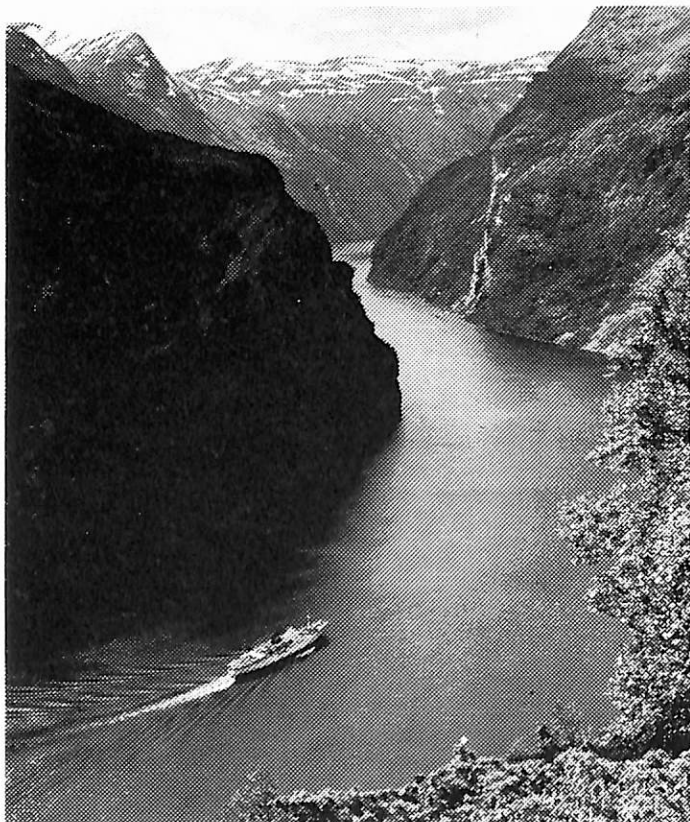


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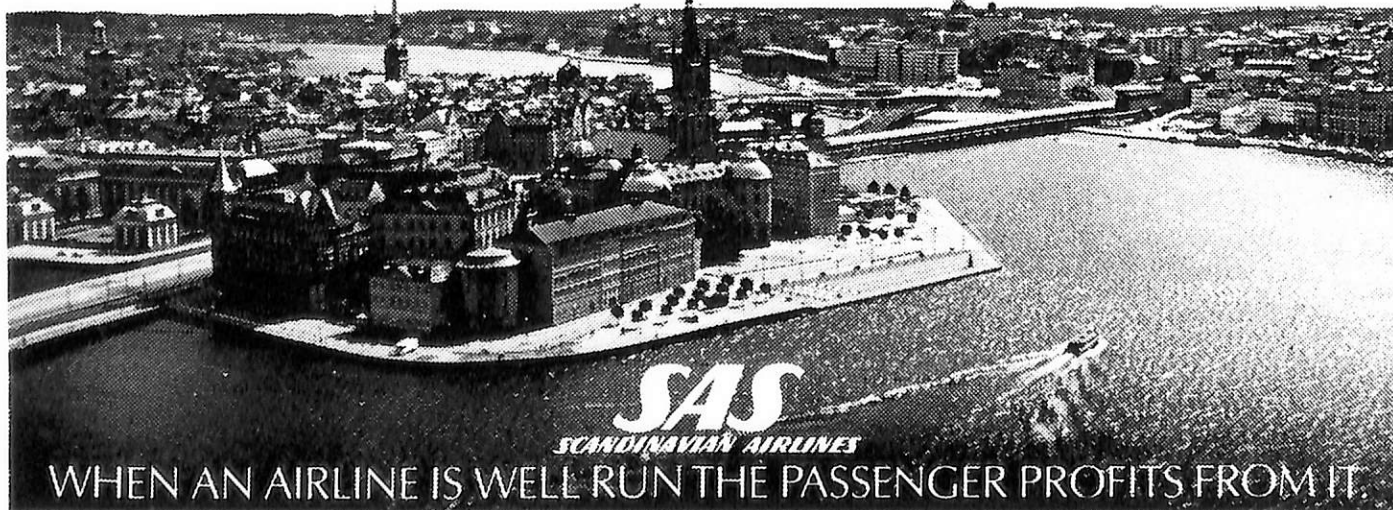
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A few years ago when I was teaching English at Elk Horn high school in Nebraska, I made an assignment to my Creative Writing class that involved the research and writing of an historical fiction piece. One of my better students was not too crazy about the assignment and had some difficulty in picking a topic. At the suggestion of another teacher, she chose the Vikings and launched into deep research.

The end result of Betty Huchtemann's work was a wonderfully well-written, well-researched story on a segment of the ancient Viking days. I urged her at that time to send the story to **The American Dane** magazine, little knowing that I would be so fortunate as to become the editor and publish her story. And so it is with special pleasure that we present, in two parts, "An Age of Tarnished Gold".

Maryleona Berg of Elk Horn, Ia., lives near the old Danish windmill that was shipped in pieces to that community from Denmark and reassembled there by aid of a miniature replica. (You've seen a picture of the windmill in advertisements that appeared in **The American Dane** a few months ago.) Maryleona shares her community's triumph in this feat with her short poem, "Little Denmark Does It!" Mrs. Berg also has a published book of her verses entitled **Floss on the Milkweed-wind**.

Other features this month include the third part of Chet Gottfried's series on Danish literature, this one being about the old dance songs; Viking Adventures; Faces of Denmark; a puzzle by Eve R. Wirth (who contributed the story "What's a Dane Really Like?" a few months ago); a note on beneficiary change from our fraternal services department; plus many other items I'm sure will be of interest to you.

Robert E. Coffey

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Thank You Danish Brotherhood

Reprinted below are some of the notes we have received recently from members and friends. We thought to share these with you as they are in response to our fraternal programs which you make possible by your support of the society.

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank the Danish Brotherhood for their promptness in settling the death benefit for my husband, Will Hanson, who passed away on May 24, 1978.

Also thanks to the local officers and especially *Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Opdahl*, who were most helpful in handling the necessary papers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frances Hanson.

Dear Mr. Ibsen:

Thank you for the jacket and the camp grant.

Sarah Baratta (age 7).

P.S. I went to Girl Scout Camp and we played games and we cooked.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to thank you very much for your generosity to me. I appreciated the summer camp scholarship. With the help of the scholarship, I attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan. I am writing from there...

Thank you again for the scholarship and also for the Danish Brotherhood jacket.

Yours truly,

Kristin Ketelsen (age 14).

Dear Brothers:

Enclosed is a copy of my grades from the Hofstra for the spring 1978 term. I hope they are acceptable and enable me to continue receiving the Brotherhood scholarship.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Barbara Petersen.

(Barbara is a 1977 scholarship recipient and is maintaining a B+ average.)

