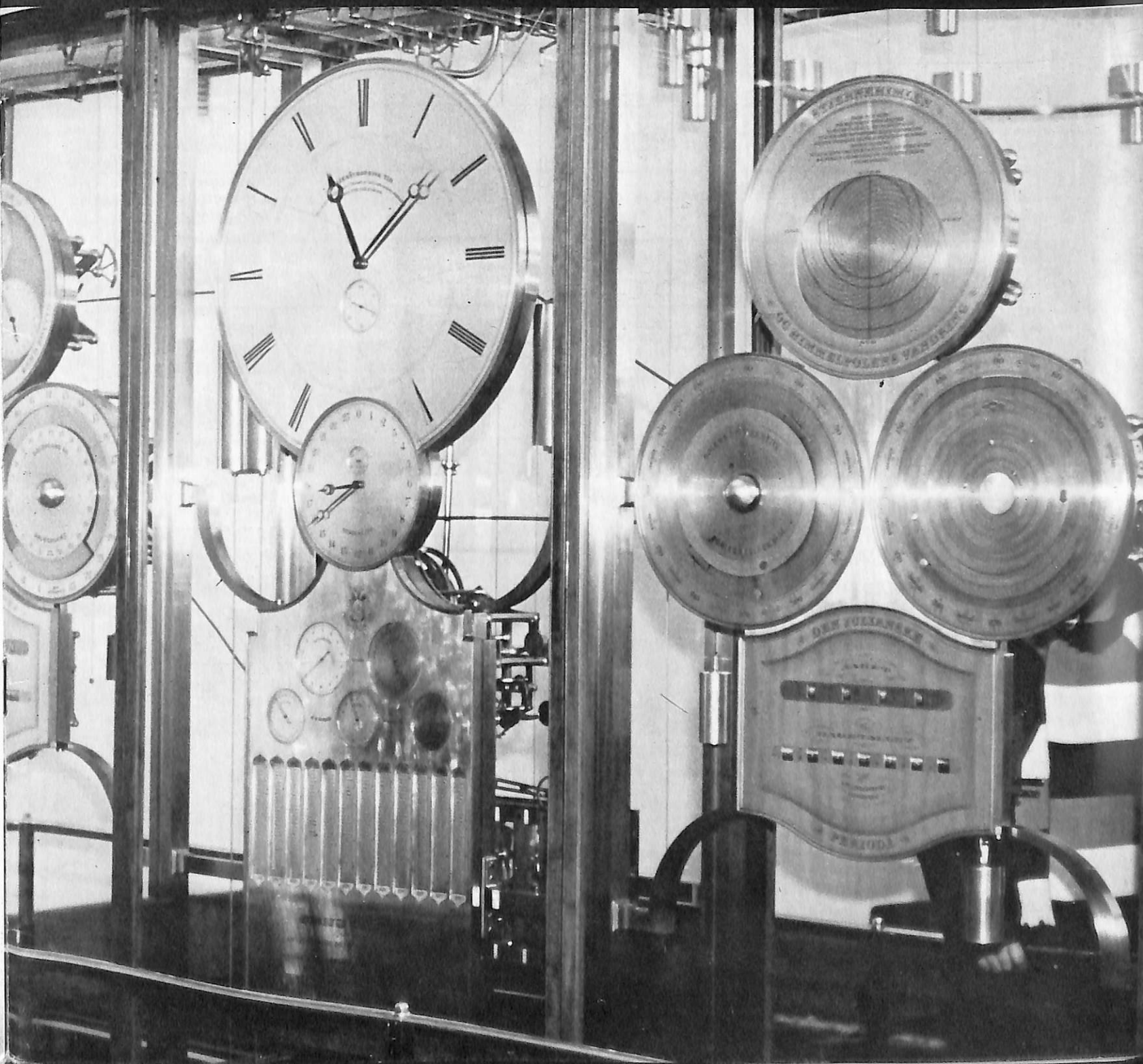


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What's New For January

Time ticks away into another New Year's celebration. Our cover photo seems most appropriate for this occasion — a clock, but not just any old clock. Jens Olsen's World-Clock in Copenhagen City Hall is one of the world's most accurate timepieces, keeping track of not only hours and minutes, but days, months, years, phases of the moon, etc., and only requires setting once in many, many years. Curt Maschman (see October A.D. cover photo) was the photographer.

The Lutheran BOND magazine recently published an article by Dr. Sherod Miller entitled "Take Your Own Family Check-Up". In keeping with this year's "Fraternalism is a Family Affair" theme of the National Fraternal Congress, we have brought the article to you here to let you discover your family's strengths and weaknesses.

In each issue of the coming year we will publish one of the winning manuscripts from the 1978 Creative Writing Contest. To lead off the series, Anne Marie Witttrup of Lodge 341 takes "A Look into the Past" at her great-great-grandfather.

The Fraternal Services Department of the Home Office has come up with a coloring contest for the young folks. Each month will have a new picture to color and send in for prizes to be awarded.

To help increase lodge membership and help you earn those points toward the savings bonds and trip to Denmark, we have included a new simplified membership application for you to fill out for a friend or relative. An explanation and directions are there to assist you on pages 18 and 19.

Joe E. Nigg, a free-lance writer living in Colorado, sent us a piece called "Praise the Day at Evening". It is a modern-day story about an older man who is encountering the restrictions of age but still has the inner Viking spirit yearning to be set loose on the winds of the ocean.

You will also find many new items in this issue along with our regular features — Viking Adventures, The President's Column, Grandma's Kitchen, Faces of Denmark, etc.

Pleasant reading, and Happy New Year to all of you!

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The President's Column

DBIA President George Godthaab

Happy memories of 1978 will be with us for many New Years to come. The fellowship of having been with families and friends and expressing the season's greetings to all should linger throughout the year.

Members of the Board of Directors, at the very beginning of 1979, express sincere thanks for cooperation received from each lodge and its members. It has been a joy working with our National Headquarters staff, each employee being helpful and dedicated.

The New Year

by Haratio Nelson Powers

*A flower unblown; a book unread;
A tree with fruit unharvested;
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shades 'neath silent skies;*

*A wondrous fountain yet unsealed...
This is the year that for you waits
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.*

And so, with the advent of a New Year, let us all rededicate ourselves and be guided to walk the second mile for our fellow man. Let us look to our youth in the "Year of the Child" and do more than we can.

There is another short verse which has a deeper message for those of us who are concerned about families and children: "Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout, he drew a circle that shut love out. But love and I had wit to win, we drew a circle that took him in."

We can draw the circle that will take in our children and bring families closer by providing programs which will interest all members of the family and our young people. But it depends on the interest you, as a Danish Brotherhood member have in accomplishing this.

May your New Year be filled with many blessings.

50 Years a Member



Celebrating his 96th birthday last Wednesday was Jens C. Petersen, of 1824 Lathrop Ave., pictured repairing toys (at the same time) at the Tex Reynolds Toys for Tots, Inc., workshop at the City Hall Annex. Petersen spends all of his spare time at the workshop and is considered an excellent painter and carpenter. He should, he was a cabinetmaker and carpenter during his lifetime which began in Orup, Denmark. Petersen rode his bike to the workshop until last year when he decided to accept a ride from Les and Florence Veltus. He built them a handmade grandfather's clock in appreciation, and has

constructed three others "from scratch". A bachelor, Petersen is one of six children of a steam engineer and only one, a brother, 87, is still living in Denmark. He once played the clarinet and flute, and his first job in the U.S.A. was that of a greenskeeper at Pine Lake, Hartland, Wi. Petersen believes in keeping busy and has just recently finished insulating his home. He enjoys helping the TFT toys program and urges senior citizens to stop down on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to "help out".

Editor's Note: Brother Jens C. Petersen joined the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 4 on November 21, 1923. At our last meeting of October 11, 1978, Jens was honored with a smoker and a birthday cake. Some 50 members congratulated him after he received his 50-year pin from President John Jensen. He was also presented a gift on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood in America by Midwest District President John Mollerskov.

And who says married men live longer? Jens has been a bachelor all his life.

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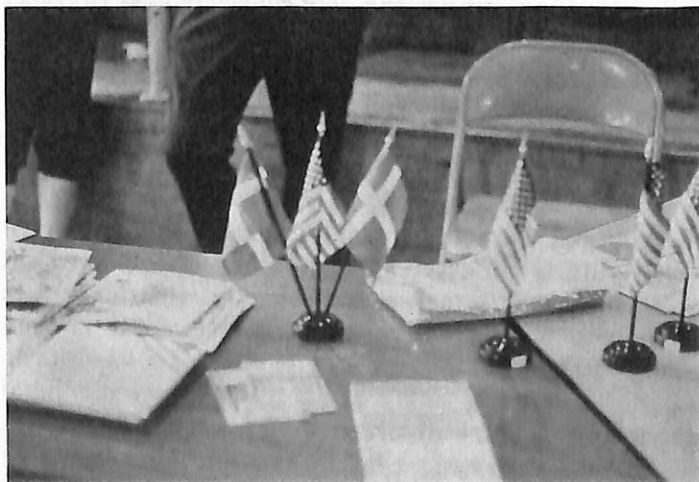
Blair Danish Days Success in '78

Danish Days has become an annual event in Blair since it was first celebrated on October 18, 1975. This affair is sponsored by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 206, assisted by the Blair Chamber of Commerce and Dana College. Most of its activities are free to the public. The event four years ago was held at Blair Fire Hall, but the past two years it was moved to Blair Central School where we have two churches close for additional space.

Arts and crafts from Scandinavian countries are exhibited, such as spinning, weaving, rosmaling, needlepoint, Danish shoemaking by Dania Sko, Elk Horn, Ia.; cider making and handmade Christmas ornaments. Folk dancers from Dana College performed twice during the day. From 11 o'clock till 5 o'clock we served aebleskiver, medisterpølse and sødsuppe. Ladies of the lodge baked kringles, kleiner and Danish pastries, which were sold in the kød forretning (meat market), as was rullepølse, liverpøstøj, plus breads from the bread baking contest.



Danish Dancers from Minden, Ne., perform.



A large selection of interesting items were for sale.

Along the business district, merchants' windows hold displays of Scandinavian artifacts, family heirlooms, Danish plates, etc. The past two years we have given a prize for the best decorated window. This is a plaque held by the winning merchant until the following year, when it goes to the winner for the current year.

During the day Tivoli owner, Dave Wulf, serves Danish foods of all descriptions at his cafe. For the children, a Hans Christian Andersen story hour at two different times. The celebration closes with prizes of Danish plates awarded to winners of a raffle, followed by a dance.

The above activities have been duplicated each year and this year grew to a two-day event. On Sunday morning a Danish church service was held at First Lutheran Church, followed by serving of aebleskiver and medisterpølse at the Riverview Grange Hall by its members.

Each year we try to bring in more events, such as big wheel race for youngsters, and a kiddie parade with prizes for entries. This year we also added Scottish dancers from Omaha and Minden Danish Dancers from the Danish Brotherhood in Minden, Ne.

The Methodist Church was used by Dana College's Danish Club to serve open faced Danish sandwiches all day, while the Congregational Church served Danish kringle and coffee at mid-morning and again in the afternoon.

The celebration requires help of many members. Plans are laid shortly after completion for the next year. There are contacts with newspapers, radio stations and TV for advertising. We contact our local businessmen for their support and descriptive flyers are made up and distributed. The making of medisterpølse alone is a two-day affair at a local farm with an assembly line of members volunteering their help.

It is early in the year for predictions for 1979 but our date has already been set for October 6, with possibilities of this year becoming an ethnic affair, bringing in other nationalities.

It took a lot of determination, but our Danish Day in Blair is now an established community program.



Spinning was demonstrated all through the day.

Take

Your

Own

Family

Check-up

by Sherod Miller, Ph.D.

Most of us have never thought of taking an annual family checkup. We just don't think about calling everyone together stepping aside from our daily routine and spending an hour or two looking at how we are doing as a family. We have come to expect regular physical and dental exams, as well as periodic auto tuneups. No business develops year after year without regular, planned assessments and annual reports. So why not take a review of your family's functioning?

