Copenhagen's Hotel Scandinavia which has put together a package this summer called "Come Circus with Us."

The evening begins with dinner at Hotel Scandinavia's "3 Crowns" Restaurant, 25 stories up, with a view of Copenhagen's medieval spires and lively harbor traffic. The menu includes a choice of filet of plaice "Duglere" (white wine sauce) or a filet of veal "Normande," (cream sauce with tiny morel mushrooms), homemade sherbet and choices of red or white wine, and coffee or tea.

After dinner, the hotel's bus heads for the Benneweis Circus, the world's oldest and, according to many connoisseurs of the performing arts, also the best.

A Copenhagen institution for 92 years, the Benneweis Circus is a family affair. It's a 2½-hour show complete with performing elephants, chimps and horses, clowns and masters of the flying trapeze, magicians and tightrope walkers.

Benneweis attracts close to a million spectators a year and holds forth in its own circus building just a couple of blocks from the other Copenhagen entertainment attraction, Tivoli Pleasure Gardens. In fact, a visit to Tivoli is taken for granted after the circus.

The Hotel Scandinavia bus runs guests from Tivoli back to the hotel. The circus package concludes with a drink at the hotel's Artilleri Bar where live bands provide dance music in an international night club setting until the break of dawn—which means until 2:30 a.m. in summertime Copenhagen.

Price for the entire evening's food and fun, drink and dance, is 165 Danish crowns per person (about \$27.50), with a special 107-crown rate (about \$18) for children. Reservations should be made with the Hotel Scandinavia concierge by 3:00 p.m. The circus package is available nightly except Sundays.

For those planning to visit Copenhagen and would like to make reservations, write to Scandinavian Airlines, Box CIRCUS, Suite 1465, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10020.

Vancouver
Canada



Courthouse Fountain

Its Nature, People and Climate

Driven offshore by winds, the earliest explorers sailed past the Strait of Juan de Fuca without noticing it, and all the early maps show Vancouver Island firmly attached to the mainland. When it was finally discovered to be an island, it was circumnavigated and its waters charted by Captain George Vancouver, a British explorer.

The city of Vancouver, British Columbia, and the island are named for Vancouver, although he named the island Vancouver and Quadra's Island, sharing the honor with a Spanish explorer. But Britain won title to the land, and Quadra's name was shuffled off to a much smaller island.

What did Captain Vancouver start? He explored the delta of a huge river and an arm of the sea that provided splendid harbor for ships. Seventy-five years later a city rose on this delta in what is Vancouver's Gastown area. These old buildings have been refurbished with character left intact.

Vancouver is located in the extreme southwest corner of British Columbia, 25 miles from the United States border and 145 miles from Seattle, Washington. It is rimmed on the north by high mountains, in the south by the Fraser River and along its western perimeter by sandy coastal beaches.

Vancouver is a world travel cross roads and can be reached in a variety of ways. Several major carriers fly into Vancouver International Airport—and convention delegates and guests can enjoy modern air transportation from virtually any part of the globe.

Vancouver is also connected with Canadian and U.S. points by an excellent network of highways, and there is regular bus service from centers across the continent. In addition, it's the terminus for four railway lines—two of which travel across Canada, one within B.C. and the other emanating from the U.S. Cruise ships make Vancouver a regular port-of-call.

The climate is gentle and moderate. The city is protected on the north and east by the mountains and on the west by the Strait of Georgia and Vancouver Island. The resultant temperatures range from an average minimum of 31 degrees F in the month of January to an average maximum of 72 degrees F in July. In 1971 the population was 429,792.

Canada had its nationalistic birth around 1890-1910. The first Canadian Club was formed in 1893. In its beginning, nearly all Canadians were of British or French stock, but at the half century more than one in five traced origin to some other country. These people were known as the "New Canadians." Canadian immigration was never as wide open as that of the United States, but it has been generous. And the call of freedom nearly as strong.

Scandinavians are numerous in Canada and scattered throughout the country. They are thought of as solid citizens who quickly integrate into Canadian society. The Canadian people in general appear very polite to visitors and make the experience of meeting them enjoyable. A pleasant and inviting setting for the DBIA National Convention in 1979.

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Kimballton, Iowa Danish Days

Saturday, June 3, the two-day Danish Days celebration began in Kimballton, Iowa. If you visited the area for this event, you no doubt stopped in Elk Horn, Iowa, just a few miles away to see the Danish Windmill and lunch at the Danish Inn. But it was a quick lunch because dedication of the Mermaid Fountain in the Kimballton Park took place at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. The dedication was followed by folk dancing exhibitions and some rather unusual games which included pie throwing and pole climbing.