Dear Madame:

Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202 of The Danish Brotherhood in America wishes to thank you and the Board of Directors for awarding Special Aid to our Brother Ben Bigelow.

We appreciate this very much. Brother Ben and Mrs. Bigelow are grateful for this aid and requested I pass on to you their appreciation for this help for them.

Fraternally yours,

Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202,

Henry S. Petersen, Secretary Treasurer.

Dear Sir:

... It is a most gratifying experience knowing I am able to care for my only son in a manner required by his comatose state. Knowing I am not alone in my desire for his care and recovery is a major part of dealing with this situation...

I can only begin to hope that I can adequately express my deep and sincere gratitude to the Danish Brotherhood for your financial and moral support. Stan enjoyed being a working member of your organization and I know he would be proud of the concern shown to us. I sincerely appreciate the response of, not only your local lodge, but the approval by your national organization for Special Fraternal Aid...

Stan would be overwhelmed, as I am, upon hearing of your establishing the "Fraternal Friends of Stan Fund". May God bless you and each and every Danish Brotherhood member...

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Beatrice Sakowski.

Lodge No. 14 has also asked us to express their appreciation to all who have contributed to the growing fund for Stan Sakowski, whose tragic accident was reported in the June *American Dane*. They are still accepting donations and checks should be made to the "Fraternal Friends of Stan Fund" and mailed to 2006-63rd St., Kenosha, Wi. 53140.



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A History of Danish Literature

Part III

THE DANCE SONGS OF DENMARK

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Machines change but people remain the same. The most intelligent person from the Middle Ages would not be able to understand either a car or a television, but this does not mean that he was stupid. This man would be preoccupied with different ideas, and if you could have a conversation with him, you would probably find much to talk about because it is emotions that remain the same. This is demonstrated by folk songs, and Denmark has an enormous collection of them, one of the best collections in Europe. Folk songs cover every mood from happiness to death, love to hate, and jealousy to revenge. Also, they involve topical events such as politics, folklore, superstition and religion.

Folk songs include a variety of types, such as ditties or festival songs, but the most popular one was the ballad which has several definite characteristics: it tells a story, has a simple melody, and has a refrain. The ballad is supposed to have originated in France but had its greatest impact in Denmark and Scotland. As it existed then, a narrator sang the stanzas and everyone else sang the refrain while dancing either in a chain or in a circle. As a matter of fact, in the Faeroe Islands, ballad singing is still accompanied by chain dancing.

While ballad singing is supposed to have begun in the Middle Ages, there is little evidence that it is older than the 1200's. The first fragments of written ballad date about 1250 A.D. and are what is known as "pen tests". These fragments are found in the odd empty spaces of various books. If the copiers hadn't engaged in this graffiti, a very serious dating loss would have occurred since no one compiled folk songs till the sixteenth century.

The ballad-dance appealed to both commoner and noble; whether in a farming village or in a castle, there was dancing and singing. However, by the sixteenth century dancing to ballads had passed away. It had lasted for a few hundred years in spite of the injunctions against it by various religious men. What spelled the doom of the ballad-dance was the Renaissance which brought a new style of dancing; the ballad itself remained popular though, and remained sung.

What made the ballad popular and skaldic poetry — which the ballad replaced — unpopular is relatively clear. Skaldic poetry was technically impossible to master except by an elite few; thus it is very easy to identify poet and poem in skaldic poetry. The ballad composers, although more recent, remain anonymous. In the formal skaldic poetry every part had its proper place, nothing could be moved around. Ballads, in spite of several restrictions, could be thoroughly reworked

from singer to singer. If you didn't like a stanza, you replaced it. If you didn't like an unhappy ending, you made it happy. Or vice versa. Only the skaldic poet and a few others could memorize their poems and recite them; but almost anyone could sing a ballad, and the ballads traveled from singer to singer, from country to country. England, Scotland and Denmark have quite a few ballads in common, some originating in Denmark and some originating in England or Scotland.

By the sixteenth century, there must have co-existed different versions of the same ballad, and no doubt, everyone would have their own favorites. This is probably one among several reasons that the early folk-song books were written. The first of these is known as the Heart Book because when opened, it has the shape of a heart. This book was soon followed by many more volumes at first by anonymous and then known collectors. The stream of collections is unending with researchers going about as recently as 1961 in order to tape record original versions of folk songs in Jutland. Needless to say, the number of songs recorded is immense and it includes some 500 ballads in many variations.

If you don't understand Danish, however, the selection of ballads that may be read is much smaller. Two translations of ballad assortments are available: *A Book of Danish Ballads* by Axel Olrik and translated by E. M. Smith-Dampier, and *Danish Ballads and Folk Songs* by Erik Dal, translated by Henry Meyer. Dal has written the more recent book, and the translation is of a much higher quality. Axel Olrik was a very significant collector who did most of his work before 1900, and even though E. M. Smith-Dampier translated the Olrik book as recently as 1939, the language is very awkward. Language styles change remarkably fast and translations are too often fragile.

Both books include one of Denmark's more famous ballads: "Elf-Shot" ("Elveskud"). While its origin is supposed to be in Brittany, the honor of collection and posterity goes to Peder Syv (1631-1702), a remarkable literary critic whose writing includes a collection of proverbs as well as that of ballads. Syv's version of "The Elf-Shot" was an inspiration to Goethe, the great German writer, as well as to others.

The ballad concerns a knight who is riding to his wedding but on the way he is stopped by the Elf-king's daughter, who begs the knight to dance with her. She promises him greater and greater gifts, each of which he refuses, remaining true to his bride-to-be. Giving up, the Elf-king's daughter hits the knight on the back and on the following day he dies. This song has the pagan element in it that justice doesn't always prevail,

which is more in tune with the Nordic religion than with Christianity.

A comparison between the same stanza of "The Elf-Shot" is interesting. First, Smith-Dampier's translation:

*Oh, tread now a measure, Sir Oluf, with me!
A silken kirtle I'll give to thee*

Both "tread now a measure" and "a silken kirtle" are very awkward, and few people would hear their neighbors singing that today. Folk songs were the language of the times, which made them last hundreds of years before being written down. If you didn't understand a word, you changed it. Thus, in Henry Meyer's translation "kirtle" becomes "shirt".

*Listen, Sir Oluf, thou dance with me
A shirt of silk shall I give to thee*

Meyer's verse is much more understandable and more in line with the times. It is necessary to save folk songs in their original form — for scholars and readers — but for everyday people it is important that they should be in a contemporary form which is easy to sing.

In my Schwann Catalog II, there are very few recordings of Danish folk songs — which is a pity — and these records are also difficult to obtain. However, without knowing it, you may be hearing Danish folk songs on the radio. With the movement of folk songs between countries during the Middle Ages and later, some have been transferred almost completely intact. In England there is a group known as the Steeleye Span, who specialize in recording folk songs in a folk/rock music combination. There is no doubt that they are a current, very popular group who are a sign of the present. Yet, they have also recorded a version of "The Elf-Shot" which they call "Come Dance With Me" (from *All Around My Hat*). Here is one stanza:

*Please sir knight come dance with me
A shirt of silk I'll give to thee
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Although Brother Martin Rasmussen did not start playing chess until he was sixty-five, he is now considered a very good match and says, "I enjoy every game even if I lose."