My first exposure to an annual family review was about 15 years ago as a guest in my college roommate's home during Christmas vacation. One evening, seven of the eight brothers and sisters (one was out of the country) and the mom and dad all gathered around the fireplace in the living room after dinner. One by one, each person told what his or her year had been like, and what it was that he or she was looking forward to in the new year. It was a powerful experience — some joking, lots of laughter, a few tears around a sad moment, all seasoned with some tension between the father and the oldest son over his career pursuit. It was an unforgettable event — enjoying the closeness that grew out of hearing each family member share his or her experience.

The father is dead now, the old house has been sold, it's no longer possible for all the family members to meet again in the same way. Now, grandchildren cluster about their own parents across the country, but that original family spirit lives on, providing roots to each new branch.

Over the past decade, a number of different forms for living together have proliferated — cooperative clusters, group and childless marriages, single parent, blended and extended families — along with the predominance of the nuclear family (mom, dad and kids). More exciting is the new consciousness that has emerged about how robust, viable family groups operate, regardless of their particular form. In the paragraphs that follow, I will identify some of the dimensions that contribute to successful family functioning.

Parental Teamwork

More than any other single factor, the quality of family life is reflected in the nature of the parental relationship. The man-woman marital relationship is central to optimal family development. This is true whether the original marriage is intact (as two-thirds of all marriages are), or whether parents have separated and are divorced.

In a sense, raising a family is a lot like a tag-team wrestling match. It takes a lot of energy, love and

This is an article about family life, a subject which has been receiving emphasis in fraternal benefit societies around our country and Canada. "Fraternalism is a Family Affair" is a continuing theme for the 95 member-societies of the National Fraternal Congress of America.

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Your family dynamics profile

Every family has its own strengths and weaknesses, its ups and downs as it develops across time. Here is a set of dimensions which characterize different aspects of your family functioning.

Make several copies of this profile—one for each family member who is interested in participating in this review—then have each member independently rate your family as he or she sees it. After each person has completed the ratings, sit together and compare them. Be sure to share the experiences that serve as the basis for each rating.

If you discover characteristics which everyone is

interested in changing, talk about the things each of you is willing to do to bring about change.

To complete the profile, first place an X through the number which represents where you think your family is now. Next, draw a circle around the number which represents where you'd like your family to be a year from now. To make your comparison easier, you might want to use two different colored pencils and connect the X's and circles to get a profile of your family's dynamics. Consider putting a date on your profiles and taking a picture of everyone for the family album.

Parental coalition weak	1	2	3	4	5	6	strong
Parental power unequal	1	2	3	4	5	6	equal
Roles set/prescribed	1	2	3	4	5	6	interchangeable/negotiable
Communication confusing	1	2	3	4	5	6	clear
stifled	1	2	3	4	5	6	spontaneous
insensitive	1	2	3	4	5	6	responsive
Member's inter-connectedness isolated	1	2	3	4	5	6	intimate
invasive	1	2	3	4	5	6	autonomous
competitive	1	2	3	4	5	6	collaborative
Feeling tone hostile/cynical	1	2	3	4	5	6	fun/energetic
Values/goals unclear	1	2	3	4	5	6	clear
Decision-making ineffective	1	2	3	4	5	6	effective
rigid	1	2	3	4	5	6	adaptable
Rules vague	1	2	3	4	5	6	clear
fixed	1	2	3	4	5	6	flexible
Traditions non-existent	1	2	3	4	5	6	well established
Leisure time rare	1	2	3	4	5	6	frequent
Work/school drudgery	1	2	3	4	5	6	enjoyable
Spiritual awareness underdeveloped	1	2	3	4	5	6	well developed
Orientation to life pessimistic	1	2	3	4	5	6	optimistic
minimize opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	6	maximize opportunities
Relationship to outside world insulated	1	2	3	4	5	6	involved
Family spirit reluctant to be associated	1	2	3	4	5	6	proud to belong

resourcefulness to launch children. And, when you're in there wrestling with day-to-day concerns, making sure each child gets to school, participates in leisure activities, completes his or her chores, is fed, loved and settled for the night, it's important to know you have a partner behind you who you can call on at any point to take over to help you out. Other times, raising kids is so baffling that you must huddle with your partner between rounds to check signals, to plan strategies, or just to encourage one another. But children are not all hassles. There is nothing like having your partner there with you to experience the moments of triumph — your kid's first big word, solo ride on a two-wheeler, or return from a week at camp.

When the mom and the dad are teamed together and they're the strongest team in the house, children see strength. The children are not able to pit one parent against the other. Most importantly, the children do not get caught serving as messengers between parents, delivering messages which parents should be handling by themselves. Divorced parents must be particularly cautious not to use their children to work out their own adult relationship issues in the name of custody, visitation or financial support. Whether the parents are married or divorced, it is the children who suffer most — withdraw into loneliness, become a nuisance, cause trouble at school or constantly fight with their siblings — when mom and dad don't have it together. Single parenting also works best when there are other adults available as support persons.

Responsive Communication

Communication is both a vehicle for exchanging messages and an index of what's going on between family members. Every action says something. Of course, not all actions are of equal importance; nevertheless, each gesture has potential for connecting or repelling members.

In strong families, conversation is spontaneous, interruptions are rather frequent as information bounces around, yet the communication is distortion-free. However, when a person is sad or elated, he or she can say so and someone, older or younger, will respond appropriately. One of my most painful experiences as a family therapist occurred when an adolescent girl had her family's attention for a moment, and with a great deal of pain told them, "I feel homesick at school and homesick at home." My stomach sagged as I thought, "If you don't belong at home or school where else can you belong?" The momentary silence was immediately shattered with an attack on her by her older sister for never doing the dishes. The real tragedy in that family was that no one ever really knew how to respond sensitively to anyone else.

Since communication is learned, members can increase their skills in responding appropriately to one another. They can also learn to be critical without blaming, and affirming without intruding, as they share their own awareness with each other.

Together and Apart

One of the big tricks in growing a successful family is encouraging each member to be his or her own person and to connect responsibly with everyone else in the family. There are a number of ways of learning how to live singly, paired, or with a group. A family offers the first and best context for learning this. How can this be done?

First, it's essential to realize that everyone is an authority on his or her own experience. Even in the same situations, no two people have the same thoughts, feelings and wants. Autonomy grows out of being accepted and valued for your uniqueness; by generally being heard and not stifled. When members invade and bend each others' awareness by telling them what they do or should think, feel or want, spirits are deadened.

Secondly, providing time and space for individual privacy is very important. It is easier to join and really be with others when you also know you can be alone, and not feel guilty or lonely. When people can be alone comfortably, they learn to tap their own inner resources.

Learning togetherness is fostered by direct two-way communication between members. It is essential that each member be able to pair with any other one member to enjoy each other or to take care of concerns between the two of them. When members are unable or unwilling to handle their own issues directly with each other, either out of fear or disrespect, trouble grows.

Connectedness is also fostered by planning times and places when father-daughter, mother-son, mom-dad and all other possible combinations can be together, by themselves. These times provide essential opportunities to build relationships.

Finally, a family experiences its greatest power when everyone truly loves each other and enjoys being together. During these moments, the whole is certainly greater than its parts. These are the times many people wish for; they are the times strong families celebrate.

Warmth Over Hostility

Robust families have conflicts. Uniqueness means difference and difference generates conflict. Healthy families are not intimidated by conflict. They are able to utilize the tension of the moment to explore the issue at hand and make effective decisions based on information from all members involved. These families identify issues early and handle them flexibly.

In troubled families, issues are not acknowledged and tension builds. When tension continues unresolved, hostility grows and often erupts into physical violence. Members of strong families are able to let off steam without damaging anyone's esteem or hurting anyone physically.

When true negotiation is possible, warmth prevails because differences are expressed congruently when they arise. No one is afraid of anyone else; and at a deeper level, the family is a caring center — a place to

be tough, be cuddled and tickled, be affirmed and supported.

Family Is For Life!

Some of my best friends grew up in families. And the funny thing is that most of them remember who their parents were and who else lived, left, or died in the group.

Some night, sit around with a group of your friends and see if any of them grew up in a family. (I've never met anyone who wasn't an expert, at some level, on his or her own family.) As you exchange anecdotes, you will hear, with pride, about a great grandfather who did something so terrible that all of his relatives spent years trying to erase and hide the event from future generations. Someone will tell about how God made himself known to their family — or was never mentioned there.

Other folks will blame their families for all of their troubles. Another person will tell you how his or her family enabled him or her to move out into the world to make a contribution. Whatever the tale, you will get a sense of the indelibility of everyone's family on his or her life.

There's a new spirit in the land. Fewer people are willing to leave their family to chance. Instead, they are taking advantage of new opportunities to become more in charge of their own lives and enrich their time together. If you want to know more about marriage and family enrichment programs, I suggest you call your local Family Service Agency.

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A Look into the Past

"Jorgen Laursen lies stiff and cold on his bier with his war medal and Brothers in Arms insignia on his breast. Peace lights his brow and on Friday surely the whole town, Brothers in Arms and people from a distance will meet to show the old man the last honors."

This was the column in the paper of a small, far off town in Denmark, honoring the death of Jorgen Laursen.

He died on May 24, 1912.

Jorgen Laursen was my great-great-grandfather. A picture of his wife and him is in my dad's study.

Jorgen was an interesting man, and he led a life full of variety. In 1864 he was in the army. As he was a good cook and tailor, he escaped most of the drudgery of war by cooking for the soldiers and sewing for them.

When he arrived home from the war, he proudly carried a medal, but no one now is certain what it was for.

In 1854, he married Helene Kirstine Nielsdatter. Both were Lutherans. They lived in Veddum.

Since Jorgen was not a farmer, he had to earn his keep by gardening. While he was gardening he met many other people who found him other odd jobs.

Soon he discovered that there was more call for a veterinarian to heal sick farm animals than for a gardener. So he started treating farmers' animals.

Some of the more interesting jobs he labored at were beekeeping, taking care of graveyard lots and making wreaths for the graves.

He joined a veterans' club called Brothers in Arms. When he retired, he received one hundred crowns from the government for his war service.

On Jorgen's and Helene's 50th wedding anniversary, they were much honored, and they received many gifts, including 50 crowns from the king.

Jorgen and Helene had nine children. Two came to live in America. One of them, Jens Peter Laursen, was my great-grandfather. His daughter, Meta Annette Laursen Wittrup, is my grandmother and my father's mother.

Now, in my mind is a vivid picture of my great-great-grandfather. His life and his feelings are real and alive.



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Non-Fiction

Lodge 341
Kimballton-Elk Horn.

Danish Hall Razed

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Article by Mike Swan.

*Historical information compiled by
Mrs. Glenn E. Petersen*

An old garage and storage building was torn down in Jacksonville recently. But the structure was more than that to residents of this eastern Shelby county hamlet.

The Dannebrog (which means flag) Hall building, home of a Danish Brotherhood lodge, was a landmark in Jacksonville for 75 years. It was demolished in July.

The building, which most recently served as a garage and storage place for Petersen Brothers, was the focal point of the community for many years. Mrs. Glenn E. Petersen, Rt. 2, Harlan, has compiled a history of the small community and provided a complete history of the lodge.

Cost \$2,000

The building was built for \$2,000 by the local chapter of the Danish Brotherhood, which calls itself "the largest Danish fraternal society in America" and has its headquarters in Omaha. Membership in Denmark, Canada and the United States is near 10,000.

The Jacksonville group originally chartered 34 members when it was organized in 1903. The people of the area needed a gathering place so the Dannebrog Hall Co. was organized. In the late 1920's the hall ceased to pay dividends and the company was dissolved, Petersen wrote.

Fred Hjorth of Jacksonville, who is an interesting story himself, purchased the building in 1929 and moved it to his property where it was placed next to his home.

"In his wooden wheelchair he could go back and forth to his business building (through an enclosed hallway)..." Mrs. Petersen wrote.

Radio Listening

"Many men spent evenings at his house and later at his business building listening to radio programs... he sold soft drinks, candies and ice cream."

"Business was good on the nights free movies were held and when home games were played on the Jacksonville baseball diamond behind the hall. The business discontinued in the early 1950's..."