Sunday arts and crafts sales and demonstrations started at 11 a.m. At one p.m. the color guard led the way for floats and marchers in the parade. A number of the floats had Danish themes and we can be particularly proud of the float representing DBIA Lodge No. 341, the Kimballton-Elk Horn lodge.

Traditional Danish foods were available throughout and none of the eager onlookers went away without something special and Danish to remember.



The Progressive Danes of Kimballton manned this Viking float.



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George Godthaab, 75th anniversary visit, Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA, \$80.41

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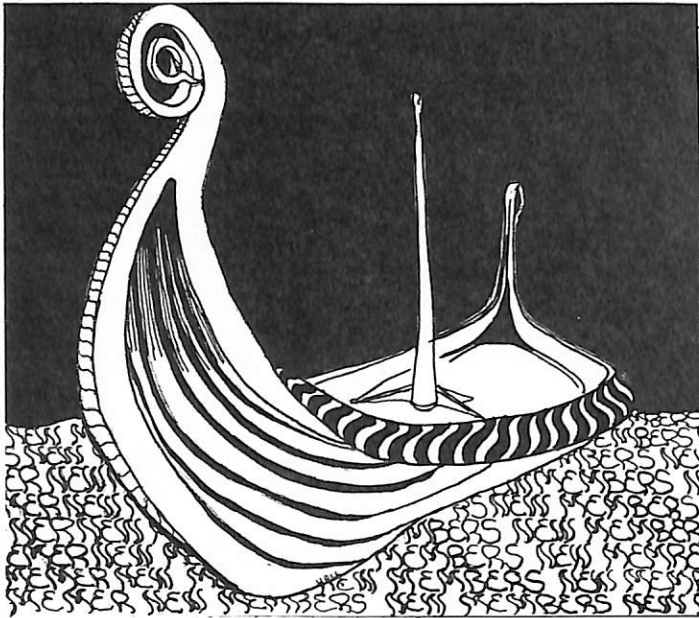
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IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP, WE HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
5-18-78	Carl P. Olesen	73	Odense, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1927
5-25-78	Will Hanson	87	Freeborn Co., Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1922
5-11-78	Jens C. Bro	94	Ringkobing, Denmark	17	Chicago Illinois	1907
4-6-78	Niels M. Nielsen	77	Vester, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1924
1-2-78	Carl C. Olesen	84	Menominee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1915
6-8-78	Lawrence Gunderson	77	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1942
6-11-78	Perry Ostergaard	84	Brovst, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1919
5-24-78	Peter Christoffersen	80	Brovst, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1941
6-4-78	Gordon G. Nielsen	60	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1937
3-30-78	Martin P. Ostergaard	81	So. Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1915
5-27-78	Fred O. Elling	85	Benton, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1912
6-7-78	Svend J. Beck	85	Aalborg, Amt., Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1919
5-17-78	Keith W. Johnson	46	Atlantic, Iowa	341	Elk Horn/Kimballton, Iowa	1976
6-6-78	Fred Mekkelsen	81	Barre Town, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1935
6-17-78	Aksel Sorensen	83	Silkeborg, Denmark	254	Brush, Colorado	1921
6-19-78	Hans J. Pedersen	90	Fyn, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1923
6-28-78	Julius Furslew	77	South River, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1936
5-22-78	Niels C. Damgard	78	Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1971
4-8-78	Valdemar N.P. Valdermarsen	100	Vejle, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1907
5-18-78	Chris P. Andersen	89	Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1957
5-27-78	Chris Chromann	86	Vammen, Denmark	319	Bakersfield, California	1961
6-4-78	Maurice Milgaard	90	Odense, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1965
6-8-78	Rochella R.S. Tengbom	56	Copenhagen, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1978

Danish Local Posts (Holte)

