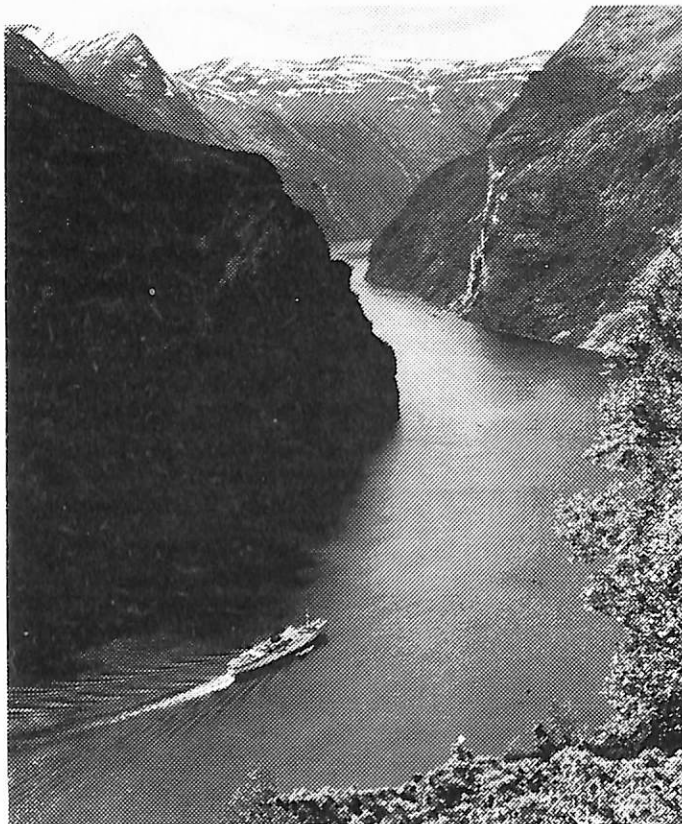


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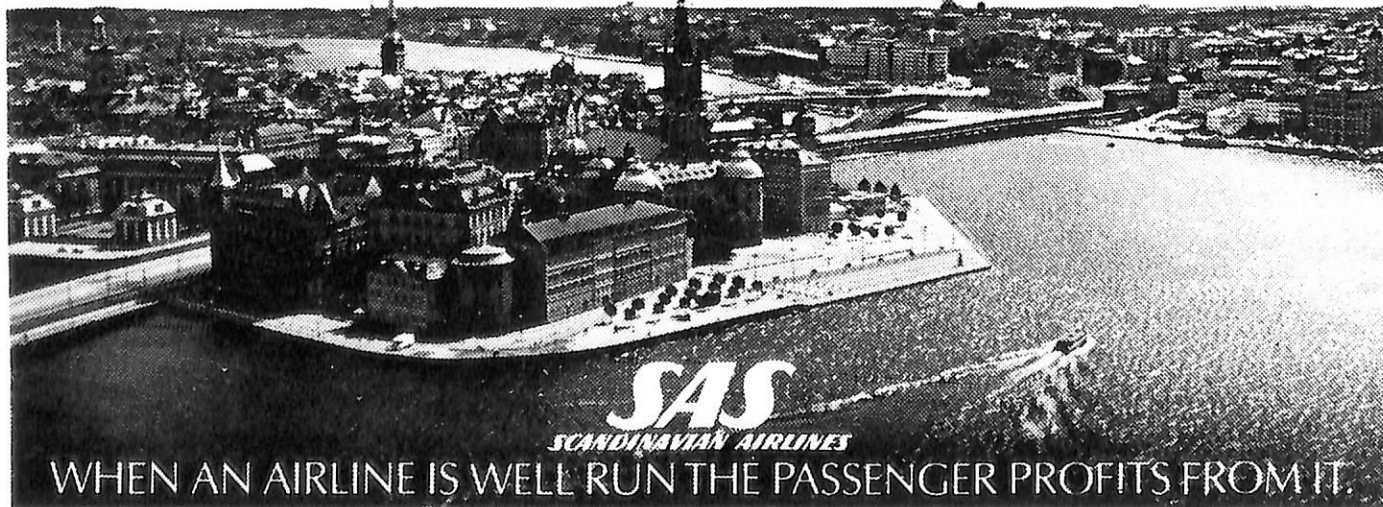
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And in the same manner of thought, those people who are living in the autumn of their lives want to share that time with loved ones. They have a lifetime of experiences that may still be enjoyed and have much to be learned from.

Don't let these days slip by without pausing to enjoy them, for winter often follows much too soon.

Robert E. Coffey

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autumn

What's New
for
September
in the
American
Dane?

This issue of *The American Dane* magazine is dedicated to the "Old Danes", those folks in the autumn of their years whom we so often forget. Yet they are the ones who really exemplify for us the traditions of their native country and remind us of our heritage.

The cover photo of the old gentleman on a Copenhagen street was taken by Mr. Curtis Maschman, a Dana College graduate from Daykin, Ne. Curt took the photo while on a European tour offered through Dana. He is now attending law school at the University of Nebraska.

Several other features in this issue deal with the "Old Danes". The poem, "Pete the Dane", was written by Mr. Lynne L. Prout of Orinda, Ca. Lynne is an author and journalist by profession and currently president of the World Order of Narrative Poets. He has had three science textbooks adopted by the state of California in addition to having published two volumes of poetry. He says that he acquired an affection for Scandinavians during the Depression as he followed the wheat harvest north to Canada. Lynne says, "Sweet are the memories of the five stupendous meals they served each day to their harvest hands!"

Mary Kentra Ericsson of Pittsburg, Ca., writes of Herman, a memorable character out of her past. She and her husband "inherited" the old Dane from their parents in the 1930's and he became an unforgettable part of their early married life. Mary now teaches an adult school creative writing class and a course in humanities for senior citizens. She also writes a weekly newspaper column on retirement, "The Glory Years", and has recently had a book, *Flying Feathers*, a Slav folk tale for children, published by Concordia Publishing House.

Chet Gottfried continues his series on Danish literature with this month's article on the sagas, the very entertaining works that have preserved for us what the pagan and early Christian days of Scandinavia were like. By the way, Chet has been working very hard lately on pen-and-ink artwork for the 1979 Danish Brotherhood Calendar, which will be available soon.

Other items of note in this issue include a story of success in revitalizing the lodge in Luck, Wi.; a story on the new president of Dana College, Dr. James Kallas; a note on the National Convention, just one year away; plus much more.

Robert E. Coffey

Sign Up A New Member

With Fall quickly approaching and attendance at lodge meetings once again returning to normal, the Membership Drive announced in the July issue of **The American Dane** should soon be in high gear.

Several lodges report having established Membership Committees since receiving the membership kit in July and getting the members involved by handing out membership applications.

If your lodge has not yet become active in the drive, ask your lodge secretary for several of the new, simplified applications and sign up your friends and members of your family if they are not already members.

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HERMAN

by
Mary Kentra Ericsson

The Fourth of July was his birthday, and although Herman was a Scandinavian by birth, and an American by adoption, the freedom anniversary seemed suitable as his day of entry into the world. Ironically he was buried on the Fourth of July, too, so the day has double memories of him.

Who was Herman? A knobby, gnarled-fingered, stooped shouldered, practically bald old man, with faded blue eyes and an independent spirit. He wore clean but tattered clothing, his only claim to distinction being a round black derby hat which he wore continuously, removing it only at bedtime.