Hjorth died at the Salem Home in Elk Horn in 1961 at the age of 79.

The next owner was Lester Christiansen, who lived upstairs and operated Les' Place downstairs. Beer, pop, ice cream, candy, cigars, sandwiches and coffee were sold. Petersen Brothers were the last owners of the building. They bought it in 1961 and used it for a garage for their trucks and storage.

By 1972, membership of the lodge had dwindled to two members. The last members were Laurits "Lars"

Sorensen, a 60-year member of the Danish Brotherhood in Jacksonville. He died in 1974 at the age of 88. Peter B. M. Sorensen joined in 1916 and died in 1976 at 82 years of age.

Other local lodges in the past were one in Harlan and one in Rorbeck. They are no longer active. Today there is a lodge still going in the Elk Horn-Kimballton area, according to Mrs. Petersen.

Wrestling Matches

The building was rented out for dances, wrestling and boxing matches, debates, plays and silent movies. It also served as a temporary grocery store and school. Jacksonville township used the grounds for township picnics.

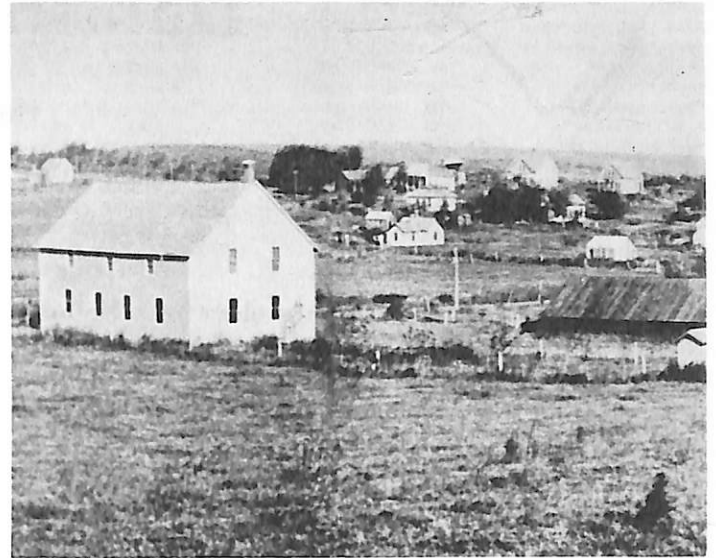
Lester Christiansen now owns the property where the building stood.

There is quite a story behind Hjorth:

"Fred was a Dane who immigrated to America in

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This photo of the Dannebrog Hall building in Jacksonville was taken before 1907. It was built in 1903.

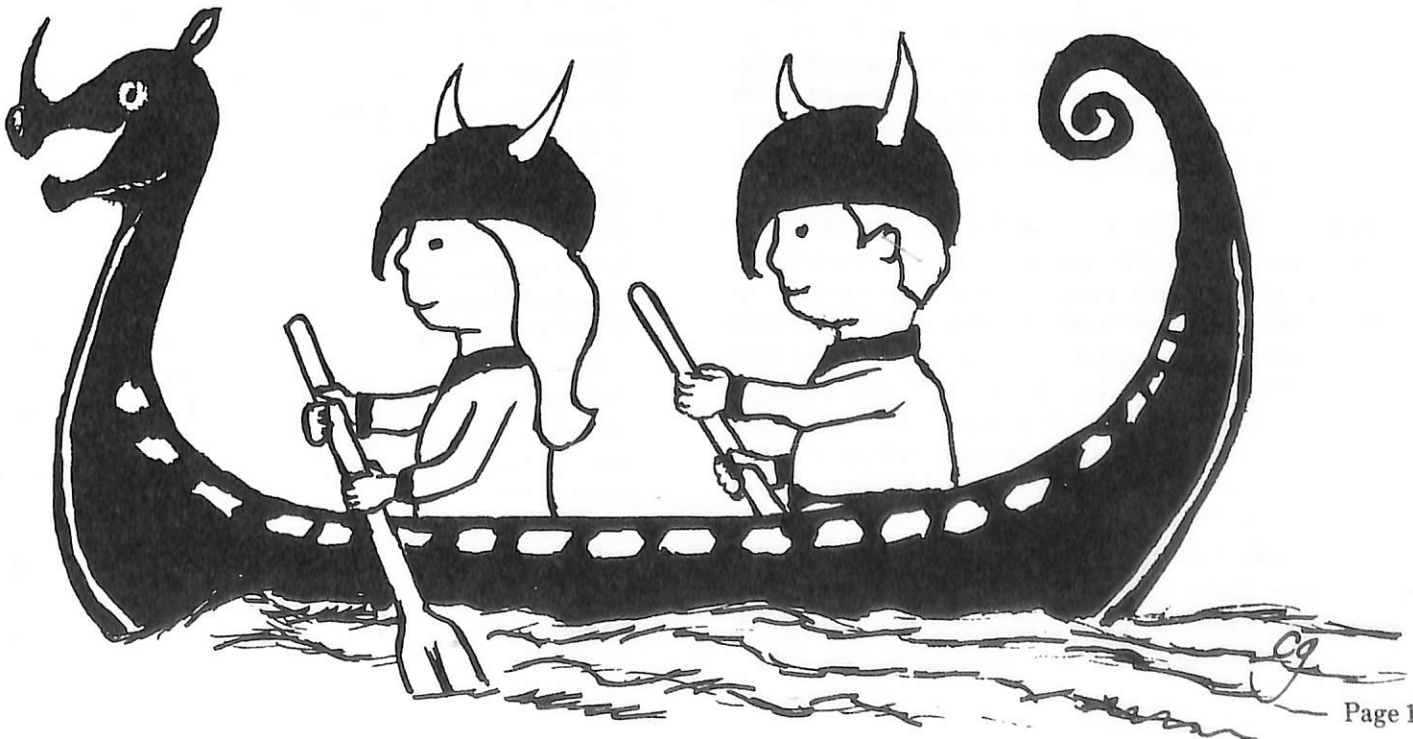


We're Proud to Announce IT'S TWINS

Hans and Greta will celebrate their birthdays as January 2 each year. This just happens to coincide with the date of the founding of our fraternal society in 1882.

If you are between the ages of two and 12, you are invited to enter their coloring contest. Each month a different drawing will appear in the American Dane magazine. Rules for entering are simple, color their picture with crayons or pencil colors and send it to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Ne. 68131. Include your name, your return address, and your date of birth with your entry. If you win first prize in one of the divisions, you will receive a nice gift. Three prizes will be awarded each month, but you may only win once during a six-month period.

Age groups: 2-5; 6-8; 9-12. You do not need to be members to enter.





Danish Literature in History

Part VI

Holberg: A One-Man Renaissance

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Ludvig Holberg was 44 years old when the joint occurrence of the disastrous Copenhagen fire and accession of the pietist King Christian VI halted Holberg's career as a playwright. Holberg, however, was in the prime of his life. His boundless energy found new outlets: aside from a very active career as a professor of history, book after book of his saw publication. Some of the titles are *Memoirs*, *Description of Denmark and Norway*, *History of the Kingdom of Denmark*, *Short Latin Works*, *General Church History*, *Comparative History of Heroes*, *Niels Klim*, *Jewish History*, *Moral Thoughts*, *Comparative History of Heroines*, *Letters* (in five volumes), and *Fables*.

In most of his writing, there were two sides to Holberg. First was his love of humor and farce, and second, pervading everything he wrote, was a deeply religious and profoundly humanistic sensibility. His sense of humor prevented anything that he wrote from becoming dull; simultaneously, his deep convictions give a moral depth to his comedy. Perhaps the first work of his to join these two separate qualities was his novel, *The Journey of Niels Klim to the World Underground*. Holberg, in this work, was very much influenced by Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*. In both books, the hero travels to strange lands filled with unusual inhabitants. Likewise, both books use satire to criticize intolerance, and both can be read as adventure novels — or philosophy. In fact, *Niels Klim* is a very early science fiction novel: the hero falls into a hole in the Earth which turns out to be hollow. This idea of a hollow interior has proved to be very popular in literature; Jules Verne was to use it to advantage as also was Edgar R. Burroughs, author of the Tarzan books.

As ever, Holberg's imagination appears limitless: his ideal race is that of living trees, and various types and forms of men are made to look ridiculous. For example, one of the races of people the hero met was called Canaliscans, whose only method of warfare was to insult the other side. They had no weapons whatsoever aside from harsh words: "They attacked us in a hostile manner with their usual weapons, that is to say, with a volley of curses and hard names. With such exquisite malice..."

In the end, unfortunately, *Niels Klim* seems a little forced. One wishes for the more robust humor of *Peder Paars* which — though also satire — was more to the point. For instance, at one point in the latter,

Martha, in return for a favor, accepts gifts from her mistress, Nille:

Our Martha was not slow to take the gifts she offered. Evasively she stated, "You should not have bothered! I see my darling Nille has no need for such." She later on, I heard, demanded twice as much.

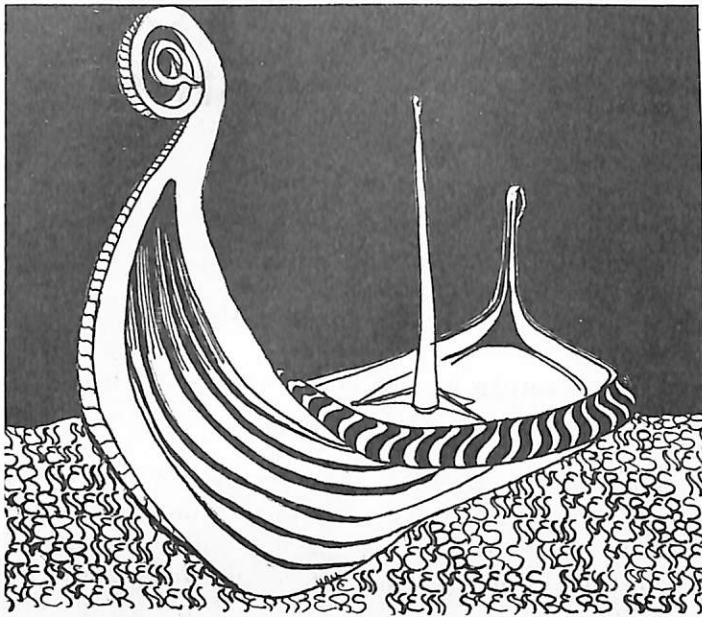
Nowhere else is the foible of greedy people more clearly depicted than in these four lines. Of course Holberg was much older when he wrote *Niels Klim* — was he losing his creative touch? The answer to that is a sound "No!" Some of the most satisfying of all his works are his *Letters*. In these, Holberg appears as a man who just wrote the essay yesterday — or in some cases, tomorrow. There is a timelessness to his ideas and opinions that transcends the centuries.

While many of his letters are on serious topics of politics, religion and philosophy, there is a gentle and subtle sense of humor that pervades his work. This is probably a combination of a worldly *Peder Paars* as well as that of a humanist. One of my favorites of his letters is the 189th — "In Defense of Walking". I don't think that anyone can live in a large city and not take the following line to heart: "... people should employ carriages when necessary but not make them a general fashion which incommodes a city's inhabitants". He also foresees the practical consequences of more walking: "... wheelwrights, carriagemakers... would lose some of their income... Shoemakers on the other hand would flourish. Many coachmen would turn into artisans..."

Ludvig Holberg lived the quiet and just life he wrote about, and amassed both land and money. In 1747 he donated all his land to the state, and in return, was created a baron. His writing continued until a few months before his death in 1754. He had in his lifetime given a mountain of literature to the world. His *Niels Klim*, originally written in Latin for as broad a market as possible, was rapidly translated into ten languages, including English. All his works could be translated and read by nearly anyone — his writing stands above time.