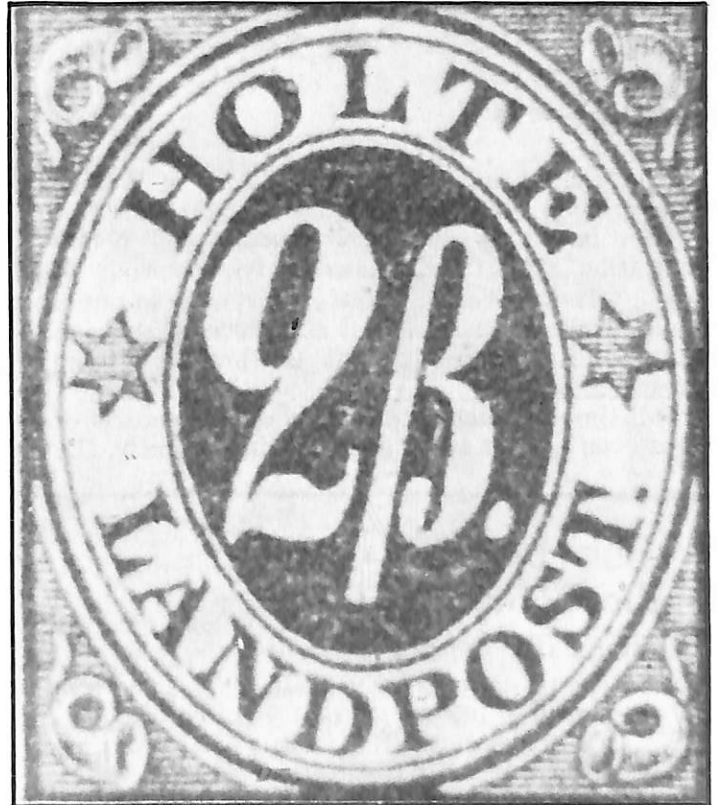
Aksel Sand Petersen

Although the Royal Danish Post Office had utilized postage stamps since April 1, 1851, the government had no legal monopoly on the distribution of letters, parcels and circulars until 1888. Indeed, postal service to the public was on occasion poor enough to stimulate outcry and complaint, hence creating the need for competitive private local posts, the first one of which, the Holte Landpost, was inaugurated on July 1, 1866.

Government postal service to rural and suburban areas was virtually non-existent and the foreman of the Holte Railway station near Copenhagen, George Joachim Jessen, wrote the editor of the newspaper, "Dagbladet" of the deplorable situation and offered a solution namely the establishment of a local letter delivery service. Not without some government static, Jessen was awarded an official contract to operate a local postal service. By setting this precedent, private post were legalized in Denmark by a Royal decree on July 19, 1879. From this point on, the establishment of many other local posts in every major city in Denmark created a competition the Royal Postal Authority, in due time, could no longer abide, and a new postal law was introduced in 1888 forbidding the establishment of any new local posts and/or the expansion of existing ones. By the early 1890's most of the local posts ceased to operate and only the independent parcel delivery services continued to flourish.

Jessen's contractual agreement with the Royal Postal Establishment provided for him to collect and distribute local mail for a charge of two skilling per letter. Although he was not initially successful, he believed in his idea and resigned as foreman of the railway in order to concentrate on his postal business. He hired a number of salaried messengers but in 1868 he could no longer pay them and in consequence his company folded. Jessen left for America and returned to Denmark in 1904 where he retired receiving an annual government pension amounting to 500 Crowns. He died at the age of 76 in 1908.

Jessen's successor as foreman of the Holte railway station, a Lieutenant A.V.H. Baumann, had printed the first Holte Landpost stamps. Issued in March of 1870, the brown imperforate two skilling stamp featured the denomination centered within an oval framework with Holte ringing the top half and Landpost on the bottom separated by two six-pointed stars. (ill. 1) In each of the outer corners of the rectangular stamp are post horns. This pleasantly designed stamp was replaced in October of 1872 by a new design created by Lieutenant Baumann. Featuring a two in the middle of an eight-pointed starburst and ringed by an outer circle, the top quarter of the stamp utilizes a banner device with the name, in capital block letters, of Holte. The same banner device is mirrored on the bottom quarter of the issue and in smaller capital block letters, reads Landpost. (ill. 2) Never a real money maker, this semi-official postal system ceased operating, after seven years of service, on May 25, 1873.



Fraternalism Is A Family Affair

The family has, since the dawn of human history, been a hallowed and sacred institution.

The family is the basic social unit of all civilization. The family has survived periods of stress. There have been numerous assaults mounted on our basic social structure to such an extent that the family unit is threatened and disrupted.

It is time to rededicate ourselves, as members of a fraternal benefit society, and as importantly, the

general public to the time-honored principles that foster, preserve and strengthen the family unit.

With these thoughts in mind, the National Fraternal Congress of America has developed a booklet containing programs which will strengthen communications among members of families. As a member of the National Fraternal Congress and a family-oriented fraternal society, The Danish Brotherhood supports the programs and ideas presented in the booklet.