The concentration game is an interesting one but also very frustrating. Rasmussen and his wife, Ellen, who is active in the Danish Sisterhood, are truly "young at heart." They are gentlemen farmers in the Puyallup Valley.

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An Age of Tarnished Gold

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FIRST OF TWO PARTS —
SECOND PART NEXT ISSUE

THE PROLOGUE

In 1013 conflict raged between Svend I. Forkbeard, King of Denmark, and Aethelred II, "The Unready", King of England.

The Scandinavian lands were divided into three nations: Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The Scandinavian people were peaceful farmers who had a functioning government with community elections and well-established laws. Unlike the English who had accepted Christianity from the Romans, the Scandinavians believed in a complicated mythology presided over by the chief warrior-god Woden (Odin in modern English) whom all Viking kings claimed as their first ancestor. Many Scandinavian men went "i viking" (roving the sea in search of adventure); though there were men who were strictly raiders and sea-farers who set sail in the spring after planting and in the fall after harvesting. These Vikings who sailed the oceans and plundered foreign lands were the heroes of the Scandinavian people. Plundering was an honorable profession — so long as it was carried on outside home waters.

England was a loose confederation of nearly independent districts represented by the Witenagemot, a council of ealdormen from the various English sections which met on occasion to advise the king. The ealdormen were fiercely independent of one another. Ruling like kings in their own little districts, they were not interested in the unification of England under one sovereign head with a subsequent reduction of their own powers. Thus the Witenagemot was an anomalous, self-serving conclave, of no help to King Aethelred. With no real leadership qualities to fall back on, Aethelred was a poor king for the disjointed nation.

In the year 1000 Svend had regained his position on the throne of Denmark, and he brought his Viking warriors down on England "... burning, and harrying, and ... man-slaying ..." Svend's band was known as "the army" and Aethelred had no resources to fight the Viking onslaught.

In futile hope of aid from Normandy (France) Aethelred made an alliance with the Normans by marrying Emma, sister of Richard II, "The Good" Duke of Normandy (in effect, King of France). Meanwhile, Aethelred had begun paying tribute to Svend to keep the Vikings from raiding England.

The uneasy truce was broken in 1002. Rumors spread to Aethelred that his life was in danger. Fearful of Viking assassins, Aethelred ordered the murder of all Danes in England. Among those who died in the slaughter on St. Brice's Day was Svend's sister, Gunhild. Enraged, Svend turned "the army" loose on England and throughout the next eleven years the Vikings raided England with increasing regularity and growing boldness.

In 1007 Eadric Streona was made Ealdorman of Mercia, one of the largest districts of Saxon England. Eadric was a commoner who had inveigled his way into Aethelred's trust. In 1009 he became Aethelred's son-in-law by virtue of his marriage to the King's daughter. Eadric paved the way for many of the Viking raids by discouraging Aethelred from attacking the invaders.

In 1013 Svend made his final invasion of England.

With the support of Eadric, influential in the Witenagemot because of his position as Ealdorman of Mercia, Svend proclaimed himself King of England and, betrayed by his own subjects, Aethelred fled to Normandy.

In 1014 Svend died. Viking warriors proclaimed Svend's son, Knut II "The Great", King of England. The Witenagemot, however, summoned Aethelred back to England, redeclaring him King of England. In the battle that ensued the Vikings were badly beaten and Knut was forced to flee to Denmark at Easter time in 1014.

In 1015 Knut returned with a powerful Viking fleet. Within a year the Vikings had conquered all England save Aethelred's stronghold in London. But in 1016 Aethelred died. In a token vote the remnant of the once powerful Witenagemot proclaimed Knut King of England. Meanwhile, the citizens of London proclaimed Eadmund II "Ironside", eldest son of Aethelred, King of England.

The conflict of English against Viking has passed from Aethelred and Svend to their sons, Eadmund and Knut. For 16 years the battle had brewed. Now Eadmund and Knut were locked in a fierce contest over possession of the English crown. The stalemate lasted long into the autumn of 1016. London was twice besieged and five battles were fought.

The sixth battle came about as a result of the further treachery of Eadric Streona. Since Aethelred's defeat in 1013 Eadric had traveled with the Vikings. Now Eadric appeared in London at the court of Eadmund. Claiming that he had deserted Knut and wished to see the Vikings defeated, Eadric helped lay the battle plans which led Eadmund and his men out of their city stronghold and into the countryside of the county Essex where they were defeated at Assandun.

THE PEACE

The sound of wind and wave reverberated through the dim morning air. Already the skrees of breakfast-hunting gulls could be heard echoing on the cliffs of the distant ocean. The early sky was thick with rolling fog, and dense, steaming mist obscured the ground. New cadences of gull voices joined the first and Knut shuddered. In the eerie half-light the cries of the gulls reminded him of the eeries he had been told as a child; he remembered the tales his father had told him about hearing the hymns of the Valkryes as they wandered the battlefields gathering the souls of dead warriors to be borne to Valhalla and Woden. Well, he thought wryly, there was much work for the Valkryes to accomplish before the sun rose. He was glad the heavy vapors hid the ground from his sight. It had been a bloody battle. The few English who remained alive were camped in the next valley with old Ironside. Some of the Viking men had made camp with Knut on the hilltop, but once the battle had ended most of them had set out through the night for their ships, which were drawn up on the beach rearing their wooden heads and impatiently awaiting the home-bound journey.

It was autumn. All of the men had been with Knut for nearly two years now. Many of them, too, were older men and grizzled old warriors who had

campaigned with his father for the conquest of England. Back home it was nearing the harvest season. What a joyous harvest it would be for all if the men were home again. They were few among them now that did not yearn for home and family, for the sight of familiar faces and open arms, old villages and ancestral homesteads.

The fog had begun to lift and dissipate and in the golden light Knut could see the green hill-lands rolling toward him from the yet-invisible ocean. Behind him spread a few more hills and valleys dotted with the huge old trees which marked the beginning of the ancient Waltham Forest, now a mottled green-brown-red from the first tongues of winter frost, that stretched as far as the eye could see. Beyond the forest lay London.

There was the sound of footsteps growing near and suddenly a young boy appeared over a crest in the hill out of the swirling mists. He was dressed elegantly, or rather, he had been dressed elegantly. He wore no footgear save his stockings which were torn and so muddy that the color was totally indiscernible, his feet were cut and bloody. His tunic, too, was torn and soiled into a nondescript shade. His hair was wet and plastered down upon his head, his hands and face were grimy and scratch-covered, and he was panting hard as though he had run a long way.