His death created a void in Denmark. There were other excellent and talented authors, but none of them came close to his genius. This void persisted until a new light entered Denmark — Johannes Ewald

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NEW MEMBERS

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
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Jeffrey C. Benson*	1	Omaha, Ne.	Lori Peterson
Povl W. J. Pacaj*	1	Omaha, Ne.	Wanda Sornson
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John H. Bondegard	35	Chicago, Il.	Norman Christensen
Mary L. Bondegard	35	Chicago, Il.	Norman Christensen
D. Margaret Thomsen	35	Chicago, Il.	Andrew Albrechtsen
Lis Y. Smidt	36	Milwaukee, Wi.	Einer Olsen
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Ann M. Heckmann	116	Newark, N.J.	Donald P. Heckman
Christina K. Lewandosky	116	Newark, N.J.	Chris Keseler
Keith M. Lewandosky	116	Newark, N.J.	Chris Keseler
Elsie M. Wendt	116	Newark, N.J.	Preben Wendt
Robert H. Larsen	143	Petaluma, Ca.	H. P. Rasmussen
Melvin L. Dewey	147	Newell, Ia.	Russell Johnson
Dean E. Hicks	147	Newell, Ia.	Donald L. Fredericksen
Kaj L. Overgaard	147	Newell, Ia.	Weldon Andersen
Wayne R. Westergaard	147	Newell, Ia.	Mrs. E. Westergaard
Fred C. Batchelor	167	Portland, Or.	Egon Balleby
Kelly A. Bullock	167	Portland, Or.	Melvin Pihl
Koby C. Bullock	167	Portland, Or.	Melvin Pihl
Bea E. Doig	167	Portland, Or.	Melvin Pihl
Harold P. Hansen	167	Portland, Or.	Chris Petersen
John Curtis Hansen	167	Portland, Or.	Karole Vogt
Charles L. Healey	167	Portland, Or.	Karole Vogt
Ruth I. Healey	167	Portland, Or.	Karole Vogt
Elizabeth H. Hungerford	167	Portland, Or.	Melvin Pihl
Robert A. Hungerford	167	Portland, Or.	Melvin Pihl
Joyce E. Keppinger	167	Portland, Or.	Melvin Pihl
Betty H. Meazell	167	Portland, Or.	William Hansen

Anton J. Petersen*	167	Portland, Or.	Jorn Petersen
William H. Peterson	167	Portland, Or.	Dale W. Peterson
Joanne M. Timmins	167	Portland, Or.	June Pihl
Grethe R. Vestergaard	167	Portland, Or.	Ingeborg MacHaffie
Soren J. Vestergaard	167	Portland, Or.	Ingeborg MacHaffie
William J. Petersen*	182	Waukegan, Il.	William H. Petersen
G. Agnes Johansen	206	Blair, Ne.	Merton Kuhr
Ivan K. Johansen	206	Blair, Ne.	Merton Kuhr
Mildred A. Lau	206	Blair, Ne.	Jens & Rose Krogh
Karen M. Olsen	206	Blair, Ne.	Helen Olsen
Laurids Pedersen	206	Blair, Ne.	Tom Pedersen
Elvira A. Petersen	206	Blair, Ne.	Merton & Bonnie Kuhr
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William A. Suberkrubbe	206	Blair, Ne.	Jens & Rose Krogh
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Roger B. Osgood	346	Riverside, Ca.	Poul Borup
Kirsten Osgood	346	Riverside, Ca.	Poul Borup
Brit Osgood*	346	Riverside, Ca.	Poul Borup
Michael Osgood*	346	Riverside, Ca.	Poul Borup
Janis R. Dewey	600	Omaha, Ne.	Russell Johnson
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*Young Vikings

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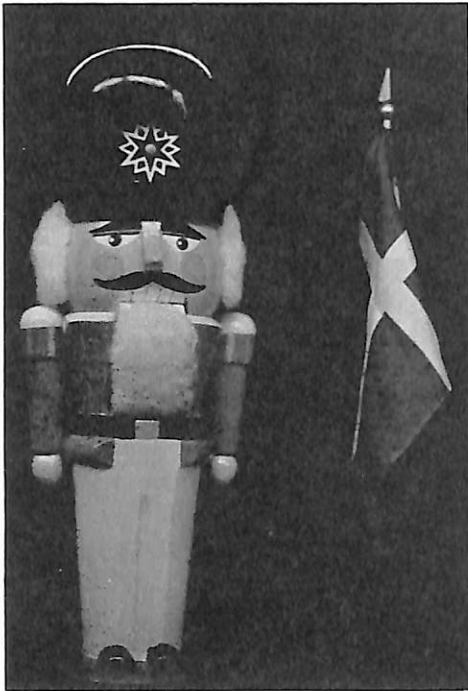
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Lest We Forget

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
10-30-78	Oscar Ray Nielsen	74	Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1924
10-11-78	George H. Spencer, Jr.	54	Penn Yan, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1968
11-5-78	Niels Christensen	90	Praesto, Denmark	106	Trufant, Michigan	1906
11-2-78	Bert Nelson	87	Montcalm Township, Michigan	163	Edmore, Michigan	1909
11-15-78	Madeline Christensen	56	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1976
11-21-78	Harry H. Nissen	69	New York, New York	35	Chicago, Illinois	1977



Our Lodges In Action

Nebraska

Lodge No. 206, Blair, Ne. — Now that elections are over and our convention delegate chosen, we are turning our attention to ideas for the coming year. We have had a great year, and with everyone working together, we can go on to an even greater year in 1979.

Our Christmas party is set for December 18 at the Tivoli Restaurant.

Our next initiation of new members will be after the holidays, sometime in January.

Harriet Betts, Secretary.

Iowa - Minnesota

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — Slides of the United States and Denmark and the singing of Danish songs highlighted our November 7 meeting.

Chris and Mabel Pedersen showed three carousels of slides taken of their trips through western U.S.A. and the Pacific Coast and of two trips to Denmark.

Carroll Jensen sang a solo in Danish and then the group sang the Danish National Anthem.

Election of officers will be at our December meeting. The Christmas party was also discussed, with Marvin Christensen making arrangements.

Andy Andersen from the Home Office was on hand to congratulate the lodge for the keen manner in which the Fall Convention was conducted by the members.

Marilyn Hansen was appointed lodge correspondent and also placed in charge of program planning for the coming year.

Members were urged to bring their entire families to lodge meetings in the future.

Carl Hansen prepared a questionnaire for our members as the first step to showing the location of their ancestral homes on a map of Denmark.

Marilyn Hansen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Mn. — On November 10 we held the anniversary dinner, the purpose of which is to observe special wedding anniversaries of our couples. Accordion music by Betty Thompson preceded dinner.

Guests at the celebration included Reverend Fred Jacobsen and Carmen Opdahl, president of Sisterhood Lodge No. 60. Lodge President Alton Neve, who acted as M.C., also introduced Poul Kittleson, a resident of Denmark now living in Albert Lea for a year while attending high school.

Alton Neve presented gifts to three couples, each of which has been married 50 years; 150 years of marital bliss! The couples were John and Anna Sorensen, Pete and Minna Axelsen, and Viggo and Helen Berthelsen. A gift will also be given to a newly married couple, the C. C. Eastlunds.

Door prizes of mum plants and bumper stickers were given out by the program's committee.

Lewis Opdahl, Secretary.



150 years of marital bliss! Left to right: The Sorensens, the Axelsens, the Berthelsens.

Pacific Northwest

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, Wa. — The dandiest children's night of the year, our Danish Christmas party, will include goodies to eat, dancing and singing around the tree, and Santa Claus bringing more goodies for the children! Each family brings cookies, candy or cake, and one prize for a drawing.

Election of officers is scheduled for December 7. Northwest District President P. Sten Jessen has accepted our invitation to install our officers on January 4.

Merle Kinder is our delegate to the National Convention. Other members of our Law Committee included Jack Eskeberg, Bill Garras, Iver Hansen, Sharon Kinder and Lawrence Charneski.

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wa. — We have been enjoying the newsletters of lodges from coast to coast, as we have begun exchanging with them.

The Northwest Danish Home bazaar was held on Saturday, November 4. The new addition on the lower floor helped make the event bigger and better than ever.

On December 6 we will nominate and elect officers for next year.

This year Christmas Around the World at the Museum of History and Industry will feature Christmas in Scandinavia. All five Scandinavian countries will be represented on December 9, with the Danish organizations in charge of arrangements.

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood Christmas party will be December 10. We will have a real live Christmas tree and children are asked to bring ornaments to help decorate it. The Danalag Folk Dancers will be there in colorful costumes to lead the singing and games around the tree. Santa Claus will bring goodies, and there will be refreshments for young and old alike.

Clyde Langsted, Secretary.

Midwest

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wi. — Our Christmas party takes place on December 5. There will be beverages to go along with cookies brought by members. We will also have a gift exchange.

In November we celebrated our 89th anniversary with a potluck supper. We also enjoyed two movies on Denmark that night.

That month John Larsen, John Hansen and Oscar Nelson all received 50-year membership pins!

We will elect next year's officers at our December 19 meeting.

Al Larsen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wi. — Our Christmas party for members is set for December 20. We'll be having a gift exchange.

The week before that we will hold elections for next year's officers.

Other coming events include a New Year's Eve party, and on January 27 our 96th annual banquet.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Il. — The "Spirit of Fun" sure was present at our first annual Halloween party, along with over 60 people (if you can call mummies or Sesame Street characters people). Prizes were awarded for best costumes. The highlight of the evening was knocking down a Danish barrel filled with candy (not the customary black cat!).

Dick Christensen is our delegate to the National

Convention, with Rune and Barb Karsbaek as alternates. The lodge also decided in November to contribute \$25 to the Midwest District Scholarship Fund.

Our Christmas party will be on December 17.

We are already making plans for hosting the Midwest District Convention. We also are hosts for the District's Target Shoot in March.

Barb Karsbaek.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, Wi. — We enjoyed our traditional Mortensgaas evening November 11 at the Wapaca Country Club. We gave door prizes and dancing followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hansen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently.

Aleine Miller, Corresponding Secretary.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wi. — Our Christmas dinner is set for December 11. The dinner will also include music by Ellen Jepsen.

Our officers for next year are: Past President Irvin Edling, President Alvin Paulsen, Vice President LeRoy Skow, Secretary Mrs. Harry Jensen, Treasurer Mrs. Donald Tomlinsen, Trustees Norman Pedersen, Russell Sweezo and Elmer Bille, Inner Guard Gary Schauls, Outer Guard Kenneth Holdt, and Conductor Chauncey Weitz.

Lillian Jacobsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — At our December 11 meeting Pat Scott of the Dwight Art Gallery will display her many collector's items.

We will be selling kringle on the day of the Christmas parade, December 2. We will also have Danish egg coffee and hot chocolate.

Our Christmas party on December 20 will include a family potluck dinner, treats for the kids, door prizes, organ music, and a magic show.

At our November 13 meeting we presented a slate of officers to be voted on December 11. Following the meeting Linda Stevens gave a talk and demonstration on CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation).

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter.

Eastern

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J. — At our November 21 meeting we sponsored a card party and had a very nice turnout. Games were played and refreshments served.

We plan a Christmas party at our December meeting — exchanging of grab bag gifts, a film from National Headquarters, "Christmas in Denmark", and refreshments.

Our wishes from our lodge to your lodge for a happy holiday and a healthy new year.

Claire Kjems, Secretary.

Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, Fl. — We are doing very well here and manage to have about half of our 84 members present for our afternoon meetings.

Our past president, Elmer W. Jensen, was elected delegate to the National Convention and also named to the Law Committee for that event by the National Board of Directors.

Members and friends gathered at the Bradford's Coach House on November 18 to celebrate a belated birthday with a gala banquet. We had a very enjoyable evening!

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Ct. — At our December meeting Chris Petersen will present the slate of new officers for the coming year.

The new president of the lodge will also be the chairman for the lodge's anniversary celebration in April.

Coming up in March is our codfish dinner. Reservations can be made with Chris Simonsen or Eleanie Sorensen.

Norman Edmonds.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — We kicked off our Building Fund at the November meeting, with Joan Scarlett winning the personalized tote bag (see last A.D. issue).

Beatrice Madsen is once again our delegate to the Scandinavian Central Committee. Ed and Merle Haag will continue to represent us at the Danish Home for the Aged.

Special congratulations have been given to Ted and Katherine Tjader, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Ted, 81, has been a member since 1943.

Bobby Hinrichsen, Ulla Pedersen and Nanda Gamborg-Nielsen received lovely Royal Copenhagen plates from the Finnish Consul for their hard work at the Scandinavian Weekend.