Early in June several DBIA members received copies of the "Fraternalism is a Family Affair" booklet and no doubt have brought it to the attention of others in their lodge or district. If you are involved in providing activities for your lodge, or if you would like to become involved, please write to your National Headquarters, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

The National Fraternal Congress has recently announced that more information about the program has been developed and will soon be available.

Foreign-Born Stars Of the Good Old Flicks

(answers next month)

1. Ingrid BERGMAN (Sweden) ✓
2. Nigel BRUCE (Mexico) ✓
3. Hume CRONYN (Canada) ✓
4. Marlene DIETRICH (Germany) ✓
5. Deanna DURBIN (Canada) ✓
6. Errol FLYNN (Tasmania) ✓
7. Greta GARBO (Sweden) ✓
8. Stewart GRANGER (England) ✓
9. Sidney GREENSTREET (England) ✓
10. Cedric HARDWICKE (England) ✓
11. Paul HENREID (Trieste) ✓
12. Jean HERSHOLT (Denmark) ✓
13. Leslie HOWARD (England) ✓
14. Walter HUSTON (Canada) ✓
15. Victor JORY (Canada) ✓
16. Hedy LAMARR (Austria) ✓
17. Charles LAUGHTON (England) ✓
18. Stan LAUREL (England) ✓
19. Peter LORRE (Hungary) ✓
20. Bela LUGOSI (Hungary) ✓
21. Raymond MASSEY (Canada) ✓
22. Donald MEEK (Scotland) ✓
23. Carmen MIRANDA (Portugal) ✓
24. Maria MONTEZ (Dominican Republic) ✓
25. Merle OBERON (Tasmania) ✓
26. Warner OLAND (Sweden) ✓
27. Maureen O'SULLIVAN (Ireland) ✓
28. Mary PICKFORD (Canada) ✓
29. Walter PIDGEON (Canada) ✓
30. Claude RAINS (England) ✓
31. Basil RATHBONE (So. Africa) ✓
32. Edward G. ROBINSON (Rumania) ✓
33. Margaret RUTHERFORD (England) ✓
34. SABU (India) ✓
35. "Cuddles" SAKALL (Hungary) ✓
36. George SANDERS (Russia) ✓
37. Norma SHEARER (Canada) ✓
38. Erich von STROHEIM (Austria) ✓
39. Arthur TREACHER (England) ✓
40. Fay WRAY (Canada) ✓

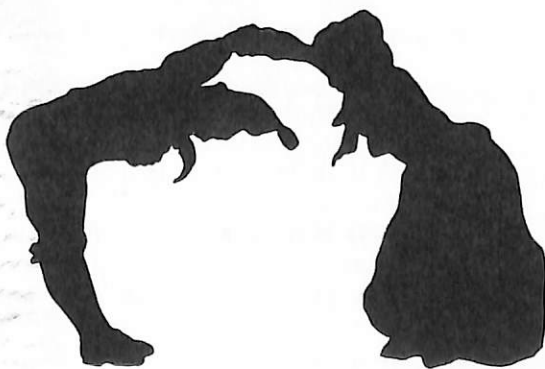
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Faces of Denmark



Photo by Dan Shepard



Happy Birthday!
May this be the
beginning of a happy year.
Fraternally yours,

Say "Happy Birthday" to lodge members and friends with a DBIA birthday card. Brand new from the National Headquarters,

P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Neb. 68131, for 35 cents each.

1978

Creative Writing Contest

The 1977 *Creative Writing Contest* elicited such a tremendous response from our readers and was so popular (judging from the many, many entries we received) that we are repeating the idea for 1978.

The rules are the same as last year, with one or two minor changes. We will repeat them here for you. If you were too shy to enter last year, this is your chance! Read on for the details.

Contest Rules

- All work must be original, preferably typewritten (if this is not possible, you may handwrite it legibly), double-spaced and on one side of a sheet of a paper only. Include your manuscript *plus* two copies.
- If you wish your manuscript returned, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- All entries *must* be accompanied by a small snapshot or photo of the author, an indication of your lodge or the lodge of your relative, plus the group and category you are entering.
- All entries must be postmarked by August 30, 1978, and received by the Home Office no later than September 11, 1978.
- All winners will be announced in the November, 1978, *American Dane* and winning entries will be published in the magazine shortly thereafter.
- You may enter as often as you like in as many categories as you like; however, no more than one prize per entrant per category will be awarded.
- First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category if we have 12 entries or more. Only first and second prizes will be awarded if we have more than five entries but less than eight. And only one prize will be awarded if we receive less than five entries in any one category.

There are no restrictions as to topic, content or style. We only ask that you heed our length designation. Send your entries to: Creative Writing Contest, c/o Danish Brotherhood, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Neb. 68131.