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"My Lord," he breathed tremulously, shivering with fear or cold, or both, "M'Lord, I am sent to find the one they call Knut."

His voice was thick with the accent of the Angles and Saxons. Poor boy, thought Knut, he has been sent here from Ironside's camp, across the battlefield... enough to frighten a young man twice his age. Still, he stands so straight and tall and brave. Well, he comes as a man, he will be treated as one.

"I am the one they call Knut," he said stiffly, his English thick with Scand inflections. "Knut the Great."

The boy exhaled a great breath and trembled so that Knut feared a slight breeze would topple him over. The boy's eyes were round as he soaked in the sight. So this was a Viking, and a Viking King!

Transfixed, the boy took in every detail of Knut's appearance. This man was tall and he stood erect with his muscular arms relaxed at his sides. He had long, curling hair and a thick beard, black like coal. Beneath thick, sooty eyebrows his blue eyes sparkled like whirlpools in a summer pond. His heavy leather leggings were bound tight about his calves by leather thongs fastened onto his shoes. He wore a scarlet tunic hemmed above the knee with sleeves that reached to his forearm. A leather band laced together at the front pulled the tunic tight about his waist and thrust into his belt on the left side was a slender dagger with a large and elaborately bejeweled handle that sparkled in the growing sunlight. Similar jewels were set in bands of silver that he wore upon his wrists and in the large cloak brooch which he wore fastened on the shoulder of his tunic. Well, thought the boy, he doesn't look particularly fierce, certainly not as Vikings go.

Drawing a deep breath, the boy relaxed a little.

"Eadmund II Ironside, son of Aethelred, sends his greetings. He asks that a meeting be arranged between himself and you to discuss the terms for peace." Silent and alert, the boy waited.

"Well, sir, how many lay dead among the English?" Knut's voice was crisp with a tone that bespoke authority in any language and command among any circle of men.

"There — no — A great many have died, M'Lord," the boy stammered fearfully. "Most of the rest lie wounded within the camp."

"And what of your master, Eadmund? Was he wounded in the battle?"

"No, M'Lord. He fought gallantly in the front lines until he saw that all was lost for England. Then he called retreat."

"Well, then, tell your master I will meet with him — here — when the sun has risen into the sky and can be seen above those cliffs there." Knut pointed out toward the line of chalky cliffs now visible below the fog. "You tell him, also, that he may bring with him whatever court he can assemble. Now, sir, have you got that straight within your head?" The boy nodded solemnly. "Well, off on your errand then, and make haste!" Knut shouted.

Before the Viking had finished speaking the boy had made a clumsy attempt at bowing and had turned on his heel and run down the hillside toward Eadmund's camp.

Knut laughed to himself. In the distance now he

heard the singing of his men, their native dialects of Scand and Norse mixing, their voices raised in prayers to their gods and in work songs as they made the boats ready for the journey home. Looking out across the battlefield he saw parties of men, English and Viking alike, moving among the bodies and separating the dying from the dead. Behind them came other parties of men who gathered up the wounded for treatment and the dead for burial.

The sounds and resounds of the ocean and the gulls mingled with the songs and snatches of songs that were carried inland on the wind, the voices of his fathers and his gods and his dreams. With a great convulsive sigh, Knut turned and entered his tent.

THE PREPARATION

The heavy flap of the tent fell shut behind him. A wood fire glowed in the center of the tent on a hearth of rock and earth and the air was warm and dry, a pleasant contrast to the damp chill and the constant smell of wet earth and sphagnum that was almost inescapable in England. In the air, too, was the aroma of mulled wine, and Knut let his mind go blank as he watched his servant bending over the fire with a large silver bowl which he had just removed from the flames. A skin of wine and small tins of spices lay on the ground beside him and it was to the spice tins that he turned, opening one and removing a fingerfull of sweet smelling powder which he sprinkled into the silver basin.

This pavilion of tarpaulins and animal skins and great lengths of coarsely woven and richly dyed woollens was the one luxury Knut allowed himself. Three years ago Knut had accompanied his father on one of the army's invasions. He had been left in charge of the Viking fleet at Gainsborough. There he had met the most beautiful maiden in the world. Her name was Aelfgifu and she was an Englishwoman of the lower class of noblemen. She was fair-skinned and golden haired and she had been as taken with the dark and handsome Viking prince as he had been with her. Her father was, of necessity, an ally of Knut's father, Svend, but a marriage was out of the question for Svend was determined that any marriage his son made would be to facilitate an alliance and not to satisfy love. All the same, she became Knut's woman in public as well as private and the two hoped that in the end they might be able to marry, for Aelfgifu was a Christian woman and only in the promise of future marriage would she succumb to her love for Knut. This rich pavilion was a gift Aelfgifu's father had given them, and memories danced against its heavy draperies with the firelight. Memories, for Aelfgifu was far away now. Less than a year after their meeting Knut's father had died and the days of King Aethelred's return to England had forced Knut to flee England for the sanctuary of Viking lands. Aelfgifu, heavy with Knut's first child, had stayed with Knut, leaving her land and her people to join the flight of her Viking paramour and the remnant of his father's army. An Englishwoman carrying a Viking child was not safe in England, and was regarded with no great respect among Viking people either, but Knut was a Viking king now and the child the Englishwoman carried was

descended from the gods. Knut had installed Aelfgifu with his kinswomen before he had set out to gather a fresh army for the retaliatory invasion, confident that his people would regard her as the mother of a king and worthy of respect, rather than the daughter of an Englishman and deserving of contempt. He had not seen her since, though word had been brought to him that she had been delivered of her firstborn, a son who had been christened Sweyn in honor of its father's father.

Now Knut's only link with Aelfgifu was his serving man, Aelf, the brother of Aelfgifu. Aelf would not fight his own people, but he was bound by an oath to his sister to remain with Knut, and so he stayed with the Viking as Knut's servant and companion.

Aelf was a few years younger than Knut. His oval face and girlishly delicate features betrayed his Roman ancestors and their Greek lineage. His hair was flaxen and he followed the peculiar English custom of shaving the hair from his face, which Knut found aggravating but endured in silence. Though Aelf did the work of a servant now, he had never stopped dressing like an English gentleman. His tunics were all of finely woven woolens, cottons, and even silks, and he had enthusiastically adopted the Viking custom of wearing large amounts of jewelry. Indeed, Aelf was a vain cockerel, but he was not a milksop. For all his prettiness he had a hard eye and a steady hand and he was quick, clever and shrewd as a fox. Aelf would be a leader of men someday and he knew it and bided his time for the present.

Knut forced himself out of his reverie and crossed the chamber, kneeling close to the fire. Aelf ladled warm, aromatic wine into a goblet and passed it to Knut, grinning silently. The damp, chill weather that made Knut's bones ache and his head throb didn't affect Aelf, who seemed to thrive no matter what the weather.