Our new officers to be installed in March include: Past President Geert Pedersen, President Julius Jensen, Vice President Walter Nielsen, Secretary Betty Jensen, Treasurer Melanie Madsen, Conductor Bill Madsen, Trustees Lars Jensen, Arnold Jensen, Charles Bartek.

Lorraine Malmquist.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — In November Dave Hansell and Karl Gamborg-Nielsen were selected as delegates to the Danish Home for the Aged. Bob Gorman will be our Promotion Chairman for 1979.

Our new officers to be installed in March include: Past President Georg Olesen, President Svend Aa. Nielsen, Vice President Carl Gudnitz, Secretary Agnete Christiansen, Treasurer Karl Gamborg-Nielsen, Conductor Lars Gamborg-Nielsen, Trustees Bob Gorman, George Clausen, Ralph Kett.

California - Nevada

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Ca. — The D.S.S. and D.B.I.A. Silvergate Lodges will hold their combined annual Christmas party on December 9.

During December we will also elect our new officers for 1979, with installation to take place on January 6. A festive occasion of fine food and good music has been arranged for the annual installation banquet dance.

The lodge's Social Committee has also laid the foundation for the March, 1979, 65th anniversary dinner-dance party.

Lodge No. 345, Garden Grove, Ca. — We added over \$20 to our recycling fund, though we are still short 750 pounds of newspapers to reach our December 9 goal of \$100.

Our lodge's vice president, Ferdinand Christensen, has been selected by the National Board of Directors to serve on the National Convention Law Committee.

On December 9 we will have the Viking and Adult Christmas parties. Parents and grandparents will bring their children to receive gifts from Santa Claus, and later that evening the grown-ups will have a Christmas dinner complete with door prizes, auctions, dancing and lots of

bubbly! Each family attending also receives a traditional Christmas tree bulb.

That night we will also elect next year's officers, who will be installed January 13.

Marile Christensen, Secretary.

Holberg: A One-Man Renaissance

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(1743-81). Holberg, for much of his inspiration, looked towards Greece and Rome; it is the Roman pantheon which figures in his writing. But Ewald was to bring the Norse gods and legends back into prominence.

As would be expected, there are more works on and about Holberg than most other Danish authors. Not only do his plays see occasional publication in various anthologies of Scandinavian theatre, but his other main works are available, too. *Peder Paars* is still listed in the Heritage Resource Center catalogue (Box 26305, Minneapolis, Mn. 55426). His *Memoirs* are supposed to be available, but thus far, I haven't found them. *Niels Klim* has been published by the University of Nebraska, but is now out of print. Likewise out of print is P.M. Mitchell's translation, *Selected Essays of Holberg* (which mainly consists of Holberg's *Letters*). But as in all out-of-print books, your library may have copies.

One book in particular is still available, and that is *Ludvig Holberg* by F. J. Billeskov Jansen, published by Twayne. It reads exceedingly well and is both a biography and a study, which includes excerpts from Holberg's own writing.

At this point it would be good to mention an excellent two-volume trade paperback, which is very modestly priced at \$2.95 a volume. It is entitled: *Anthology of Danish Literature*, edited by F. J. Billeskov Jansen and P. M. Mitchell, published by Southern Illinois University Press. What is perhaps most important is that not only does it include whole selections from such authors as Leonora Christina and Ludvig Holberg, but it is a bilingual edition! English is on one side, and Danish on the other. For anyone who is interested in learning Danish, it is invaluable. It's also fun to read for the sake of reading.

P. M. Mitchell has yet another book to his credit: *A History of Danish Literature*. It is both scholarly and detailed.

Incidentally, if you enjoy music as well as literature, Carl Nielsen, the famous Danish composer, wrote an opera based on Holberg's play, *Maskarade*. This opera, sung in Danish, is currently available on Unicorn UN3-75006 (3 disks).

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November 1978:

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Grants will be given to those applicants who reflect the greatest need as well as the most interest, and are awarded for attendance at regular, supervised camp sessions lasting at least a week or more.

For further information and application blanks, please write to the Danish Brotherhood, Camp Grants, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Neb. 68131, no later than **May 15, 1979**.

Remember, parents may apply for their children — Vacations do have a way of creating enjoyment in both directions.

Bowling Tournament

It is time again for the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament. All lodge secretaries should have received by this time entry forms for their lodges. If you have not, **write to the National Headquarters and request them.**

There have been some changes in the tournament for this year. The dates for bowling are between April 1 and June 1. Prize money will be awarded for the top 20 teams. The top men's score, lady's score, and top "Young Viking" score will also receive prize money, as will the top series in each of the categories. Bowlers may bowl on an all men's team or all women's team or on mixed teams to be eligible.

There will also be prizes for top ladies team and top Young Viking team. In addition to the monetary prize, each winner will receive a certificate in recognition of their award.

There is no entry fee or expense connected with this tournament for the participating bowler other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Total amount of prize money will be just under \$1,000.

Hall Razed

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1912 to seek his fortune working as a farm hand. Shortly after he arrived in the area he suffered a stroke and was paralyzed from the waist down.

"In spite of his handicap, he set out to make his own living by renting a room adjacent to the Booth Building in Jacksonville in 1914. There he repaired shoes and harnesses.

"Misfortune again hit him when this room burned. In the spring of 1917, he moved into a small home that was built by kind-hearted neighbors and friends."

Free movies were shown in the middle 1930's. A white sheet was tacked on the back of the hall building owned by Hjorth. The film was usually a cowboy one, Mrs. Petersen wrote. People watched on blankets and others watched from cars on the baseball grounds or in chairs.

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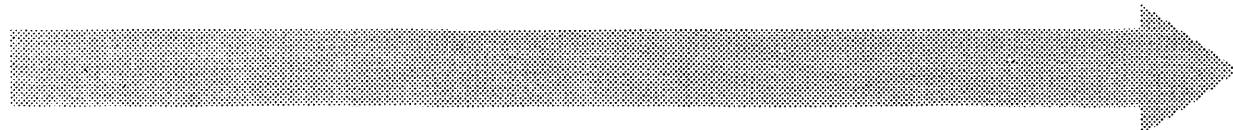
To assist lodges in increasing membership and to encourage members to become active in signing up insured members, a combined membership and insurance application has been developed and sent to lodges in the states where it has been approved.

By answering just a few questions on the short, easy-to-complete application (Form A-SI 1178), any prospective member can apply for insured membership in The Danish Brotherhood. No medical examination is required, and, if approved by the Home Office Underwriting Department, a certificate will be issued without delay.

A prospective member may apply for either a \$2,500 or a \$1,000 30-Pay Life policy with the premium to be paid annually, semi-annually (directly to the Home Office), or monthly through the lodge. Rates for both plans from ages 0-50 can be found on the reverse side of the application.



Help your lodge increase membership by completing the attached application (next page) for a friend or relative. Turn the page and you will find the insurance premiums on the back of the application.



This plan is primarily designed for lodges with no representatives. If your lodge has a representative, ask him/her about our regular low-cost life insurance plans or write to **The Danish Brotherhood in America, Agency Department, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.**

*Pending approval in some states.



The Danish Brotherhood in America

LODGE NO _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

CITY _____

AND INSURANCE FOR APPLICANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 50

STATE _____

PLEASE PRINT

1 Full Name (first, middle, last)		2 Residence Address <small>(street) (city) (state) (zip code)</small>	
3 Area Code - Telephone Number	4 Occupation	5 Social Security Number	6 Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
7 Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> single <input type="checkbox"/> divorced <input type="checkbox"/> married <input type="checkbox"/> widow/er	8 Date of Birth (mo day year)	9 Place of Birth (city, state country)	10 Height Weight
11 Eligibility for Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Danish origin <input type="checkbox"/> lived in Denmark <input type="checkbox"/> Danish citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> related to member <input type="checkbox"/> speak Danish <input type="checkbox"/> by marriage		12 Insurance applied for PLAN 30 Pay Life Amount <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2500	
13 Premium Mode <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly through Lodge		14 Beneficiary Primary _____ Relationship _____ Contingent _____ Relationship _____	

If answered YES, give full details—names; ailments; dates; physicians' names and addresses; other companies; etc.

YES NO Identify questions to which details apply.

15. Have you ever had symptoms or been diagnosed as having any disorder, disease or persistent discomfort of
- a) Circulatory System (heart, blood, arteries, veins, etc.) such as high blood pressure, heart attack, heart murmur or stroke? YES NO
- b) Nervous System (brain, nerves, etc.) such as paralysis, fainting, epilepsy, convulsions, mental or nervous disorder? YES NO
- c) Digestive System (stomach, intestines, etc.) such as ulcers or colitis? YES NO
16. Have you ever had
- a) Cancer, diabetes, liver or kidney disease? YES NO
- b) Asthma, emphysema or lung disorder? YES NO
17. Have you been declined or rated in the last year by another company? YES NO
18. Will this insurance replace any existing coverage? YES NO

I DECLARE AND AGREE:

- a) That the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Society which are now in force or which may at any time hereafter be duly made or enacted shall be binding upon me, my family and all beneficiaries.
- b) That statements and answers in the application (which include supplements and amendments) are offered as consideration of issuance of a Certificate. I, the proposed insured (or applicant if proposed is under 16), declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the foregoing statements and answers are complete, true, and correctly recorded. I understand that the insurance is not effective until this application for insurance has been approved by the Home Office of the Danish Brotherhood.

Signed by Me on this _____ Day of _____ 19__ x _____
Signature of proposed Insured (or parent or guardian if child is under 16 years of age)

Signature of authorized Representative

Recommender

SEE REVERSE FOR PREMIUMS

Name _____ Lodge dues paid \$ _____
 Lodge No. _____ Initiation fee paid \$ _____
 City _____ Insurance Premium \$ _____

I hereby certify that the above applicant was approved for membership on _____ (date).

Secretary's signature x _____

YOUR DBIA CERTIFICATE MUST BE SATISFACTORY—PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY RETURN IT WITHIN 10 DAYS FOR FULL REFUND.

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\$1,000 30 PAY

Premiums Paid to:

HOME OFFICE

LODGE*

Monthly
Through Lodge

Age	Annual		Semi-Annual		Monthly Through Lodge	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$ 25.29	\$ 24.91	\$ 12.90	\$ 12.70	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.12
1	25.51	25.14	13.01	12.82	2.17	2.14
2	25.76	25.39	13.14	12.95	2.19	2.16
3	26.03	25.65	13.28	13.08	2.21	2.18
4	26.29	25.91	13.41	13.21	2.23	2.20
5	26.58	26.20	13.56	13.36	2.26	2.23
6	26.88	26.46	13.71	13.49	2.28	2.25
7	27.19	26.74	13.87	13.64	2.31	2.27
8	27.50	27.00	14.03	13.77	2.34	2.30
9	27.84	27.28	14.20	13.91	2.37	2.32
10	28.18	27.54	14.37	14.05	2.40	2.34
11	28.53	27.83	14.55	14.19	2.43	2.37
12	28.89	28.14	14.73	14.35	2.46	2.39
13	29.26	28.46	14.92	14.51	2.49	2.42
14	29.64	28.80	15.12	14.69	2.52	2.45
15	30.03	29.15	15.32	14.87	2.55	2.48
16	30.43	29.53	15.52	15.06	2.59	2.51
17	30.84	29.93	15.73	15.26	2.62	2.54
18	31.25	30.34	15.94	15.47	2.66	2.58
19	31.68	30.79	16.16	15.70	2.69	2.62
20	32.13	31.29	16.39	15.96	2.73	2.66
21	32.58	31.79	16.62	16.21	2.77	2.70
22	33.06	32.33	16.86	16.49	2.81	2.75
23	33.55	32.86	17.11	16.76	2.85	2.79
24	34.06	33.41	17.37	17.04	2.90	2.84
25	34.59	33.96	17.64	17.32	2.94	2.89
26	35.15	34.53	17.93	17.61	2.99	2.94
27	35.73	35.09	18.22	17.90	3.04	2.98
28	36.33	35.66	18.53	18.19	3.09	3.03
29	36.96	36.26	18.85	18.49	3.14	3.08
30	37.67	36.86	19.21	18.80	3.20	3.13
31	38.30	37.48	19.53	19.11	3.26	3.19
32	39.03	38.11	19.91	19.44	3.32	3.24
33	39.78	38.76	20.29	19.77	3.38	3.29
34	40.56	39.44	20.69	20.11	3.45	3.35
35	41.40	40.15	21.11	20.48	3.52	3.41
36	42.28	40.88	21.56	20.85	3.59	3.47
37	43.19	41.63	22.03	21.23	3.67	3.54
38	44.15	42.41	22.52	21.63	3.75	3.60
39	45.15	43.23	23.03	22.05	3.84	3.67
40	46.21	44.09	23.57	22.49	3.93	3.75
41	47.30	45.00	24.12	22.95	4.02	3.83
42	48.44	45.90	24.70	23.41	4.12	3.90
43	49.49	46.75	25.24	23.84	4.21	3.97
44	50.61	47.68	25.81	24.32	4.30	4.05
45	51.81	48.69	26.42	24.83	4.40	4.14
46	53.09	49.76	27.08	25.38	4.51	4.23
47	54.46	50.94	27.77	25.98	4.63	4.31
48	55.93	52.20	28.52	26.62	4.75	4.44
49	57.50	53.56	29.33	27.32	4.89	4.55