My husband had "inherited" Herman in our early marriage years in the 1930's. He was a friend of my father-in-law in the "old country" who came to visit him in Cornwall (now Pittsburg, Ca.) and remained there. My husband's parents had given him a rent-free shack in the rear of the family home, and when they died it was natural that my husband should "look after" Herman.

He existed on a dole of county welfare funds, scrounging at the city park, and often eating food left by picnickers or preparing his own meals by opening cans of beans or sardines, and eating them cold. When my husband discovered this, he invited Herman to share our evening meal, although it was during the depression years. So Herman became a part of the family.

"Where the hell have you been?" he demanded of my husband if he stopped after work for a few beers with friends and wasn't home at the dot of 6 p.m. which Herman had deemed was a "proper time" to eat.

"Have you cooked plenty of potatoes?" he would question me with the voice of a provider, rather than a non-paying guest.

"This is the worst cake I ever 'et," he frankly described one of my early bridal failures at cooking. But he also gobbled with delight what pleased him, so no vocal thanks were necessary.

We tolerated Herman with the amusement of the young, who felt they would never get old.

We even invited him to bring his laundry to be done at our house, when my husband discovered that Herman "aired" his heavy wool socks nightly over the frame of his brass bed, to delay the necessity of washing them.

At the crack of dawn on Monday mornings, Herman would arrive with his bundle of clothes, a weekly change, plus one towel.

"Aren't you up yet?" he'd shout with a loud voice raising over his pounding at the door.

If I didn't happen to choose to wash on that day, Herman was disgruntled.

"Sunday is church day... Monday is wash day," he'd reprimand.

But Herman wasn't without gratitude, although he preferred actions to words.

During his daily walks to the city waterfront (where as a former longshoreman he became official "sidewalk superintendent") or to the city park, Herman always found something he considered of

value. It might be a broken comb, filled with greying hair and dandruff, and less teeth than a seven-year-old. It might be some discarded dishes or rusted silverware. He always proudly gave his findings to us.

When we became parents, our children were also Herman's by adoption. His daily walks had more purpose now, seeking for "treasures" for them. His loot included dirty sweatshirts, chipped marbles, balls of all sizes and shapes.

"There's still some use in this," he'd say proudly dumping his gifts on the kitchen table. (It took some tact to convince him that the outdoor picnic table on the patio was a better place to deposit his findings.)

Frequently Herman found money... coins and even currency... which he displayed proudly and pocketed with a pleased click in his frayed purse.

"The secret is to walk with your eyes down... look in the gutters," he advised.

The fact that this had narrowly cost Herman his life a number of times and brought drivers to a screeching halt didn't dismay him.

"Those damned gasoline vomiters... they'll poison the air," Herman predicted long before pollution became a part of the vocabulary.

"Horses are better. At least you can use the manure in the vegetable garden," Herman reminded.

Meal-time was talk-time for Herman, the highlight of his solo day. He would tell us about the choice gossip he overheard in the park. He discussed city politics with keen interest, reading our newspapers as a preview before dinner.

Herman had even run for city council himself at one time. He had made the city's most memorable speech (for brevity). "I came... I said I would come... I'm here." Then he sat down. That was the total of his campaigning eloquence when he was invited to a forum of candidates. That he lost the election didn't bother him.

"Now I'll have more time for my whittling."

That was Herman's favorite pastime as he sat on a hillside near the railroad station. There were always people there, waiting for trains, arriving or leaving. When the wind blew he eyed women's legs appreciatively as it whipped their skirts around. Their limbs became Herman's models for his sandstone sculpture. With the years his collection grew, and filled wooden cigar boxes. Every leg had an identity. Although a bachelor, Herman had an eye for pulchritude. He could name the legs of many a prominent female citizen, from the models retained in his collection for his future solitary enjoyment by the flicker of his coal-oil lamp in his bachelor shack.

Herman remained a part of our family life with the passing years and as our sons grew he became the grandfather figure they would not otherwise have had.

"How's the handwriting coming?" he would ask the boys with keen interest. "You gotta be somebody with learning," he always reminded them.

He taught our sons other things. Like keeping your

word, and being prompt. One incident illuminated this.

When Herman's roof needed recovering my husband (who was his Mr. Fix-It) promised to do it on Saturday.

When we overslept that morning, Herman was missing from his shack when we went to get him to pick up the tarpaper in our car. He was nowhere in sight. But a half hour later he came puffing, sweat pouring down from under his bowler, a roll of tarpaper on his shoulder, his shoulder dripping with perspiration after his two-mile walk.

"Couldn't you wait, Herman... I was going to take you," my husband asked.

"You said 'first thing in the morning'," he answered indignantly, looking up at the sun. "It's been up for hours."

Herman had some unforgettable talents, our sons recall. He could eat peas on his knife without spilling them. He "sauced" his tea without losing a drop. He flopped high peaks of mashed potatoes on his dish and poured gravy drippings in landslides down the dish, then ate his food scene with obvious enjoyment.

Herman's absence from the dinner table one night was a sure trouble alarm, and we found him in his shack writhing in pain.

He wanted "no truck with a doctor", but at our insistence he ended in the hospital, his prostrate trouble a forerunner of cancer. Herman recovered sufficiently to go to a convalescent hospital after surgery, where he spent his final days walking through the rooms, looking for flies. When he discovered one he would quietly and quickly pounce forward, snap his fingers over the offending insect, squish it triumphantly, and toss it down the toilet.

Before he died, and he knew his end was nearing, Herman told my husband that he didn't want to be "buried by the county, like a god". Although he never to our knowledge had entered a church, he wanted a "Christian-Lutheran burial". He had somehow saved enough from his meager income for this triumphant exit.

On the Fourth of July... what would have been his 84th birthday... our family gathered tearfully around Herman's grave, where a minister said proper religious final rites.

Herman left us a legacy... his hard hat... and an empty space at the family dinner table, plus an empathy for every old man we ever see shuffling down the street.

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George Godthaab, John Hansen funeral, Davenport, Ia., \$209.13.

Robert E. Ibsen, 75th anniversary visit, Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wi. \$228.00.

George Godthaab, Salary, \$269.60.

What a Success Story!

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wisconsin

by Bob Ibsen

In October of 1977 during the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, a letter requesting information on how a lodge might disband was on the board meeting agenda. This letter came from the members of Lodge No. 186, located in Luck, Wi.

Concerned, the board asked Midwest Area Manager Flemming Andersen to investigate the Luck situation. Rather than disband the lodge, they hoped to bring it back to an active status. When Flemming arrived in Luck, he met some of the lodge officers and found they owned their own building, which was being rented and was in pretty bad shape. They decided rather than to give up they would organize a membership drive and begin accepting women members.

Irwin Edling and Christian Jacobsen were the two local members most dedicated to the project. Membership was boosted from the existing group of 24 to 143 and still growing. Bob Nelson of Luck has been appointed their part-time representative and the lodge has things looking up with his assistance.

They remodeled their building through a lot of old-fashioned hard work and held their 75th anniversary celebration there in July.

Appointed as the representative of the Board of Directors to attend the anniversary party, I found a warm and hospitable group of Danes in this small town located in northwestern Wisconsin. It was my pleasure to congratulate them on their accomplishments and to challenge them to continue to preserve their lodge for the future. Second Vice President Byron Petersen, from Askov, Minn., also took this opportunity to get a look at what the lodge had done, as well as John Mollerskov, president of the Midwest District with his home lodge in Racine, Wi., and Flemming Andersen, Midwest District Area Manager. Berger Rasmussen, a member of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, who was born in Luck and took an active interest in this project, should also be recognized here.