Aelf knew that yesterday's battle had ended the days of war for England. She was defeated, but now she would at least know peace. Knut saw that Aelf was dressed in his finest robes, the blue silk of Aelf's richest tunic shown in the firelight and the silver scrollwork that edged the hem and the full sleeves and the square-cut neckline glittered sumptuously. A silver cross fastened on a chain around Aelf's throat flashed suddenly in the changing light. Knut trembled and wondered anxiously why the English God haunted him so. In the flash of that silver cross all Knut's memories of Valhalla and the gods of his people were flat and one-dimensional. Aelf carried a leather-bound book with him, a "Holy Bible" it was called. Once Knut had asked Aelf to read to him from it. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust," read Aelf. These were the words of Jesus, Aelf had told him, and ever since then this Jesus of the leather book and the silver cross had haunted Knut with His words. Now, as Aelf's cross flashed brilliant in the gloom of the tent, Knut heard a strange voice. It was no louder than a whisper, but there was authority in it, all the same, and the words

were insistent, "I say to you, love your enemies." The words repeated and faded like an echo.

"Are you feeling ill?" It was Aelf's voice now and Knut saw that the boyish grin had passed from his face and was replaced with an apprehensive gaze.

"No," said Knut, forcing his tired features into a smile. "No, just thinking on what must be done today. Are you — is my armor cleaned and my best robes laid out?"

"Yes. Those leather leggings and footgear you have on will have to have a brush taken to them to clean off the muck."

Knut nodded. "But first, I have an errand for you. Go gather some of the men and have them erect an open tent aft of this one and leeward of the battlefield."

"For the peace parley?"

"Aye, boy, for the peace parley. And they had best make haste with their work, for Eadmund and his

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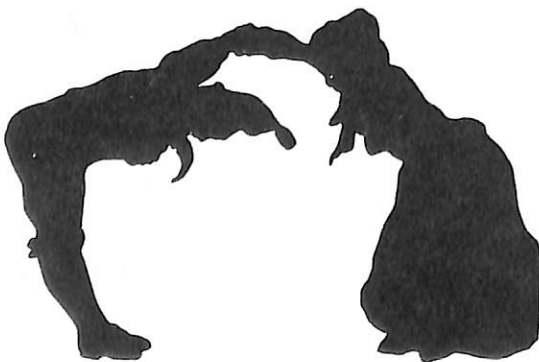
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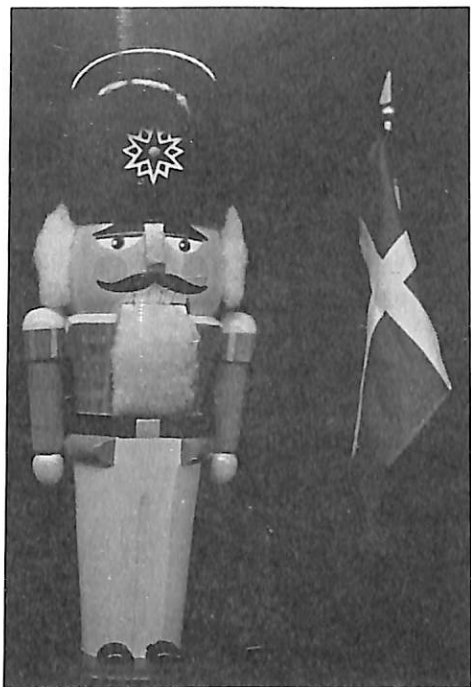
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Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Ne. — We will elect our delegate and an alternate for the National Convention at our October 3 meeting.

New Danish language texts arrived and were eagerly claimed by those who had ordered them. The Education and Heritage Committee urges members to attend the language classes. What better way to learn our second language!

We have voted \$100 for the Danish American Language Foundation. This worthy cause is supporting the two Danish newspapers, **Bien** and **Den Danske Pioneer**. These papers have current news from Denmark by Danish journalists. We encourage you to subscribe to one of them.

California - Nevada

The 57th Annual District Convention was hosted by the Alhambra Lodge No. 323. The entire convention was held at the beautiful Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena, Ca. The members of the Alhambra Lodge worked very hard and presented a marvelous time. Smørrebrød was served on the first evening, and Danish Folk Dancers followed. Friday night a Luau was held under the stars with a show of Hula Dancers which was quite fantastic. Saturday was a very full day with a beautiful installation of new officers and a gala dinner dance completed the memorable convention.

We were very pleased to have both Byron Petersen, second vice president, and Peter Weber, director, attending our District Convention.

Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Ca. — Coming events for Petaluma show they are a very active lodge.

October 20 — This is a regular meeting night that will honor all the past presidents.

November 17 — Danish Cultural Night. A program will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, Ca. — Our recent convention was a tremendous success as we, the host lodge, really learned the meaning of a GROUP. Our members, who come from nearly all walks of life, were called upon to work at this big project. They banded together and came through with flying colors, performing miracles to complete the task.

A new lodge is being installed in Riverside. All are welcome to inquire or attend.

A steak dinner is on the menu for a get-together at the Hakan Andersen home. Each family is bringing a salad, as well as their swimming suits!

Frank E. Jepsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — With the long, hot summer nearly at an end, the Las Vegas Lodge will again begin their activities, including their annual picnic for the children to be held soon at Spring Mountain Ranch, where it was held last year. Summer in Las Vegas is particularly unbearable for any outdoor activities due to the extreme heat, and this year we have had our share.

We welcome home from a recent visit to Denmark Robert and Annemarie Henderson and their two daughters. We are happy to see that they brought back Annemarie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jensen, who are planning to stay this time.

April Gerrity and Alice Pinkerton, recent delegates to the California-Nevada District Convention, report that it was very enjoyable. It was held in Pasadena, the host lodge being Alhambra Lodge No. 323. The hotel accommodations were superb and all the activities well attended and enjoyable.

In July we had a successful day participating in the annual International Festival. This festival has grown yearly since its inception, and although it has been a lot of work for the members of our small lodge, it has been a team effort. Hopefully we will do better next year, since it will be held a bit earlier in the year when it is not so hot.

Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Ca. — The Grundlovsfest was bigger and better than ever this year, the only drawback being a shortage of parking places and picnic tables. The square dancers went over big, as did the dancing to Winstrop Oleson's Orchestra.

The Alhambra Lodge did a wonderful job of hosting the convention at the Pasadena Sheraton Hotel. Alice Pinkerton from Las Vegas was elected conductor, Lundgrene as outer guard, and Ebba Norby of Modesto as the new publicity agent. Our own Pete Peterson was made an honorary member, a well-deserved surprise. The 1979 convention will be in Solvang.

Area Manager Thorf Anderson is really working in high gear with the inauguration of the new Lodge No. 346 in Riverside. Officers from Omaha and Solvang will be present at the inauguration, dinner and dance to help get the lodge off to a good start.