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\$2,500 30 PAY

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HOME OFFICE

LODGE*

Monthly
Through Lodge

Age	Annual		Semi-Annual		Monthly Through Lodge	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$ 44.48	\$ 43.54	\$ 22.68	\$ 22.21	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.70
1	45.04	44.10	22.97	22.49	3.83	3.75
2	45.66	44.73	23.29	22.81	3.88	3.80
3	46.31	45.38	23.62	23.14	3.94	3.86
4	46.98	46.04	23.96	23.48	3.99	3.91
5	47.69	46.75	24.32	23.84	4.05	3.97
6	48.44	47.41	24.70	24.18	4.12	4.03
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9	50.85	49.44	25.93	25.21	4.32	4.20
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20	61.56	59.48	31.40	30.33	5.23	5.06
21	62.69	60.73	31.97	30.97	5.33	5.16
22	63.91	62.06	32.59	31.65	5.43	5.28
23	65.13	63.41	33.22	32.34	5.54	5.39
24	66.41	64.79	33.87	33.04	5.64	5.51
25	67.73	66.16	34.54	33.74	5.76	5.62
26	69.13	67.56	35.26	34.46	5.88	5.74
27	70.56	68.98	35.99	35.18	6.00	5.86
28	72.06	70.41	36.75	35.90	6.13	5.99
29	73.66	71.91	37.57	36.67	6.26	6.11
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31	77.00	74.94	39.27	38.22	6.55	6.37
32	78.81	76.54	40.19	39.04	6.70	6.51
33	80.69	78.16	41.15	39.86	6.86	6.64
34	82.66	79.85	42.16	40.72	7.03	6.79
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36	86.94	83.44	44.34	42.55	7.39	7.09
37	89.23	85.31	45.51	43.51	7.58	7.25
38	91.63	87.29	46.73	44.52	7.79	7.42
39	94.13	89.31	48.01	45.55	8.00	7.59
40	96.79	91.48	49.36	46.65	8.23	7.78
41	99.56	93.75	50.78	47.81	8.46	7.97
42	102.35	96.00	52.20	48.96	8.70	8.16
43	104.98	98.13	53.54	50.05	8.92	8.34
44	107.79	100.44	54.97	51.22	9.16	8.54
45	110.79	102.98	56.50	52.52	9.42	8.75
46	113.98	105.66	58.13	53.89	9.69	8.98
47	117.41	108.60	59.88	55.39	9.98	9.23
48	121.06	111.75	61.74	56.99	10.29	9.50
49	125.00	115.16	63.75	58.73	10.63	9.79

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Send application and premium payment to the local lodge secretary or to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.



1979 International Year of the Child

Erik Jerichau spent a day in his Copenhagen home/workshop on the award winning symbol for UNICEF's "International Year of the Child". Jerichau is a graphic artist and stated, "It was one of those ideas that came almost of itself." His winning design was chosen from 170 entries from 20 countries. The January 1978 edition of the *Danish Journal* regarded the award as particularly appropriate for Jerichau, whose workshop is something of a gathering point for local children.

The idea of the "International Year of the Child" is to help upgrade the standard of living for and increase understanding between the world's children. Organizations throughout the world will be undertaking programs to improve the quality of life for children

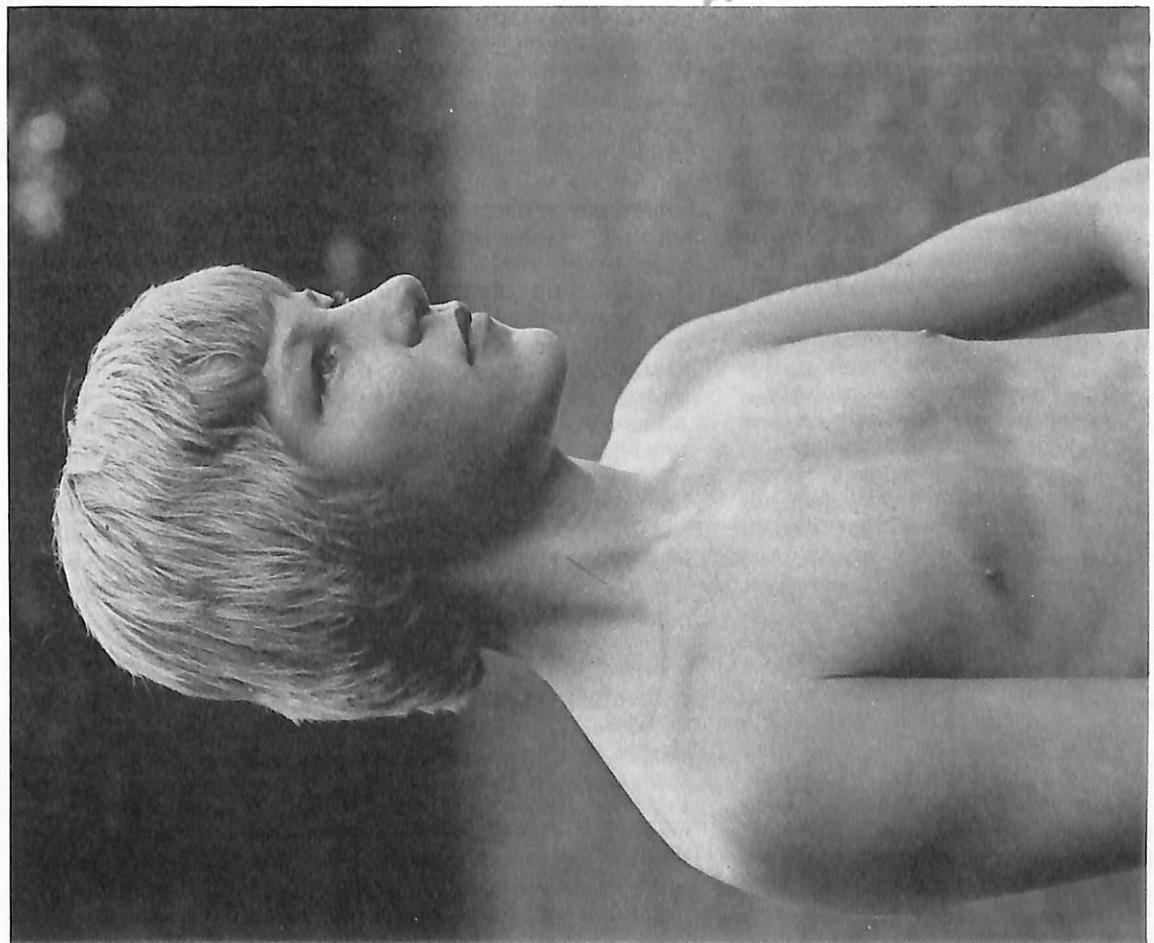
and to help eliminate some of the social ills which affect children so intensely. They will be helping to strengthen family life in the process.

As an ethnic fraternal benefit society we can do many things on a national and local level to support this effort. As aware and interested community members, you can participate in service projects which may already be underway in your areas. You can help provide the funds to support profession activities through fund-raising projects, or you can become personally involved as an organized group with the ability to make your contributions count.

You can help to implement programs in your lodge that will contribute to the lives of your members and their families. Officers of your lodges who will receive new DBIA Handbooks will find not only assistance in performing their official duties, but many, many program outlines. We need you to share these ideas with others in your lodge and particularly with entertainment committee members.

A manual for potential leaders of Young Vikings Clubs has been included and program suggestions and outlines appropriate for Young Vikings. You should be interested, particularly during this year, in involving your Young Vikings in lodge activities and giving them the opportunity to learn about our culture and heritage.

Faces of Denmark



Praise the Day at Evening

by Joe E. Nigg

"Oh, it's going to be a long day. You know, you're lucky, Dad, being able to stay home, with nothing to do but get lunch for you and Mother and answer her bell when she needs something. You can sleep, read, do whatever you want." Helen, in coat and scarf, cradled her chin in an open hand. "And, oh, I put a can of soup on the counter for you, and in the refrigerator's cottage cheese and a jar of Mother's peaches." She glanced out the kitchen window into the dark November morning. Headlights shone in the drive. She rose hurriedly, tucking ledgers under her arm. "I don't expect Mother to have any trouble, but if she does, call Dr. Hane. His number is on the cover of the telephone book. But I guess I tell you that every morning, don't I?" She kissed him on the forehead and headed towards the back door. "Well, have a good day, Dad. Just relax and enjoy yourself. See you around six." And she was gone.

Old Ingold sat at the side of the table, his back against bright wallpaper, and listened to the droning of the departing car fade into the ticking of the living room clock. He sipped his sweet, creamy coffee slowly, with sighs; then, tipping the drained mug high, he received a warm mouthful of sweetness and grounds. As he chewed the grounds, the bitterness mixing with the sugar, he slipped his stiff bulging fingers beneath his sweater and pulled a cigar from his shirt pocket. With feet flat on the floor, his hands on his knees, he sat smoking, facing the day.

She had had only three hours' sleep and her eyes showed it. He, however, had gone to bed at nine, his usual hour, so was well-prepared to meet the day's demands of soup-heating, smoking and dozing. While everyone else in the country was going to work, he sat in his wife's kitchen, smoking a cigar as though he had just eaten supper. But someone had to take care of her: fix her lunch, bring her fresh water, empty her bedpan, crank her up and down. And anyway, he deserved a winter's rest. It wasn't as though he were never going to do another day's work. Next year he would give the world more peaches and more apples and more grapes. Yes, but that was in the future, and his other work was in the past. Neither was important to the day between them. What did all the things he had done in his life, or the things he was yet to do,

matter to him now as he sat like an old ghost in the dim, quiet house? Yes, he was ghostly, for he was merely the likeness of Ingold, the fruit farmer, who less than a month before had harvested his own grapes, who had perpetually soaked his shirt with sweat, who had dearly needed his daily noon nap. He looked at his hand. The last trace of grape stain was still there in the creases at the base of his thumb.

The morning was light gray by the time he dropped his cigar stub into his coffee cup. Short, sturdy, he rose, clicked off the kitchen light, and with hunched slow walk passed into the dining room. In the half-light he stood looking at the thick table and the chairs with carved arms and backs, at the largest chair at the far end. He saw the table heaped with food from his garden and orchards, food prepared by Anna. The family would undoubtedly sit around it many more times, and his corn and squash and peaches would be eaten, and wine from his grapes would be drunk, but would she ever be downstairs again to cook those meals? He moved across flowered, squared, striped rugs she had hooked and opened the upstairs door. Her radio was on; Helen had taken up her breakfast; she was content. He would go up later.

Passing through the living room, which was filled with the ticking of the clock, he entered his room. On the endtable beside his chair Helen had arranged his Odin cigars and matches, his *Elder Edda*. Also, his ashtray was clean. He lowered himself into his armchair and stared at the miniature longship silhouetted on the window sill. He had carved and constructed it the winter before and was particularly proud of the curl he had given the lips of the dragon-head prow. Surely a similar curl had graced the bows of its sleek skillfully-made originals. Beside the ship was a yellowed clipping; he knew by heart that "To the Viking, the longship signified manhood, adventure, self-respect, the very hope of eternity".