Organizing and serving a barbecued chicken dinner to 250 persons the night of the anniversary just shows what the lodge can do. Dinner was followed by a skit presented in Danish and a dance. All in all, it was a wonderful anniversary — put on by a great group of people.



Left to right: Flemming Andersen, Irwin Edling, Robert Ibsen, John Mollerskov.



Robert Ibsen presents certificate for Lodge No. 186 to Irwin Edling, president.

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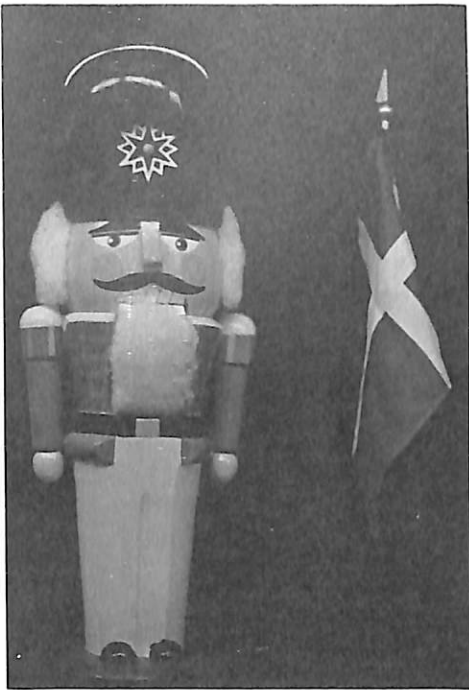
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Our Lodges In Action

Nebraska

Lodge No. 211 and D.S. Lodge No. 113 hosted the annual Danish Brotherhood State Picnic. Plenty of food was on hand and we had a slide show of the Danish windmill at Elk Horn, Ia.

The General Committee officers had a lengthy discussion on the Nebraska State Fair. We will have a booth there to display Danish articles and serve food. The fair runs from September 1 to the 10th in Lincoln.

The State Convention is set for September 22 and 23 at the Villager Motel in Lincoln.

Chris Larsen.

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Ne. — We will be offering Danish language lessons starting September 5. We've ordered new books to use.

Our committee reported that we enjoyed a successful venture in the Omaha Ethnic Festival and offered a \$200 check as proof.

We had a farewell party for Larry and Thyra Valade, who have been transferred to another state. Larry has been the editor of our monthly newsletter for some time.

**Chris Larsen, Correspondent,
and Jim Donahue.**

Lodge No. 206, Blair, Ne. — Danish Days are coming to Blair! We are co-sponsoring the 4th annual Danish Days along with the Chamber of Commerce and Dana College on Saturday, October 14.

Ladies, sharpen up your baking skills and enter the baking contest. Danish plates will be given as prizes in the various classes, including yeast breads, coffee cakes, rolls and quick breads.

There will be plenty of Danish food (medisterpølse, cheese, kringle, etc.), a Kaffebord serving Smørrebrød, demonstrations of crafts, Danish Christmas ornaments and much more.

A Heritage Parade kicks things off at 10:30 a.m., and later the Blair Community Theater will present an original play adapted from one of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales.

Other activities planned include the Dana folk dancers, a "Big Wheels" race and Children's Hour at the library, tours of Blair, Dana and the Black Elk-Neihardt Park, plus a Danish Vesper Service.

Merton and Bonnie Kuhr, Chairmen.

Iowa

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — Lodge correspondent, Marie Pedersen, regrettably passed away August 15. She was the organizer of most of the lodge activities, such as the trip to the Elk Horn Danish Windmill. She was also deeply involved in planning the Iowa Lodges Convention held in Fort Dodge Labor Day weekend, hosted by Lodge No. 217 and Lodge No. 219.

Lucille Christensen, Secretary.

Eastern

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — At our June meeting a five member bylaw committee was elected; Brothers James Brochu, Paul Iversen, Carl Ingeholm, Chris Morgensen and Viggo Nielsen. We'll elect a delegate and alternate for the National Convention at our September meeting. Our annual President Dinner-Dance will be held Saturday, October 28, at the Kingston Restaurant, 118 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. A complete prime rib of beef dinner will be served, and Thomas Eliassen and his orchestra will play from 9 to 1. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting any officer of the lodge and also by writing to or calling the chairman of the committee, Viggo Nielsen, 33 Ridgedate Ave., Summit, N.J. 07901, phone: (201) 273-9130.

Viggo Nielsen.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — Although July was a hot and humid month, it did not keep the members away from the meeting. There were 45 members and guests present. We served coffee and cake and readied

for two films that were shown, "Once Upon a Time and Today" and "Rebild Festival".

Thirty-five persons attended our annual picnic at Eisenhower Park on July 23. There were, as usual, lots of activities, and the children especially enjoyed the carousel.

Egon Larsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Ct. — With the up-surge in new members we are bouncing with energy and eager to show our new members how team work can be lots of fun. Our annual picnic is scheduled for September 17. Art and Elaine have once again opened their home and yard for this fun occasion. We hope that many friends from surrounding lodges will attend and have a terrific time.

We are planning a fall (or winter) dance, too. November 4 is the date and the place is the Bethany Town Hall, Peck Road, Bethany, Conn. This is a new dance hall for us with plenty of room to swing around. Cocktails first, of course, and then the dancing starts at nine. Refreshments will follow. More details next month.

We are pleased to announce that April 7, 1979, will be the date that Haabet Lodge will celebrate its 90th birthday. Since we did not celebrate when we were 85, we have to make up for lost time and are going to put our all into this party. No details are definite yet, just the date and place, Grassy Hill Lodge, Derby, Conn. See you then.
Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Midwest

MIDWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 27th Midwest District Convention, co-hosted by Milwaukee Brotherhood Lodge No. 36 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 15, will take place September 16-17, 1978, at the Sheraton Mayfair Motor Inn, 2303 North Mayfair Road, Milwaukee, Wi. 53226.

Business meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, followed by a social hour, banquet and dancing in the evening. Meetings will resume Sunday morning, followed by joint installation of newly-elected officers and, ultimately, adjournment.

Albert L. Larsen.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wi. — We had some visitors at our last meeting. Mr. Paul Strand and his wife were guests from Blair, Ne. Greetings from Dana College in Blair were brought by another visitor, Dr. Clifford Madsen, former president of the college.

Various committees working to plan the 75th anniversary celebration read their reports.

We accepted five new members and initiated eight more into our growing lodge.

Lillian D. Jacobsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — About 125 members and families enjoyed a potluck picnic in the park on Monday evening, July 12. Food was plentiful; volleyball, games and bingo were played; beer and pop was available and the evening was topped off with watermelon. The weatherman even cooperated and gave us a beautiful night. Jim Andreasen had his membership drawing and Jim Wilkey won a six-pack of Tuborg Gold beer.

Our link continues to grow as we initiated one new member and had one Viking graduate to adult membership. One hundred more Scandinavian cookbooks are on sale. We will have a table set up at the Dwight Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, July 29, to sell the cookbooks.