We will celebrate our 79th birthday at a joint party with the National Committee in Westwood. The festivities will include a dinner, dance and the presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year awards. The following members will also receive pins: 25 years — Lars P. Mortensen, Paul D. Andersen, Knud V. Miller, Tage A. Moller; 50 years — Brunno Christensen, Jens Lauridsen, David E. Petersen, Neils Pallisgaard, Hans C. Rasmussen; 60 years — Thorvald A. Kellerup.

Peter Breum, Secretary.

Eastern

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — Our summer meetings have been well attended; 38 members and guests were at the August meeting and enjoyed playing the game "Horse Racing".

Thanks to the donations of our members, we were able to send a donation to Thomas Coglitore, a 13-year-old who was blinded in one eye by a firecracker.

At our September meeting we will select our delegate and alternate for the upcoming National Convention in Vancouver. We'll be hearing a report on the GCEL convention from our delegate and also be playing a game of bingo at that meeting.

October's meeting will have a White Elephant Auction. Last year's auction was very enjoyable and profitable for the lodge as well.

Pamela Pedersen, daughter of ex-president and Mrs. Peter Pedersen, has been accepted by Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn. She will start pre-med school in September.

I attended the GCEL Convention which was represented by 19 lodges and hosted by Lodge No. 294 for the first time in over 60 years. Three national board members, George Godthaab, George Jacobsen and Clyde Langsted, were in attendance. The convention delegates drew up five proposals to send to the National Law Committee. Lodge 325 Past President John Hjulmand was elected treasurer of the GCEL for a second term.

Our 52nd annual dinner-dance will be held at the Coral House on October 28. The festivities will include a free rolling bar all evening, cocktail hour and smorgasbord, door prizes and a complete dinner at 8:30 p.m.

Egon Larsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — We have elected our Law Committee, which includes Glen Nissen, Peter Nielsen, Clarence Hanson, George Severson, Harold Hansen and Kaye Sorensen, Jr.

Our regular summer meetings were well attended

and we hope that everyone is ready to resume lodge activities this fall.

Our yearly outing at George Severson's summer home on beautiful Lake George is coming up October 1. We'll have plenty of fun, games and refreshments.

Hilmer Schmidt, who now resides in Denmark, sent us the price of a bottle of Snapps for our Birthday Club — we drink to him!

Evan and Gerde Christensen have returned from their trip to Denmark and should have plenty to tell us at our next meeting.

William J. Peterson.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — Jorgen Hertz, a Brotherhood member living in Denmark, was gracious enough to send us a gift of a lovely book containing Danish morning services and Scandinavian songs.

At the September meeting we will elect a Bylaws Committee and choose our delegate to the National Convention. Also, Svend Aage Nielsen has promised to show us slides that he has taken of various Brotherhood gatherings during the past six years, including the 75th Anniversary Banquet.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — Geert Pedersen, with Harry Scarlett as alternate, will be our delegate to the National Convention in Vancouver next September.

Edward and Merle Haag have joined our staff of insurance representatives, and will be concentrating on the Burlington County Township area.

For our September meeting we are asking members to bring pictures or slides of their activities to share with the rest of the lodge.

A gala evening is being planned for our Third Anniversary celebration in October.

Dawn Jensen was chosen "Outstanding 9th Grade Girl" from her class of 520 students. The award is given annually by the Fathers' Association of Bristol Township. Lynda Malmquist also received one of the top three awards when "graduating" from sixth grade.

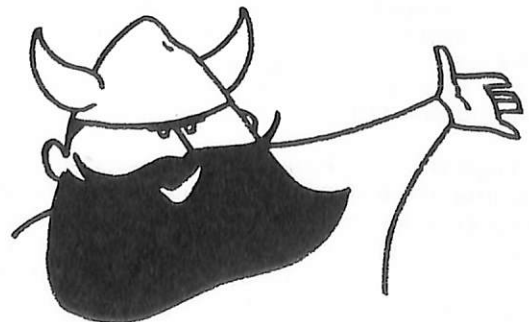
Minnesota

The United Lodges of Minnesota held their annual convention August 19. Host lodge was No. 111 of Austin. The meeting took place at the Community Center in Brownsdale.

Jerome Sonsalla, president of the Iowa United Lodges, Second Vice President Byron Petersen of Askov, and Andy Andersen from the Home Office in Omaha were in attendance.

The meeting was conducted by C. O. Eastlund, president of the United Lodges of Minnesota. The main topic of the meeting was the discussion of a merger with the lodges of Iowa. A motion was made and seconded to go ahead with the merger and to send a delegate to the Iowa Convention over Labor Day weekend.

Jens I. Larsen, Secretary.



Pacific Northwest

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, Wa. — We will elect our Five-Man Law Committee at our September 7 meeting, and from that group choose a delegate and alternate to attend the National Convention being held next year.

Mary and Emil Larsen spent six weeks in Denmark and other countries in Europe this summer. They will be showing us slides of their trip at the next two meetings.

The Danish lodges in Spokane participated in the "Neighbor Day" at Riverfront Park and netted over \$500. The bakers and servers all contributed to the success of the project, as well as those who donated their money, time and materials.

Midwest

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wi. — Robert Nelson was elected our delegate to the National Convention, and Kirk Frandsen is his alternate. Other members elected to the Law Committee included Irvin Edling, Norman Pedersen and Christian Jacobsen.

We held a vote and decided against joining the Midwest District.

Six new names for membership were approved, and we also initiated five new members.

If music can be obtained, we plan to have a Halloween dance.

Lillian D. Jacobsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — George Feddersen, Sr., a member since 1923, passed away in July. His son and three grandsons are members.

Two more members were initiated into our lodge. Bill Clavey won a carton of Tuborg beer for the prize in our membership drawing.

Aase Holst Christensen, sister-in-law of our Methe Jensen, was a guest at our recent meeting. She has been visiting in the U.S.A. for several weeks.

Our cookbook sales have been successful, as we sold another 28 cookbooks at a sidewalk sale. We are sending two teams to the Midwest District Golf Tournament.

We held a benefit dance for Jim and June Wilkey, who lost most of their possessions in a fire that destroyed their rural home. The band donated their time to play, and the large crowd made the affair a big success.

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter.



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Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — Splish! Splash! We were taking a bath — at the July swim/cookout. The hot dogs were gobbled up in no time during the nice, cool and refreshing evening.

Our Law Committee recently elected includes Dick Christensen, Ted Kaiser, Harry Ploughman, Dorothy Ploughman, Rune Karsbaek and Barb Karsbaek.

Harry and Dorothy Ploughman will be our delegates to the Midwest District Convention in Milwaukee this month. Floyd and Faye Christensen are alternates.

We had the largest turnout for bowling this year at the Third Annual Scotch Doubles. Ted Kaiser organized this really fun event, which included a delicious buffet afterwards.