But why sit here in the dark and think about it? It only makes you regret that you never manned one of their oars, or

gripped a side tiller, or watched a great mainsail billow. Don't think about those things, Ingold. If you must think of longships, think of the one in your window — the one you yourself made. It is there. You can see it and touch it. But don't think of past centuries. You did that yesterday, and the day before yesterday, and the day before that.

Staring out at the bare blowing branches, he remembered the words of the "Hovamol", that:

"Cattle die, and kinsmen die,
And so one dies oneself;
One thing I know that never dies,
The fame of a dead man's deeds."

Deeds. What had he done that would be remembered after his death? His sons would remember his telling them of his coming to America, of his odd jobs, of his meeting and marrying the woman who became their mother. And surely they would all remember one bright March Sunday when they were young when he told Anna that the city was no place to raise children, so they all rode out to the country and he decided to buy a 25-acre fruit farm about 30 miles outside the city. They would remember that he knew nothing about fruit trees and grapes. Yes, they knew of his two breakaways, each into a new life. But who else would remember?

Enough of this, old man. Do your first deed of the morning: go see how your wife is.

Yes, it was time he went — before she needed to ring her bell.

Chewing grounds, he climbed the stairs to her bedroom, the room he had shared with her for 30 years, and stood in the doorway looking at her ashen, loose-skinned face framed by a tangled mass of white hair. "How do you feel today?" he asked.

"All right," she said. "I didn't sleep very good last night, though." He sat on a chair beside her bed. "Helen didn't either," she said. "Up all night with those books. Her eyes were so black this morning. The new job is good for her, but I must say, I wish she was still taking care of me. You should be out pruning your vines."

"I'll do it in March," he said.

"Well, you should be out there now. At least one of us should be doing something. But I shouldn't be in bed anyway. There's that rug half-finished on the loom, and I hardly got a good start on that dress I was making Helen for Christmas."

"Give it to her next Christmas."

"Maybe I won't have a chance to."

Ingold looked out the window.

"What do you do in the house all day, Ingold? You don't just sit in the dark, do you?"

"I drink coffee in the kitchen," he said.

"While you should be out pruning."

"I'll do it in March," he said again.

"Until then I'll take care of you. Now, do you need anything this morning?"

"I'd like a glass of fresh water, and you can crank me down a little. I'm getting drowsy." He took her glass to the bathroom. "Ingold, you do more than drink coffee all day, don't you?"

"Sometimes I read and sometimes sleep," he said, rinsing the glass, filling it. Returning to the room, he gave her the water, cranked down the bed.

"I hardly ever hear you, you're so quiet downstairs. Don't you ever get restless?"

He sat back down, lit a cigar.

"Dr. Hanes thinks I'll be able to get up after Christmas. Then you won't have to stay in the house anymore. But as far as that goes you don't really have to stay now. I'd just as soon you tinkered around out in the toolshed."

Smoking, staring out the window, Ingold remembered that at first the doctor had told her she would be out of bed by Thanksgiving. The grayness of the day seemed like a wall outside the window. From the radio came the soft clapping of an audience. He glanced aside at Anna. Her eyes were closed and she was breathing softly. He took her bedpan

to the bathroom, emptied it, rinsed it out and returned, and carrying the tray of her dirty breakfast dishes, went back downstairs.

He sat in his chair in the dim living room and listened to the ticking of the clock. It was about nine. Helen would be home around six. Was he sleepy enough to take a nap? Laying back his head, he closed his eyes. Old men remain at home while the young go aviking, far beyond the sight of home shores, their mainsails full to bursting, the fresh sea wind blowing through their long hair. Old men sit with closed eyes in the dark houses while their dying wives resent their presence.

Well then Ingold, go out, go away from the house. Fill your day with deeds so that at evening you can praise your day, as one praises a weapon that is tried, ice that is crossed, and ale that is drunk.

But there was such a thing as duty. He must remain in the house in case she needed him.

All right, then, stay here, go to sleep, get out of your misery. Sleep away your winter days.

Like an animal.

Yes, and then when spring comes you'll wake up and return to your fields.

But... maybe he could return to his fields now, if only to walk through them. He felt the ticking of the clock. Were the sounds trying to bind him tightly to his chair, trying to keep him their prisoner during the long dead months? Anna was asleep and would need nothing. He would have time for a walk down his wagon lane to the rear of his property. The ticking pressed against him. She was asleep. Yes, he would go. Pushing himself up, he tore through the clock's ticking and headed towards the kitchen.

In his red plaid mackinaw — with collar upturned — and his broad-brimmed felt hat, he moved down the rutty lane between the vineyard and the orchards. The leaves remaining on the vines waved in the wind like hands acknowledging his passing. He looked at his hand. The stain was still there. The lane ended at a wire fence; beyond, the brushy lane sloped into a valley dominated by a mile-long lake. Ingold leaned against the fence, stuck one

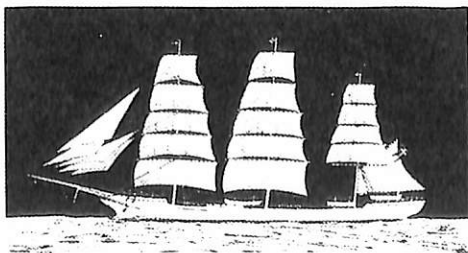
foot into a wire square and gazed at the ruffled water. On the shore closest to him sat a house with brown siding, owned by George Bryant, whose parents were Ingold's closest neighbors. When he was younger, George had often helped Ingold pick apples and peaches.

Against the house leaned a rectangle of white and a streak of red: George's white pram and its rolled-up sail, which he had bought the previous spring. He would probably store them away in the garage soon, to keep them snug through the winter. Twice during its first season, the pram had carried Ingold on its center seat while George sat in the stern, manning the tiller. Remember your first time out, Ingold, when you held the sail? Remember the tug of the wind, how tight it pulled the line around your hand? "Let it out," George said, and with both hands you played out the line until the sail, bulging with wind, was at right angles to the little boat. It was a Saturday afternoon in early spring — blustery, cold, invigorating — and you sailed for hours, unaware of the passing of time. "So you liked that, eh, Ingold?" George asked as the two of you pulled the boat onto the shore. The dull crimson of a sunset lay behind tatters of clouds. "So did I, but we sure are amateurs. I saw in a magazine where in the east they put five-year-olds in these things to teach them how to sail. But who cares, it's fun, ain't it? Coming out with me again sometime? You really know how to work that sail." In August, the second time they sailed, the wind slackened steadily after they pushed off so that by the time they reached the center of the lake scarcely a breath remained. They paddled back to shore.

As he took from his coat pocket a small jar of his wine, the mid-morning refreshment he usually had when he was working, Ingold wondered if he could go out with George once more before the boat was put away for the winter. He would call that weekend or the next week and ask him. Or should he? No, if George wanted to take him out once more George would call and ask him to go. And yet, he might not think of it, but if he himself called George would tell him to come



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down. Sure, he would be happy to take him sailing one last time that year. Ingold decided he would call George that evening. The red sail bulged and tugged against his roped hand. The pram began to skim across the water.

When he returned to the house, Eric's car sat in the drive. Why did his son have to come now, when he had left the house for the first time in nearly two weeks? Well, it wasn't as though he had driven into town or something; he had only gone for a short walk. He entered the back door, hung his hat and coat on their traditional nails and returned to his chair, where he lit a cigar and waited for his eldest son to return downstairs. Half the cigar was ashes in his sweater pocket by the time he heard Eric's heavy tread upon the stairs.

"Well there you are. Where've you been? I called about half an hour ago but no one answered, so thought I'd better come out and see why." Eric was standing large in the doorway, hat on his head, sportcoat open, his rumpled white shirt parted slightly beneath its lowest button, revealing a hairy stomach.

"I took a walk," Ingold said.

Grunting, Eric sat in Helen's chair, put his hands on his thick thighs and stared at the floor. "You know, Dad, you shouldn't leave the house with Mom the way she is. You never know when she's going to have trouble. But I know it's dull for you sticking around the house all day. When I broke my leg slipping on the icy sidewalk that time, I was home for months, so I know what you're going through. All a guy can do is sleep and watch TV, and that gets pretty old after awhile."

"Do you want some coffee?"

"No, no, have to be getting back to the lot. Jarkey's there alone and he's not the best salesman in the world." He stood and hitched up his trousers. "Oh, I called to tell you I might bring June and the kids over for a little while tomorrow night so Mom could see them. Might cheer her up a bit."

"Will you come for supper?"

"No, no need to do that." He smiled. "Well, to tell you the truth, Dad," he said, lowering his voice and cupping a hand over his mouth, "Helen's not the best cook I've ever known." He buttoned his coat around his girth. "Well, you stay around the house now, Dad, and practice up on your checkers. I'll stand you tomorrow night."

After his eldest son had left, Ingold stared at the can of soup Helen had set upon the sinktop. Could it be time for him to prepare Anna's lunch? He looked around at the clock above his head. No, of course not — ten minutes before ten. Sighing deeply, he leaned his head back against the wall and closed his eyes. In eleven hours, the day behind him, he would be crawling into his cotton nightshirt. Then it would be six o'clock and he would be rising and dressing to

meet another day in battle. Clad in flannel byrnie he would journey to the kitchen where he would reinforce his strength with heroic amounts of coffee, fried eggs and potatoes. Evelyn would pull into the drive, his daughter would kiss him on his freckled forehead, and he would be alone and ready.

What weapons would he use?

In his pockets would be a supply of cigars, with which he would burn the day. Ingold Jensen, you're a silly old man.

But why shouldn't he be silly? Why shouldn't he do the wildest thing that he could think of? Like why shouldn't he move the table from the dining room and build a 40-foot longship in the dining and living rooms? He could if he wanted to. It was his house. And then he'd sail it on the lake, where all could see. It would be a beautiful vessel, with a snarling dragon's head rising from its bow, a writhing tail at its stern. Perhaps there would even be some way of making fire shoot from its mouth. Oh, how people would gape — at the dragon hull, at the myriad-colored sail made of Anna's rugs (for the sails of his ancestors were woven on the looms of their women). But if the day were windless and the sail hung limp he would order his sons to take their places at their oars — Gunnar and Lief on one side, Eric and Gilliam on the other — and they would bend together as George Bryant, in the stern, shouted out the cadence for their rowing. Ingold, the chief, in red plaid mackinaw and broad-brimmed hat, would stand proudly in the bow before the eyes of thousands and nod to either side in response to a reverberating "Hail Ingold Jensen, father of men, builder of ships, doer of deeds!"

He went to the refrigerator and took out a bottle of his wine. He poured himself a cupful, and standing in the center of the kitchen, lifted it. "All hail, mighty Ingold, sitter at kitchen tables," he said, and drank. He looked at the clock — ten o'clock — and wondered what to do.

Face the day, Ingold. It is as great an enemy as any Northman ever faced. Stand up to it. To wander off into fancy or memory is to admit defeat.

But even if he should somehow be victorious that day there would always be tomorrow and the next day and the next, an endless line of adversaries. As soon as he had slain the first and had rested from his fight, another would rise to meet him, and so it would be to the day of his death. And the morning after he had died, another would be standing.

But was the day an enemy? The "Hovamol" said to praise the day.

Yes, at evening; but only after he had conquered it could he praise it.

He heard the muted jangling of Anna's bell. Cup in hand, he crossed to the living room and climbed the stairs.

"I just wanted to talk a little," Anna said as he entered the room. "It gets lonely up here, you know."

He sat beside the bed. "Would you like some wine?" he asked, offering her the cup. She shook her head. "Go ahead. I've already had a jar of it out by the fence."

"You took a walk! How was it?" she asked, as though he had returned from a far country.

"It was all right," he said.

"How is the weather?"

"Cold and windy."

"It's stuffy in here. Would you open the window a little? Eric wouldn't because he said the draft would be bad for me."