Remember: the deadline is August 30, 1978. Don't forget to include your photo, lodge number or relative's lodge number, group number and category, and *three* copies of each manuscript you enclose.

*Group I [age 12 and under]

Poetry
1st — \$15
2nd — \$10
3rd — \$5

Fiction
1st — \$25
2nd — \$15
3rd — \$10
(1500 word limit)

Non-Fiction
1st — \$25
2nd — \$15
3rd — \$10
(1500 word limit)

Group II [age 13 to 18]

Poetry
1st — \$15
2nd — \$10
3rd — \$5

Fiction
1st — \$50
2nd — \$30
3rd — \$20
(1500 word limit)

Non-Fiction
1st — \$50
2nd — \$30
3rd — \$20
(1500 word limit)

Group III [age 19 and over]

Poetry
1st — \$15
2nd — \$10
3rd — \$5

Fiction
1st — \$50
2nd — \$30
3rd — \$20
(1500 word limit)

Non-Fiction
1st — \$50
2nd — \$30
3rd — \$20
(1500 word limit)

FODSELSDAGSKRINGLE

(Danish Birthday Cake)

From the book *Julia Peterson Tufford's Original Scandinavian Recipes***

2 cakes compressed yeast 2 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk, scalded 1/3 cup soft butter
3/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup chopped almonds
1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup mixed fruit peels
3 and 1/2 to 4 cups flour

METHOD: Dissolve yeast in a little lukewarm water. Sift the sugar and salt with the flour and blend with the cooled milk, yeast and eggs. Mix thoroughly and let rise until light. Roll on floured board into rectangle 6 x 12 inches, spread with butter, almonds

Grandma's Kitchen

and fruit peels, fold each side to the middle and shape into a circle. Place on greased baking sheet and let rise again. Brush with beaten egg, sprinkle with sugar and nuts and bake about 45 minutes at 350 degrees. (This cake is traditionally baked in a wreath or circle, symbolizing immortality.)

**Book is available from Nels Nelson's Danish Village Gift Shop, 1683 Copenhagen Dr., Solvang, CA 93463

Viking Adventures

**Coming Together—A Beginning Keeping Together—Progress
Working Together—Success**

The Danish Cheer Committee, Inc., was founded in Southern California in 1932. Originally, they organized to raise money to pay the round-trip fare of the Danish Olympic teams from New York to Los Angeles. Fulfilling this goal and having funds left, they turned the organization into a charitable one. The Danish Cheer Committee now gives assistance to needy families in the area and brings cheer to senior citizens. This is one of the many Danish ethnic groups scattered around the country, all supporting benevolent activities.

Do you know about other such organizations? If you do, we'd like to include them in our research and would appreciate receiving the name of someone we can contact for general information about the group.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS — DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The Danish Brotherhood in America is a national organization composed of ten districts. Each district is supported by the local lodges it encompasses. In recent years, the districts have become more socially active. For sheer number of enjoyable activities being sponsored by a district, we'd award a prize to our *Midwest District*. *Director Robert Ibsen* has filled us in on how their district got started.

Lodges within the district are encouraged to suggest new activities to the district convention. The lodge is then asked to host that activity in its first year. A committee appointed by district officers coordinates the work of each activity committee. The activity committees are selected from the membership of the host lodge. The district plans for activities two years ahead, so they will select the host lodges for 1980 activities at their convention in 1978.

Annual activities currently being sponsored include: district bowling tournament, target shoot, golf tournament, trap shoot, and district picnic. The host lodge assembles a packet of their promotional literature, financial reports, attendance reports and recommendations at the conclusion of the event. They present this to the host lodge for the following year during convention sessions and each activity is discussed and evaluated.

Each of the activities has been self-supporting, but the district has a provision to provide some financial assistance if it should be necessary. Participation by members in the activities has been more than satisfactory and continues to increase. The *Midwest District* looks forward to adding to its current programs. We have additional specific information regarding each activity available if you would like to request it.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Our office has been the recipient of two brochures describing the speakers' bureaus maintained by local universities. If you have a college or university in your area, why not contact them to see if they have speakers available? All of the topics are informative, presented by experts in their fields, and cost is usually minimal.

Forty percent of our lodges returned the fraternal activities questionnaire sent to each lodge earlier this year. This forty percent, representing large, small, active and inactive lodges, reported over \$26,000 disbursed for charitable purposes during 1977. Estimating the total figure could at least be doubled, we'd say we are making a healthy impact on society.