MOTHER NATURE STRIKES!! During an electrical storm on Wednesday, July 12, lightning struck the home
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of our members, Jim and June Wilkey, Jr. Fire completely destroyed their home and all their possessions. They had to jump out of the second story window and as a result, Jim suffered a fractured pelvic bone, broken ankle and burned hands. June has multiple cuts and a cracked vertebrae. They were just released from the hospital on Saturday, July 22. Funds have been set up at the Dwight banks and our lodge is having a benefit dance on Sunday evening, August 20.

"The best way out of a problem is through it."

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wi. — Brother William Krogh, a member for 67 years, passed away July 29. He was our second oldest member.

The Midwest District Golf Tournament is coming up and we have two teams going to represent our lodge.

Our picnic was a huge success, with over 250 people in attendance. We had lots of prizes, games and good food for everyone. The committee should get a big pat on the back for their hard work.

The "Fraternal Friends of Stan (Sakowski)" fund received generous donations from Racine Lodge No. 4 and Dwight Lodge No. 34. We are still accepting funds, so please help out. (See the June issue of *The American Dane*.)

Bob Ibsen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — The third annual Candelite Scotch Doubles Bowl is set for August 12. The \$16 cost per couple includes four games of bowling, buffet and prizes (everyone wins).

The Midwest District Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 19 at Crete, Ill. A dinner and dance are to follow the tournament.

The Midwest District Convention will be September 16 and 17 in Milwaukee, Wi. We will elect a delegate on August 2, but everyone is invited to attend. If interested, contact Barb Karsbaek (394-1429).

It's great to see our lodge continue to grow. We initiated four new members in July and another person joined us in August.

The wheels are beginning to roll for our first Halloween party to be held October 28. We'll try to come up with some "bewitching" ideas!

Barbara Karsbaek, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — In 1903, while Henry Ford was making history by originating the automobile industry and Orville and Wilbur Wright were flying the first airplane off the coast of Kitty Hawk, N.C., several very dedicated Waukegan men with great love for their Danish heritage signed a charter and embarked on an

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The 75th anniversary picnic was held at Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve on Sunday, August 6, from noon til dark. Games for young and old were enjoyed, and the food was abundant and delicious!

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.

South Dakota

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S.D. — Our town celebrated Danish Days on June 5 and 6. We sold Danish sweet soup, sandwiches and pastries and we also had the Viborg Danish dancers active throughout the day — they were a joy to watch. Danish t-shirts made available through the home office were a novelty and sold really well. Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson from Lodge No. 1 in Omaha visited us for the day.



Left to right, at table: Mrs. Walter Knudsen, Mrs. Soren Simonsen, Esther Jorgensen.

Mrs. Lewis Jorgensen, chairman for Danish Days, reported a huge success. Potted plants which decorated all of our tables, were given away as door prizes at the end of the evening.

Congratulations go out to our members who participated in the 1978 National Bowling Tournament. They bowled and had a lots of fun participating.

Joyce Jensen, Secretary, Lodge No. 139

Minnesota

Lodge No. 111, Austin, Minn. — We will return to holding our meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m., beginning in August. The location is the Odd Fellows Hall in Austin.

Carl Shuff.

Pacific Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash. — August 2 will be the annual Veterans Night of Lodge No. 29. Past officers will take the chairs, and we will try to dispense with any unnecessary business. Afterwards follows a sandwich banquet with Aalborg and Øl.

The annual picnic will be at the Nile Country Club on Lake Ballinger August 20. We'll have coffee and hot dogs for everybody, beer for the adults and soft drinks for the kids. Young and old alike will enjoy the games and prizes.

Clyde Langsted, Secretary.

Michigan - Ohio

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mi. — On July 5 we met in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall where we initiated two more members into our lodge. Past President Lawrence Swan served lunch afterwards.

We held a family picnic at Peter Copeyon Park on Pere Marquette lake on July 15. We had games for the children and a potluck picnic lunch.

The following Wednesday we had our regular social evening at which most members play cards and cribbage. A week later were the monthly pinochle games with prizes awarded and a potluck lunch served by our committee.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

California - Nevada

Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Ca. — Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 will have its 87th anniversary dinner and dance Saturday, November 11, at the Brentwood Lodge in South San Francisco.

Anna-Lisa Clark, a very talented Danish opera singer, will entertain with a few Danish songs and selected opera numbers. Last year she brought down the house with her beautiful voice!

We ask that reservations are sent in time to any committee member. Carl Sorensen is chairman — address: 1467-27th Avenue, San Francisco.

Carl Sorensen.

Lodge No. 345, Garden Grove, Ca. — The Danish language class, taught by Kaj Bjorn, began the July 8 meeting. Class members are very enthusiastic to learn their ancestral language. Those interested may still enroll.

Alhambra Lodge No. 323 members, Jens and Frances Andersen, spoke to us about the State Convention which they are sponsoring August 24 through 26. Activities planned include a smørrebrød, Luau with Tahitian dancers and a Grand Ball.

Other visitors included the Knud Andersens with their daughter and also Jack Loomis. Knud and Jack will be officers of the new Lodge No. 346. Jack and Carmen Harding of Denver Lodge No. 43 were also our guests.

Axel Andersen received the Booster Award and a \$25 savings bond. He responded with a kind gesture in donating the bond to the lodge.

Soren Christensen reports that the Blood Bank for the lodge is on its way. Soren's committee has accomplished a great deal toward this worthy cause.

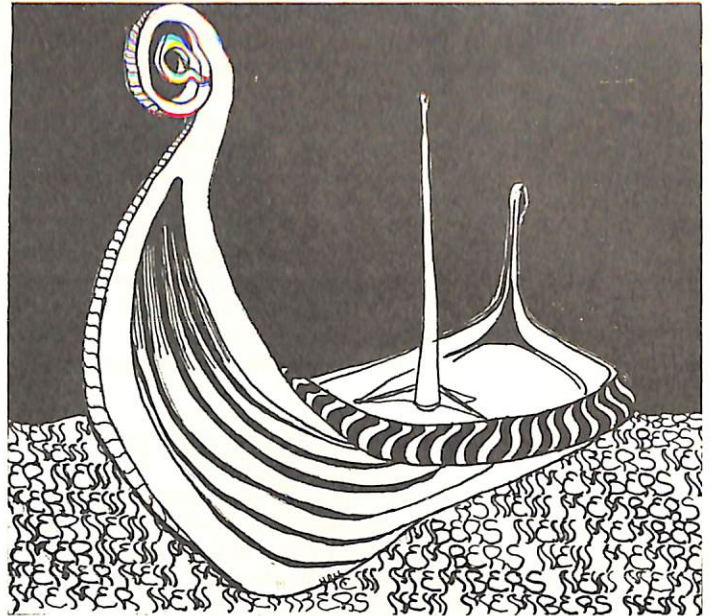
Ferdinand Christensen reports that members who saved their papers for the recycling program netted over \$130 for the lodge fund during July.