We will have a Halloween costume party on October 28, open to members and non-members. The event will include a continuous snack table, donation bar, dancing, costume judging, games, prizes and crowning of a king and queen!

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wi. — John Mollerskov has been elected our delegate to the National Convention coming up next September. He was chosen out of our Law Committee, which also included Ken Janssen, Jens Ericksen, Martin Anderson and Axel Hermansen.

COPENHAGEN

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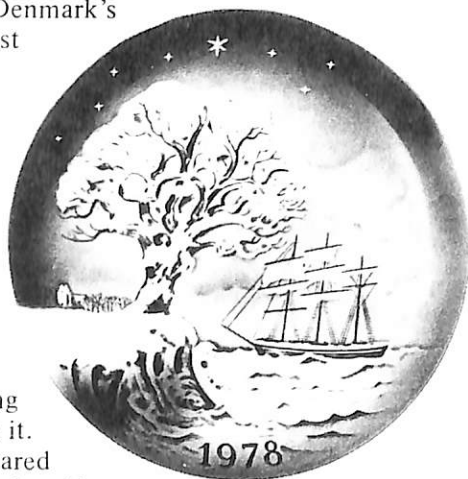
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party arrive within the second watch of the forenoon." Aelf was partway out of the tent when Knut called after him, "And tell the men I want them assembled for the occasion, and looking orderly. Tell them, also, that the burial of the dead will be at dusk — heroes' burial, flaming rites aboard ship. We will make ready for the ritual this afternoon."

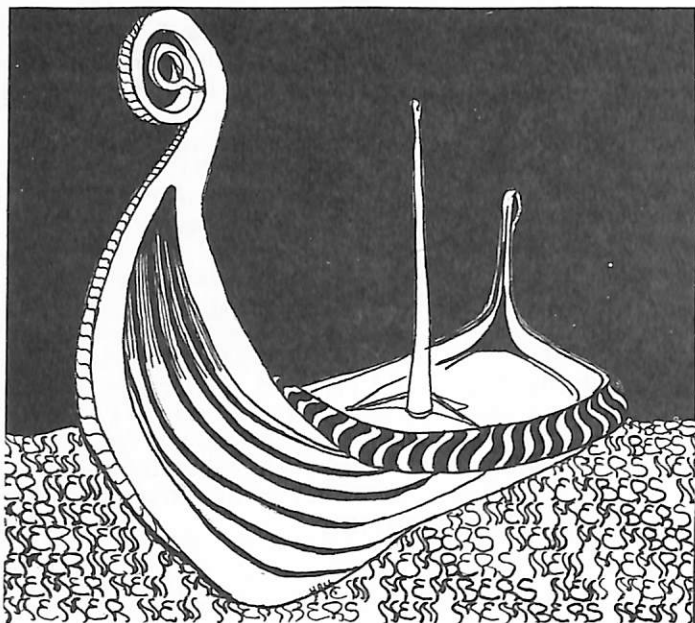
Knut took another goblet of wine and as he drank he removed his jewelry, slid his dagger from its resting place against his side, and stripped off his battleworn clothes. He must be in his best robes and his full battle dress when he came to the treaty table.

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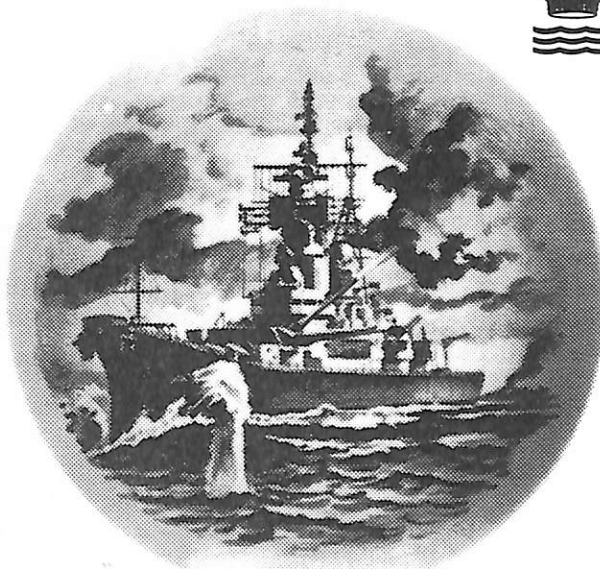
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Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
4-18-78	Simon L. Larsen	92	Oro, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
7-29-78	William G. Krogh	88	Ribe, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1911
7-22-78	John L. Coates	74	Warren, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
6-26-78	Christ Petersen	79	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
7-27-78	Paul R. Jensen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1913
8-1-78	Otto Christensen	85	Dejbjerg, Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1927
8-5-78	Axel Frederiksen	90	Nyborg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1907
8-9-78	Louis J. Lydixen	71	Hammelev Sogn, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1924
8-5-78	Hans C. Rasmussen	91	Copenhagen, Denmark	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1917
7-22-78	Ludvig (Louis) Kjaer	93	Varde, Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1917
2-17-78	James Rasmussen	83	Luverne, North Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1920
8-10-78	Jens Morton	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1921
8-14-78	Niels Jepsen	82	Springville, Iowa	255	Selma, California	1916
7-24-78	Johannes Jensen	79	Usserød, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1944
8-23-78	Niels S. Nielsen	86	Balulim, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1914
2-4-78	Martin Nielsen	94	Bastrup, Denmark	107	Chicago, Illinois	1919
8-12-78	Howard N. Andrews	66	Schenectady, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1947
8-1-78	Jens M. Jensen	71	Freeman, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1958
7-29-78	Peter Petersen	86	Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1971
8-6-78	Wilbur W. Myreholt	83	Woodside, Ohio	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1974
8-15-78	Marie M. Pedersen	69	Grinnel, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1963
6-22-78	Carl R. F. Hansen	69	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1962
7-29-78	Ernest A. Hansen	84	Spokane, Washington	42	Spokane, Washington	1966

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"The Danes, however," claims the poll, "are consistently more likely to be highly satisfied with the specific aspects of their life than are the Americans."

The Italians are the least satisfied with almost everything: the way democracy works, their household incomes, neighborhoods, housing, health, standard of living, relations with people, leisure . . . their life as a whole.

Herewith the happiness or satisfaction with life rankings: (1) U.S.A., (2) Denmark, (3) Ireland, (4) Netherlands, (5) Belgium, (6) United Kingdom, (7) West Germany, (8) France, (9) Italy.

ESPRIT DE CORPS

by Svend Hansen, Lodge No. 325

With the Danish immigration almost at a standstill, it is admirable how The Danish Brotherhood in America can prosper not only through its first and second generation but even third generation, to keep our heritage alive as well as it does.

The success of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges throughout the land can be attributed to proper leadership, the elected officers are dedicated and devoted to the very principles what the Danish Brotherhood stands for, they are mature and understanding and sometimes compromising to human nature with compassion plus at times sacrificing pleasures in life for more serious matters.