Ingold did as she asked. The curtains fluttered and coolness covered his face. With closed eyes, she breathed deeply. She laid an arm over her eyes. "It must have been good to get out of the house," she said.

"It was," he said, facing into the draft, feeling the currents of air flowing over his face.

"Ingold, do you think I'll ever be up and around again?"

"You said Dr. Hane thinks you'll be out of bed sometime after Christmas."

"I know, but what do you think?"

"I don't know. I just hope you can get up soon."

"Some people lay in bed for years before they die. Like Mrs. Wedgely, bedridden for the last three years of her life."

"How about having some soup?"

She looked at her clock. "It's only ten-thirty," she said.

"All right," he said rising. "Here, finish the wine while I get the cards. We'll play rummy until it's time to eat."

After eating lunch with her, Ingold returned downstairs to take his noon nap. As he lay on his bed in the dim room he thought of how his walk had excited her and he realized that he, who was in good health, was at that moment like her in that he, too, was stretched out on a bed. But why shouldn't he take his nap that noon, just as he did any other noon?

Well, on many a day he had put in a long morning's work and deserved a rest before returning to his orchards or vineyard in the afternoon.

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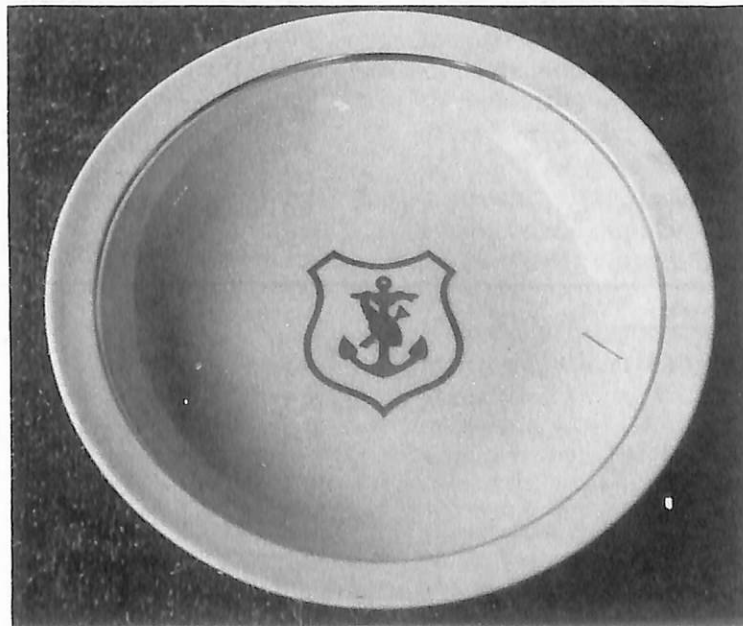
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P.S.

Did you read HELEN CLAIRE HOWES article about Royal Copenhagen Porcelain in the March 1978 issue of the American Dane?

Praise the Day

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That's all right, you do deserve a nap, old man. After all, you've had a hard morning: You drank two cups of coffee and a jar and a half a cup of wine. You had a bowl of soup. You smoked three cigars. You sat in the kitchen chair, in your bedroom chair, your living room chair, the chair in Anna's room. You talked with Helen and Eric, and twice with Anna. And you wandered wide — out to the end of your property and back. You survived the morning. Now only the afternoon is ahead of you. Then, at evening you can praise the day. You will have conquered it, for then it will be in the past.

No, there was more to conquering than endurance, he was thinking as he sank into sleep.

He awoke groggy, irritable, feeling hemmed in by the dimness. Yes, that was the way to spend his hours. Sleep them away, day after day, then die. Throwing his legs over the side of the bed, he sat up, his head aching. He stared at the dark form of the tiny longship on the windowsill, at its prow lifted high in defiance. Why didn't he do something! As he stared at the ship he thought of George Bryant's pram and its red sail. Holding out a clenched hand, he felt the pulling of the rope, the pressure of the wind. He had to do something. He couldn't just sleep away his days. That was worse than submitting to fancy, memory, or ancient stories. He stared at the ship. Why should he wait until that weekend, or possibly even the following spring, to sail again? Why shouldn't he himself sail that pram? That afternoon. That next hour. He refused to consider any reasons why he should not sail it. He had thought too much that

morning, the last two weeks. Rubbing his hands through his sparse rumpled hair, he shuffled out of his room and shouted up the stairwell to Anna that he was going to take another walk and would be back in a little while. To himself he promised her that when he returned he would share the deed with her, making it hers as well as his own.

When he reached the fence, he turned and looked back towards the house and saw the speck that was the window at the head of the stairs, opposite her bedroom. Eric wouldn't call again, would he? Stiffly, he climbed the fence and proceeded down the hill, briers pulling at his pants legs. Ahead lay the pram and the red sail, and the drive and garage were empty. George's wife was not at home.

Within minutes he had dragged the pram to the water, had unrolled the sail and had stuck the mast in position. He climbed into the stern, pushed off with a paddle, and after slipping the centerboard and rudder in place, was prepared to sail. Tensely, he pulled taut the line attached to the boom and steered so that the wind was directly astern. The sail bulged and tugged against his roped hand. The pram began to skim across the water.

A sign of speed, George had told him, was water gurgling against the rudder, and he heard the sound, but he needed no sign, for he felt the speed. He felt it in his hands in the pulling of the line and in the sensitivity of the tiller, and in his arms, and throughout his body. As his craft ran before the wind, the mast seeming to be bending to the breaking point, he sat stiffly, not daring to move the tiller in his left hand or pull or play out the line in his right.

But by the time George's house was

nearly half a mile behind him, he was warm with excitement, and his body had lost its tenseness. Carefully he pushed the tiller from him and began a tack to the starboard, the wind against his back. The pram responding to his slightest movement, he knew that he and it were now one. He hummed a folk tune of his country to the white hull, to the red sail. He was singing without words as he neared the shore and pulled the tiller towards him to tack back across the lake. The pram turned, the sail dropped limp and began to flutter, then swung. As he ducked, the boom grazed his head, and the singing stopped. He moved to the other side of the pram, to balance the wind, and with line and tiller again in hand pointed his craft towards the opposite shore. The wind caught the boat as though it were a leaf and sped it back across the water. Feeling the pride of mastery, Ingold again began to sing, and as he sang he thought of his ancient kinsmen who conquered entire countries and set up kingdoms of their own, who ventured into strange seas and discovered a new world to the west. The blood of those very mariners flowed through the arms that sailed that pram. He, too, was upon the water. He, too, sailed.

Hearing a voice calling, he turned and saw that he was again close to shore. On the shoulder of the adjacent road sat a car; beside it stood George's wife. "What are you doing out there in my husband's boat?"

His face reddened with anger. "Can't you see I'm sailing?" he shouted, and refusing to hear her words, he moved to the other side of the pram, deftly ducked the swinging boom, and tacked towards the far shore.

QUIZ

by Eve R. Wirth

On Friday just before Mr. Larsen went to his lodge meeting, he stopped off at his savings bank to make a deposit. He gave the teller six bills, totaling \$63.00. None of the bills were \$1.00 bills. Can you figure out what the denominations were of the six bills that made up his deposit?

Answer: One \$50 bill, one \$5 bill, four \$2 bills.

PUMPERNICKEL

[Rye Bread]

- 1 qt. buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- rye flour
- 1 tablespoon salt

Heat buttermilk (do not boil). Add shortening and molasses. When lukewarm add softened yeast and flour until dough is fairly stiff. Let rise until double in bulk. Knead dough and form into two loaves. Let rise again — double — then bake at 300 degrees for one and one-half hours.

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Grandma's Kitchen

*Courtesy of Dana College "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" December 3, 1978.

Viking Adventures

**Coming Together—A Beginning Keeping Together—Progress
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The assistance given so willingly by our lodge officers and entertainment chairmen has made Viking Adventures a successful column during 1978! We thank you all for your contributions, and we look forward to working with many more of you during 1979. Our home office staff has been helpful, too, and they are all interested in knowing you better.

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"*Karen Bruun* suggested we take a subscription and put an ad in BIEN newspaper, which we did. I received a call from a man the middle of November. He was from California and here (Bellingham) looking for a house to rent. He saw our ad in BIEN and was interested in meeting Danish people and asked about our lodge, etc. I invited he and his wife to our Christmas party, as they would be moved to Washington by that time. They came and we enjoyed them and they seemed to enjoy our members. They had never lived in a city that had a Danish Brotherhood lodge. Their names are Arne and Karen Ahlberg . . .

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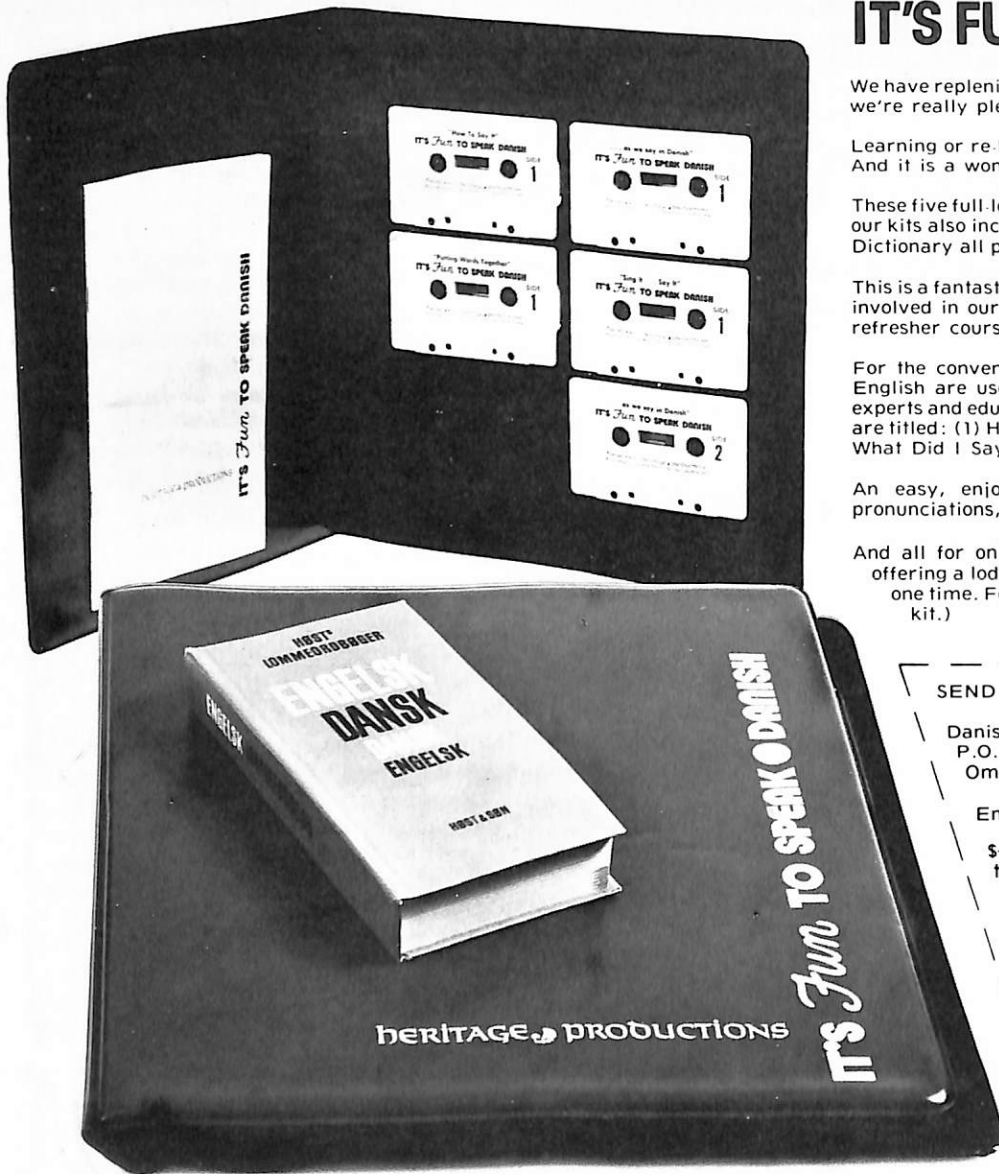
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