A celebration is in store! Our lodge was one year old

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NEW MEMBERS

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Karla C. Emerson	1	—Omaha, Ne.	Robert Storms
Robert J. Mortensen	14	—Kenosha, Wi.	Frank Holderness
Gladys Edmonds	32	—New Haven, Ct.	Norman Edmonds
Jette Edna Hansen	32	—New Haven, Ct.	Chris Simonsen
Ramona J. Lowcock	34	—Dwight, Ill.	Oscar C. Seerup
James S. Jensen	36	—Milwaukee, Wi.	Karen S. Jorgensen
Dale Alan Jones	51	—Ludington, Mi.	Lars Christoffersen
Ingeborg Torp	90	—Port Reading, N.J.	C. Nielsen
August W. Larsen	111	—Austin, Mn.	K. Gamborg-Nielsen
Shelley Westerskov*	126	—Los Angeles, Ca.	Larry Westerskov
Donna L. Kublick	167	—Portland, Ore.	Don Bogh
Reginald A. MacHaffie	167	—Portland, Ore.	Melvin P. Pihl
Peter Stansill	167	—Portland, Ore.	Melvin P. Pihl
Inge M. Dintino	172	—Philadelphia, Pa.	Hildur Cohen
Lowell E. Madsen	186	—Luck, Wi.	Christian Jacobsen
William D. Madsen	186	—Luck, Wi.	Christian Jacobsen
Adolph P. Nelson	186	—Luck, Wi.	Christian Jacobsen
Gary J. Schauls	186	—Luck, Wi.	Christian Jacobsen
Leroy A. Skow	186	—Luck, Wi.	Christian Jacobsen
Sandra K. Skow	186	—Luck, Wi.	Christian Jacobsen
Kurt L. Jensen	195	—Omaha, Ne.	Earl Jensen



LODGE NEWS [Continued]

on August 6, so we'll celebrate on August 12 with a smørrebrød, dancing, raffles and a door prize. Our favorite bubbly server, Einer Nielsen, will be waiting!
Marile Christensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, Ca. — August 3 was the night of the always popular steak fry given jointly by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. It was held at the Labor Hall preceding the meetings.

Harvey P. Rasmussen, president of the California-Nevada District, was honored guest at the dinner and attended the meeting following. In September, the meeting will be preceded by a planned dinner. Arrangements are already underway for the weekend in October reserved for camping in the Tehachapi mountains.

Vivian Jeppesen, Reporter.

Carl F. Hansen	217	—Humboldt, Ia.	Walter Pedersen
Frances E. Miller	219	—Clear Lake, Ia.	Thorvald Sorensen
Dale L. Weulander	263	—Askov, Minn.	Byron Petersen
Michael T. Christensen	268	—Junction City, Ore.	F. Pedersen
Jeremiah Christensen*	268	—Junction City, Ore.	F. Pedersen
Mary D. Christensen*	268	—Junction City, Ore.	F. Pedersen
Sarah Christensen	268	—Junction City, Ore.	F. Pedersen
Reinholdt L. J. Andersen	340	—Wood Dale, Ill.	Poul E. Sorensen
Yelva K. Andersen	340	—Wood Dale, Ill.	Poul E. Sorensen
Martha R. Haley	340	—Wood Dale, Ill.	Theodore Kaiser
Robert G. Haley	340	—Wood Dale, Ill.	Theodore Kaiser
Bruce A. Roenfeld	341	—Elk Horn, Ia.	Karma Sorensen
Greta E. Chidester**	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Knud Andersen
Aage Hansen	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Norris Erickson
Kirsten Hansen	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Norris Erickson
Katherine Hansen*	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Norris Erickson
Karen Hansen*	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Norris Erickson
Christian S. Petersen**	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Knud Andersen
Gladys M. Petersen**	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Knud Andersen
Robert L. Rogers**	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Donna Seifert
Corinne E. Vinson**	600	—Omaha, Neb.	Ruth D. Petersen

*Young Vikings

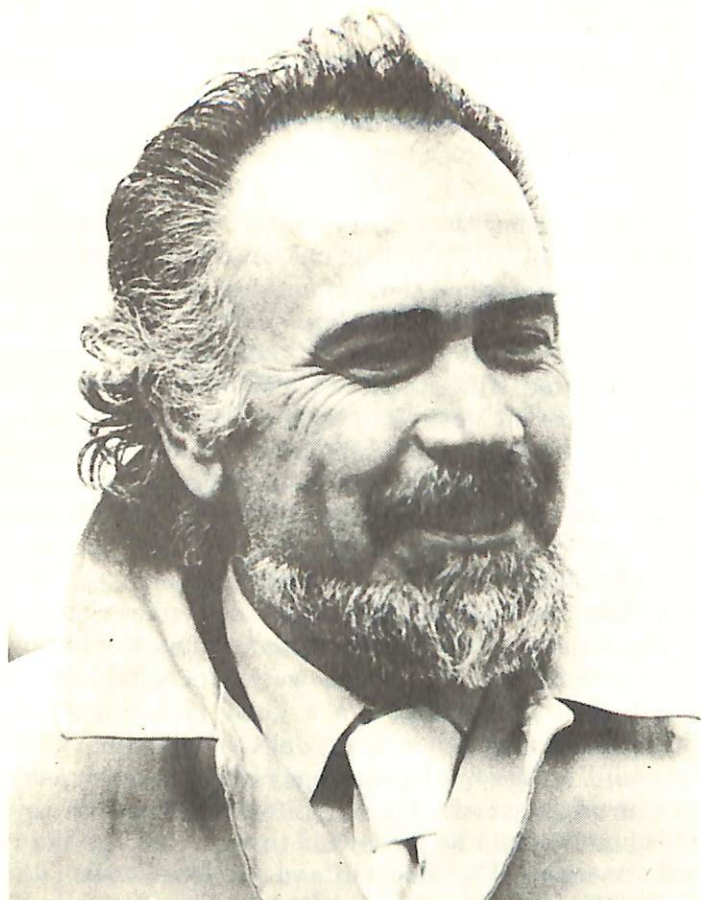
**Will Transfer to New Lodge when Chartered.

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
7-3-78	Emil Vollmann	90	Kolding, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
7-8-78	Elerly N. Jensen	73	Ft. Dodge, Ia.	29	Seattle, Washington	1923
6-23-78	Miller Svenningsen	86	Sonstrup, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Illinois	1916
6-27-78	Bernt C. Vium	83	Randers, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1913
6-24-78	Sofus Petersen	90	Council Bluffs, Ia.	111	Austin, Minnesota	1909
7-17-78	Richard L. Harmon	44	Greenwood, Neb.	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1962
6-23-78	Peter C. Mogensen	89	Svaneke, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1912
6-4-78	N. Skipper Nielsen	81	Norre, Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1946
4-18-78	Joseph E. Jensen	52	Hopkins, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1960
7-11-78	Martin V. Christensen	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1942
7-18-78	Laurence Jensen	78	Aarhus, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Illinois	1946
7-21-78	Hans F. J. (John) Hansen	86	Nykobing, Denmark	3	Davenport, Iowa	1920
7-19-78	Andrew Nielsen	96	Skanderborg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1917
7-25-78	George Feddersen	74	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1923
7-14-78	Aage John Jorgensen	84	Kalundborg, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1920
6-30-78	Carl A. Christiansen	81	Oro, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1914
6-13-78	Lewis M. Jorgensen	72	Irene, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1967
4-20-77	Viggo Effenberger	96	Copenhagen, Denmark	306	San Diego, California	1942
9-21-77	Kai L. Hansen	54	Aarhus, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1976
6-7-77	Benton C. Hammond	60	Amsterdam, New York	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1977
7-8-78	Lenna E. Holman	76	Sconuima, Iowa	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1976
7-21-78	Jennie E. Baadsgaard	85	Ludington, Michigan	230	Arcata, California	1977

California Professor Becomes 13th Dana President



Blair, Ne., July 20, 1978 — James G. Kallas, professor of religion at California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, Ca., has been elected president of Dana College in Blair, Ne., according to an announcement made today by Mr. Donald Swanson, chairman of the Dana Board of Regents.