Possessing these humane qualities, every office held in the Danish Brotherhood is not only most rewarding, but an experience that enriches your life beyond expectations.

DANISH LANGUAGE AND SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES OFFERED AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

"Det dansk sprog" . . . the Danish language will be offered beginning this fall at Portland State University in Portland, Ore., together with an increasing number of courses in Scandinavian studies.

Portland Lodge No. 167 president, Melvin P. Pihl, organized a new Portland chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation with 105 charter memberships; it is still growing. An objective of the chapter was to enlarge Scandinavian offerings at PSU and, in particular, to include Scandinavian language offerings. It is hoped that sufficient interest will develop to continue the Danish language and that subsequently the other Scandinavian languages will also be introduced.

Last April 4 a large reception was held at the Finnish Consulate in Portland to close charter memberships at which time chapter president Pihl presented to PSU president, Joseph Blumel, over 500 books and booklets for the newly-established Scandinavian Library at PSU. The Danish community was responsible for well over one-half of the volumes with gifts from the Kingdom of Denmark including the Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C.; Ministry of Education; Danish Information Service in New York City; and the Danish Tourist Board of New York City. Other donors of books included SAS, the Northwest Danish Home in Seattle, Wa., and members of Portland Lodge No. 167 including the Pihl family, Mr. and Mrs. Erik Voldbaek, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. MacHaffie, and Margaret Nielsen.

During Pihl's August trip to Denmark when he will be enrolled in an intensive Danish language course, he intends to seek additional book donations for the Library and volumes of reference books for students in the Danish language class and for Danish literature which is expected to be offered in the future.

When asked by faculty leaders and administration which language should be offered if the university could only offer one, Pihl stated that from a logical standpoint it should be that language from which ethnic group the university could expect the greatest potential of students. He continued this would be, first, Norwegian; second, Swedish; third, Finnish; and fourth, Danish.

Administrative officials of PSU felt students would desire to continue some studies in Scandinavia, emphasizing that the DIS (Danish International Studies Committee in Copenhagen) was the best organized of any supportive group in Europe for American students. This fact, coupled with expected support of reference books from the Danish government, supportive materials from the Royal Danish Consulate General in Los Angeles, and broad publicity from Portland's Danish community brought PSU officials to select Danish.

Students at PSU may also pursue Scandinavian

studies including Nordic Mythology, Sagas, and Scandinavian Drama; Geography of Europe (25% Scandinavian); a full year of Scandinavian History; and the Old Norse language.

Planned for the summer of 1979 is a special Scandinavian Summer Seminar featuring a broad variety of studies to attract young and mature students.

Instructor for the Danish language course will be Ulf Jorni, originally from Copenhagen and graduate with three degrees from the University of Copenhagen. During the past year he thoughtfully taught gratis the Portland area's third Danish language class sponsored by Portland Lodge No. 167. The other two classes were filled and turning away potential students.

Comptroller of one of Portland's larger manufacturing firms, Nicolai Company, manufacturer of doors and woodwork products, Jorni will receive no compensation for his devotion to keeping alive the Danish language in Oregon. He responded to the request to teach with a desire to help maintain the Danish traditions and culture in America's 33rd state.

Others active in the Portland Chapter of ASF from Portland Lodge No. 167 include Mrs. Ingeborg MacHaffie (professor of early childhood education at Portland's Warner Pacific college and co-author with her sister of the recently published Heritage series *Of Danish Ways*); and Erik Voldbaek, comptroller of Oregon Portland Cement Co. Both serve on the chapter's board of directors.

Here is another example of Danish Brotherhood members striving to offer the estimated 25% Scandinavian-origin population of Oregon meaningful ways to maintain worthwhile ties with the land of their origin. And, these Danish Brotherhood members are providing the leadership for the Scandinavian community and the ASF chapter as well.

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From FLOSS ON THE MILKWEEDWIND

Faces of Denmark



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PUZZLE

by Eve Rosalie Wirth

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What is a word containing seven letters in which:
The first two letters make reference to a *man*,
The first three letters refer to a *woman*,
The first four letters make reference to a *great man*,
And *all* seven refer to a *great woman*?

ANSWER: The seven letter word is HEROINE.



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[Icelandic Pancakes]

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1/2 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup milk	1 tablespoon butter, melted
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/8 teaspoon vanilla

METHOD: Beat eggs until light; add rest of ingredients and beat thoroughly. Batter should be very thin. Make large, thin pancakes. When baked spread with jam or butter and sugar and roll. These are delicious and in Iceland are served as a dessert.

Grandma's Kitchen

Viking Adventures

**Coming Together—A Beginning Keeping Together—Progress
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A book written by Dr. Aage Bertelsen has recently come to our attention. Its title is *October '43*. The best description has been provided by Niels Bohr... "A vivid and moving account of the remarkable events in Denmark during the German occupation, when many thousand men, women and children of Jewish families were rescued from cruel persecution and brought to safety in Sweden..." The 246 page publication has been accepted by the Danish government as the official documentation of events which occurred in October, 1943. Available through the Danish American Jewish Committee, 120-6 Carver Loop, Bronx, N.Y. 10475, it is an exceptionally readable historic account and may be purchased for only \$1.40 in paperback.

OKTOBERFEST IN DWIGHT, ILLINOIS

Several years ago DBIA Lodge No. 34 in Dwight experienced an unprecedented growth spurt as a result of the assistance of *Representative James Andreasen* and the nuclear lodge. Since then they have maintained a steady upward climb.

Margaret Goodwin, Secretary, answered an inquiry about their Oktoberfest like this: "The Dwight Chamber of Commerce was sponsoring a "Moonlight Madness" promotion sale downtown between certain hours. One of our members, a member of the Chamber, thought it might be a good idea to introduce Dwight to the Danish Kringle made in Wisconsin. It was planned to have an outside

booth in the Village Plaza downtown to sell the kringle by the piece with homemade egg coffee and also by the whole.

"Inclement weather made us move inside, but we still went on with the sale. We traveled to Wisconsin that day and picked up 500 kringle. We displayed some Danish articles and literature and handed out some Danish stickers, coloring books, etc. It was so successful that we again sold the kringle during the Christmas parade downtown. We also sold hot chocolate.

"It again was a great success and we hope to try it again sometime this summer. Possibly during the annual sidewalk sale... This was all a simple idea — fun to make the good old boiled coffee — and it was very profitable."

We commend Dwight for their variety of activities and the assistance they are giving to two of their members, Jim and June Wilkey, who suffered the loss of their home and possessions through a disastrous fire.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The entire Headquarters staff sighed with relief when we were able to ship coded information updating our computer records at the end of August.

We were privileged to have *Niels Simonsen*, an internationally renowned balletist, visit our office in September. You will learn more about Mr. Simonsen and his ten-month stay with the Omaha Ballet Company in future issues.



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