The election of Kallas comes as the climax to a year-long search involving the screening and interviewing of more than 200 presidential candidates.

In announcing the Board's decision, Chairman Swanson said: "We feel confident that Dr. Kallas is the right man for the position. He has an outstanding academic record, is an experienced teacher, a scholar, a dedicated clergyman, and perhaps most important, a man who is not afraid to dream dreams. He also has the determination and the ability to make those dreams come true. A greater Dana lies ahead with Dr. Kallas as president."

Kallas, a native of Chicago, is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Luther Seminary, Alliance Francaise in Paris, and the University of Southern California. He also spent two years at the University of Durham, England, and one term at the Goethe Institute in Munich, Germany. He was a Phi Beta Kappa, Fullbright, and a Rockefeller Scholar. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*, *Directory of American Scholars*, and the *Dictionary of International Biography*.

Fifth Scandinavian-American Festival Coming in New Jersey

The fifth Scandinavian American Festival will be held on Saturday, September 16, 1978, at the Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, N.J.

The full afternoon and evening of activities will begin with the formal raising of the five Scandinavian flags on the Plaza at 1:00 p.m. Visiting dignitaries and representatives from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden will be greeted by Mrs. Edda Magnusson of Upper Montclair, N.J., Festival '78 General Chairman.

Adjacent to the Mall will be the huge arts and craft tent, which for the fifth year will serve as a cover for the many exhibits displayed by local artists and craftsmen.

A true replica of the familiar long ships of the early Vikings will be on static display the entire afternoon through the courtesy of the Leif Erikson International Society of Media, Pa.

Competing the afternoon activities will be displays by commercial, fraternal and civic Scandinavian organizations. For the hungry and thirsty, there will be Scandinavian and American food favorites served by the Danish Kitchen of New Jersey.

The formal evening program will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the great stage of the huge dome covered amphitheater. Heading the long list of familiar local, national and international performers will be the newest exponent of the tall, blond and handsome look, Tom Netherton, the baritone "matinee idol" of the Lawrence Welk show since his first appearance on the 1973 Christmas show.

Tom Netherton continues the festival tradition of presenting American entertainers of Scandinavian heritage as headliners. Tom's tall blond image emphasizes the Danish ancestry of his mother. Past performers have included Edgar Bergen and Gunilla Knutson, Swedish, and Myron Floren and Celeste Holm of Norwegian background.

The Scandinavian-American Festival is a presentation of the Scandinavian-American Heritage Society and the Garden State Arts Center Cultural Fund to raise money for the Garden State Arts Center Fund which provides free programs for the school children, senior citizens, disabled veterans and the blind of New Jersey.

Carl B. S. Pedersen.

During his college years Dr. Kallas was an honor athlete having won 12 letters in football, baseball and track. He went on to play professional football for the Chicago (now St. Louis) Cardinals, the Minneapolis Bombers, and the Chicago Bears. He is married to the former Darlean Quernemoen and they are the parents of four children.

Dr. Kallas is expected to assume his new position at Dana on September 1, 1978.



A History of Danish Literature

Part II

Sagas: History, Literature — And Fun

Chet Gottfried

If two hundred years from now, writers from all over this country began writing endlessly and ceaselessly about the American Revolution — writing novels, plays and movies — you might think it was a little odd. You might ask: “Why? Why all this interest?” Many people would have various answers, but no one would really know.

This is the situation with Islandic sagas. Some 400 years after Iceland was colonized and 200 years after writing was introduced, sagas were written. At first it began with short, modest efforts, but later it reached feverish intensity and novel-size sagas were written, a few nearly a thousand pages long. Although most of them are but fragments now, about 700 sagas still exist, a fraction of what was once written.

No one can give a definite answer as to why they were written, but it is a very good thing that we have the sagas. They are the storehouse of what life was like in Scandinavia during pagan and early Christian times; they are remarkable works of literature to be compared with classics from other countries; and they are good fun. Sagas were written to be enjoyed.

For whatever reason, though the height of saga writing spanned the thirteenth century, the sagas themselves centered around 1000 A.D., which also dates the conversion of Iceland to Christianity. Thus, even the most pagan elements of the sagas have a touch of Catholicism; nevertheless, the pagan elements certainly are there, too.

The sagas began as chronologies of the earliest settlers, but this was expanded to narrate a full-life of a hero. At the same time histories were being written, as well as religious sagas, translations of all known classics, and what is known as “lying sagas”. The lying sagas are full-fledged fantasies which have influenced a great many writers including J. R. Tolkien (his son, Christopher, who edited *Silmarillion*, has translated sagas), H. Rider Haggard, and William Morris (who was among the first to translate a series of sagas into English). No less a writer than Sir Walter Scott was intrigued by sagas and one of his earliest works was a version of *Eyrbyggja Saga*, one of the family sagas.

The family sagas represent saga writing at its very best. Five of these that are considered classics are *Njal's Saga*, *Laxdaela Saga*, *Egil's Saga*, *Grettier's Saga* and *Eyrbyggja Saga*. With the exception of the last saga mentioned, all are available in paperback editions from Penguin Books. Of the five, *Njal's Saga* is usually chosen as the best, but none should be ignored.

Egil's Saga, for example, is the life of the warrior-skald, Egil Skallagrimsson. He was a furious warrior who stopped short of nothing, and his personal feuds included those with kings — he went as far as to kill a king's son. His poetry is renowned, and the saga is intermixed with many samples of it. Perhaps his most important poem is a lament to one of his sons, who had drowned. Determined to also die, Egil shuts himself in a room and prepares to starve to death. He refuses to listen to those who insist that he stop, but Egil lets his daughter in who also intends to starve herself. After a while he notices she is chewing something and he asks what it is. She replies that it is seaweed; she's chewing it in order to feel worse, and furthermore, she drinks sea water to suffer all the more. Egil thinks that it's a good idea, takes the drinking horn from her, and swallows huge gulps. But it is milk. He becomes quite angry because he is unable to starve; however, his daughter consoles him and tells him it would be far better to write a dirge in his son's memory. Egil does so and we have one of the finest Old Norse poems for it.

Another time, Egil had a single night to compose a poem in order to soothe his enemies, who had captured him and intended to behead him. Entitled “Head-Ransom”, the poem worked and he was given his freedom.

Egil's Saga is also remarkable because we know the author: Snorri Sturluson (1179-1241), who also wrote the *Prose Edda*. Most of the saga authors are anonymous, but Snorri stands out with a presence larger than life. Unfortunately, he became involved in the political feuds which caused Iceland to lose her independence, and Snorri was assassinated in his home, very similar to some of the scenes that filled his huge *Heimskringla* (also known as the *History of the Norwegian Kings* but it includes much more than that).

It pays to keep in mind that the sagas were written 700 years ago because they have some conventions that no modern writer would use. For example, when introducing a key character, a genealogical list is included (son of Wulf the brave, son of Hrut, husband of Gudrun the long-haired, etc.). Needless to say, such a list of names can be confusing and distracting, but most modern translators solve this problem by putting such genealogies in footnotes where they may be read or ignored. Another problem is that sagas don't necessarily begin where you'd think that they'd begin. *Egil's Saga* doesn't begin with Egil but with his

grandfather because his grandfather was one of those who came from Norway to Iceland. This type of beginning can be annoying, but it helps set the stage and gives the reader an idea of the community concerned, since the life-style is far different from our own.

The writing in the sagas is very terse; words are not wasted — a character says no more than necessary. This can create a very powerful mood and paints pictures that transcend all gaps. One such saga, "Audun's Story", is scarcely ten pages long; this type is referred to as a *paettir* and is usually found within longer works.

In "Audun's Story", a man, traveling from Iceland to Greenland, purchases a polar bear in order to give it as a present to King Svein Ulfsson (1047-1074) of Denmark. At this particular time Norway and Denmark were at war with one another, but this didn't stop the Norwegian king from giving safe passage to Audun who wanted to give the gift to the king's enemy. Nor did it stop the Danish king from giving Audun a suitable present to the Norwegian king for letting Audun come. This story helps characterize the Icelandic saga inasmuch as it can't be characterized; it covers all moods at all times.

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For a one volume saga collection, there's a somewhat old but still extremely readable book by Glyn Jones, *Eirik the Red and Other Icelandic Sagas*, published by Oxford University Press; it includes "Audun's Story" as well as "King Hrolf and his Champions", a legendary saga of the Danish King.

Official Notice Board Meeting

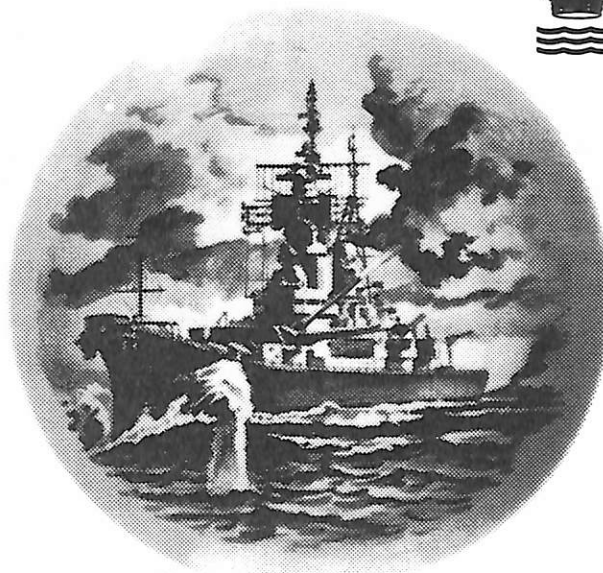
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"Together We Are Something"

Just after the National Convention in 1975, when Vancouver Lodge 328 was elected to be the sponsor of the National Convention in 1979, a 3-man committee was formed.

Chairman Poul B. Christensen, Secretary Erik Esmann and Treasurer Elith Marcussen came up with the idea of "giving some interest" to the convention. At the same time we adopted a theme logo of 3-men dressed as Maple Leaf, Dannebrog and Star Spangled Banner, as an identifying symbol as well as a unifying one.

Now, just in time for the convention, the "Together We Are Something" symbol has come alive to emphasize our fraternity spirit with its roots in Denmark and our daily lives in two great nations on this continent.

You'll see it in Vancouver, B.C., September 19-22, 1979, in vivid color.



The Danish Brotherhood in America

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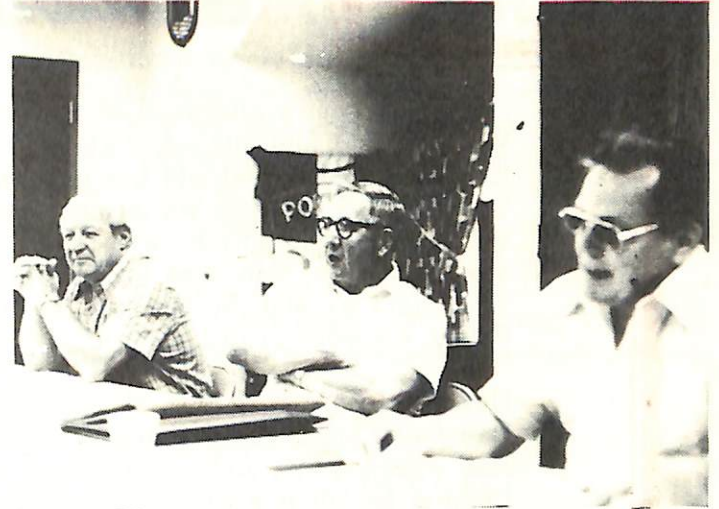
NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE 1979

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Area Managers Meet at National Headquarters

Thorf Anderson, Erick Erickson and Flemming Andersen were welcomed to the home office in mid-July. Their meeting was conducted by Sales Director Eigil (Andy) Andersen. While the setting was relaxed and casual, all of the goals established prior to the meeting were met.

The meeting was called to bring managers up-to-date on home office services and plans, to determine goals, and to give managers an opportunity to contribute to plans for future direction of the society's home office and field force. It was established that managers and office personnel already had a number of objectives in common. They wished to continue to support local lodges and to increase sales of membership and insurance products. During the meeting several methods of accomplishing the basic idea were suggested by managers to be implemented by the home office. Steps have already been taken regarding these constructive suggestions.



Left to right: Thorf Anderson, Norris Erickson, Flemming Andersen.

Thirtieth National Convention To Convene September 19, 1979

You can make your travel plans to Vancouver a whole week earlier! Previous information announced the opening of the 1979 National Convention as September 26, 1979. The convention will now open **September 19 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.**

Schedules for election of delegate and submission of proposals for changes to the bylaws will remain unchanged. All lodge secretaries should have received a letter notifying them of the change.

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1979 National Convention convenes in Vancouver, B.C., Wednesday, September 19 — one week earlier.

Pete the Dane

One quiet, snowy afternoon he wandered into town.
We looked at him, his soiled clothes, his blanket roll,
His frosty beard, and odd but pleasant face,
Then hurried home to warm ourselves beside the fire,
While wondering why he was here in winter time,
This hobo man, from who knows where...
That night we slid the bolt somewhat more tightly in its place
Before we went to bed.

Next day we learned that Mr. Crane, our nightwatchman,
Had found him snoring peacefully beside the railroad depot stove,
Had wakened him and marched him off to jail,
Because he felt it wasn't wise to leave an unknown vagabond loose on the streets,
To prowl about, or steal, or maybe even kill us in our beds.

The sheriff spread the word that he had come by foot from way back East
To find a friendly little place to settle in.
And so he got a job, this stranger Pete, down at the lumber yard,
Just shoveling coal, and sand, and rocks from out of railroad cars,
And mixing concrete in a trough with which to mold big cement blocks.

This Pete would smile and speak but seldom talk.
Each day he bought his quart of milk and meat and bread,
And slept at night in the lumber shed, until our Mr. Stubbs
Picked up a mattress and a spring, then sided off a lumber bin
For him a room.

With time the speculation cooled, the gossip dried,
And Pete became a fixture in our town,
Not fitting just exactly in, because he looked so strange most of the time,
And, too, his words were slow to come and hard to understand,
He being, as he said, a Dane.

The weight of years heaped up on all of us, and Pete
Grew grey and stooped, and slower when he scooped the coal.
We prospered, most of us, as merchants, farmers, bookkeepers and such,
But he worked on without so much as laying back a dollar for a rainy day.

Eventually the strength drained from his hands.
He couldn't work enough to pay for meat and bread,
So off we hurried him out to the poor house which the county ran,
Which made us all feel better not to have to see and think about
The poor old pleasant chap who was so down and out.

Soon after that, he died, and most of us were far too busy at the time,
To go and pray a bit, and see him safely tucked into the ground.
I thought, though, after he was gone, that he had not
By fist, or act, or tongue, in all those years, hurt anyone,
Which, in a way, I guess, is doing more than you and I have done.

Lynne L. Prout.

HVIDKAALSROULETTER

[Cabbage Rolls]

From the book *DANISH COOK BOOK***

- 1 large cabbage
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1 large onion
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup ground dry bread crumbs
- 1 cup milk

Mix all ingredients except cabbage together. Drop the head of cabbage into boiling water for a few minutes, just long enough to wilt the leaves. Remove

Grandma's Kitchen

each leaf separately and put a tablespoonful of the meat mixture in the center of it. Roll and fasten with a toothpick or tie with a string. Brown in hot butter, then add just enough water to simmer for 30 minutes. Thicken broth in the pan and pour over the rolls to serve. An American flavoring, called Kitchen Bouquet, adds a wonderful touch to the gravy.

**Book 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**

What could better illustrate our column's motto than the development of Lodge No. 186 in Luck, Wis., reported in this issue? Their anniversary party is not the only activity of interest; as told to us by *Lillian D. Jacobsen, Secretary of the lodge.*

"We received your letter asking how we organized and sponsored the auction we had sometime ago. We really didn't spend time organizing this one as we only sold some of the furnishings from our Danish Brotherhood Hall. As you have probably heard, we have completely redecorated our hall and bought new tables and chairs, etc. One night after the meeting they decided to auction off the things we did not need any more so we auctioned them to our own members. As it turned out, it was more successful than we had anticipated..."

KEEPING ACTIVE IN PORTLAND

We can't report all the activities Portland Lodge No. 167 is supporting in that city for the good of the Scandinavian community and the community as a whole. But this July 23 marked the third year Portland's Waterfront Park hosted the Neighborfair/Folkfest. About 150,000 people attended in 1977 and the Portland Police Department estimated 240,000 this year.

Lodge No. 167 has the largest booth at the Folkfest, measuring 100x80 feet. It is constructed around a refrigerated beer truck, from which 40 volunteer lodge members sold 3600 12-oz. cups of Danish Tuborg and 1440 bottles of Carlsberg varieties. Twenty Sisterhood members were on hand to provide assistance with smørrebrød and soft drinks, although the lodge, too, admits women. As a

result of this booth, *Norris [Erick] Erickson, Pacific Northwest Area Manager, and Jens Jensen* acquired 67 new names for membership in the lodge.

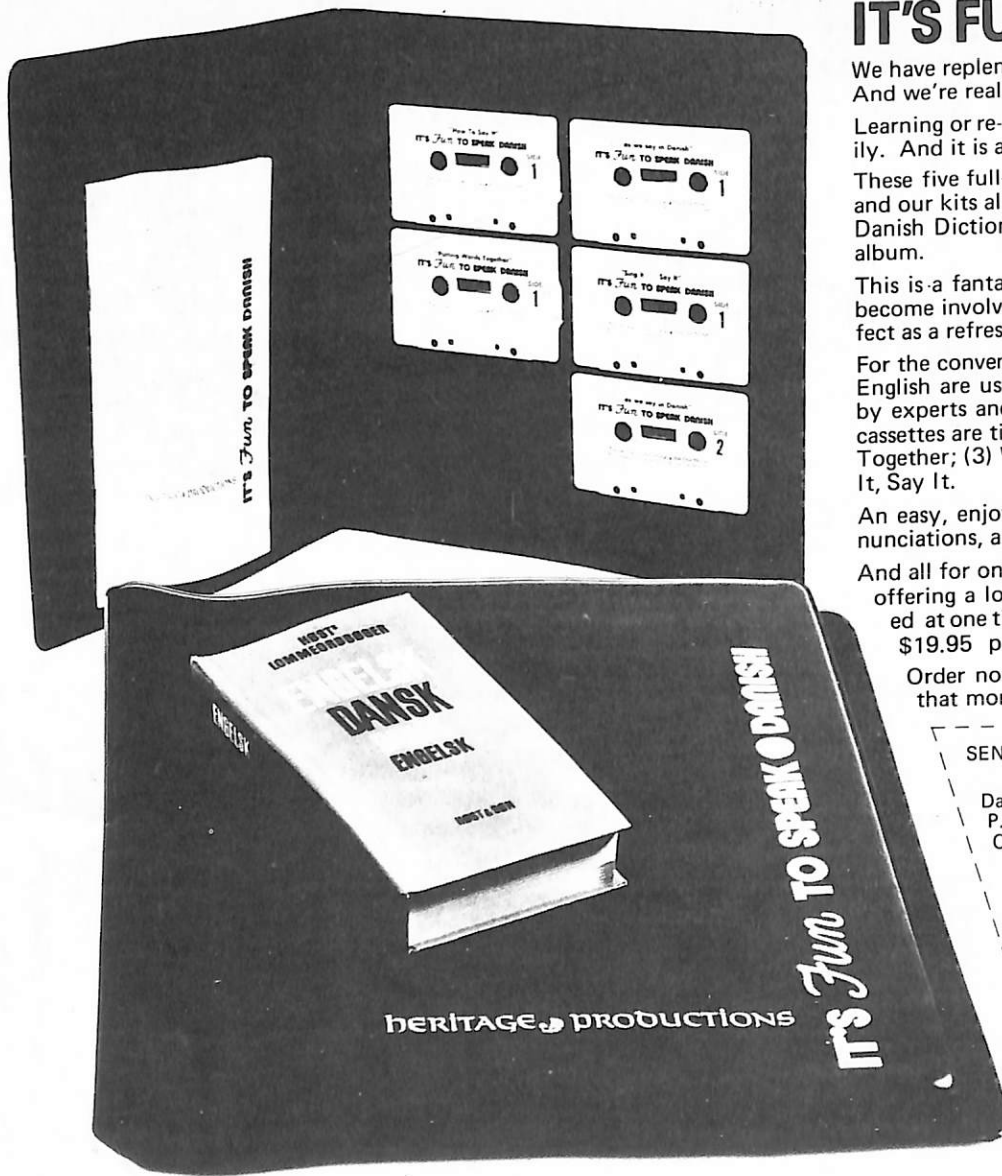
The lodge's Danish Folk Dancers help to open the festival by participating in a parade dressed in traditional costumes. They carried six large Danish flags on ten-foot poles and a 12x2 foot sign, clearly identifying them as Danish. Flags were used again to mark the Danish area in the park and to decorate the booth. Much handout and display material was provided by the Danish Information Service of Los Angeles and the Royal Danish Consulate General in that area. The DBIA National Headquarters provided an assortment of brochures and magazines free of charge and fraternal products for resale by the lodge.

The lodge participated in the founding of the annual folkfest as a Bicentennial event and each year they earn the right to occupy a large section of the festival grounds by providing entertainment, services and displays unmatched by 50 other ethnic groups participating.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Susie Doty in fraternal services is determined to prevent any "spoiled" merchandise from leaving the office. But if you have any problems with the shipping of or damage to products you request, she hopes you'll be in touch.

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