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What's New For June

Many American families have had the good fortune to become acquainted with foreign students who have come to our country as part of exchange programs and other means of going to school here. Joyce King and her family were lucky enough to develop a warm relationship with a Danish student, Lars Andersen. She writes about what each learned about the other in "Young Dane Thinks Pennsylvania is Great." Mrs. King is an accomplished writer, having sold many stories to various leading periodicals.

For a bit of contrast, we can look into the life of an old Danish immigrant who stayed in the United States. Marzetta Willardsen tells how Paul made his way across the plains and into the hearts of the citizens of Ephraim, Utah.

We also have a bit of fiction by Creative Writing Contest Winner Inge-Lise Christensen, representing Lodge No. 600 of Omaha, Nebraska. Her piece is entitled "Alaskan Terror."

In this issue you will find biographical information on two of the candidates for the National Board of Directors. The Bylaws of the Society will allow candidates to introduce themselves and express their views in *The American Dane* magazine three months prior to the National Convention.

Other features for June include a report on the Top Twenty Lodges of 1978, American Dane Classified Ads, Faces of Denmark, as well as the monthly features like We're Hans and Greta, Grandma's Kitchen and Viking Adventures.

Pleasant reading and have an enjoyable start to summer!

Robert E. Coffey

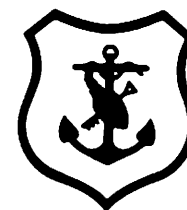
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The President's Column

DBIA President George Godthaab

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Our 1979 National Convention Committee has done an excellent job of presenting information to delegates and guests through the *American Dane* magazine. They are to be congratulated for the program they have developed, the details they have attended to, and their concern for an interesting, enjoyable and efficient convention.

In the January *American Dane* the Committee featured the beautiful Royal Copenhagen Ashtray, designed expressly for a Thirtieth National Convention souvenir. The 5-1/2" diameter dish is 1" deep in off-white with our DBIA logo as the central theme of the design.

In the February *American Dane* the Committee announced the production plans for a souvenir convention program to measure 8-1/2 x 11" on high-quality Donegal Linen Text, with over 50 pages. Advertising space could be purchased in the program at the following rates: 1 full page, \$150; 1/2 page, \$80; 1/4 page, \$45; 1/8 page, \$25; 1/16 page, \$15; and greetings could be included for \$6.

A special feature of the April *American Dane* was the announcement of the activity package being provided by the committee. An exciting program will begin with the President's No Host Cocktail Party on Tuesday, September 18; and continue on Wednesday, September 19, with a tour through Stanley Park to the SUPERSKYRIDE and dinner with music. On Thursday, September 20, a tour will go through downtown Vancouver to the North Shore with dinner at Frank Baker's Attic Restaurant. On September 21, 1979, the big event will be the grand dinner dance banquet. The entire package of activities is available for only \$78.30 (U.S.) if reserved before July 15. Many other activities are covered by this fee and the cost of the package after July 15 is \$87.00 [U.S.].

In the May *American Dane* the facilities of the official convention hotel, the Four Seasons, were featured, along with room rates. Single rooms are available for a cost of \$47 per day and the double occupancy rate is \$52 per day. No charge is made for

children under 12 in the same room with parents. You may write directly to the Four Seasons at 791 West Georgia St., Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2T4 for room reservations. All deadlines have been extended to July 15, 1979.

This is sure to be a memorable time for everyone who takes this opportunity to visit beautiful Vancouver. If you plan to attend and would like more information, please write to the Convention Committee 1979, Poul B. Christensen, Chairman, P.O. Box 3573, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6B 3Y6. They will be very happy to assist you.

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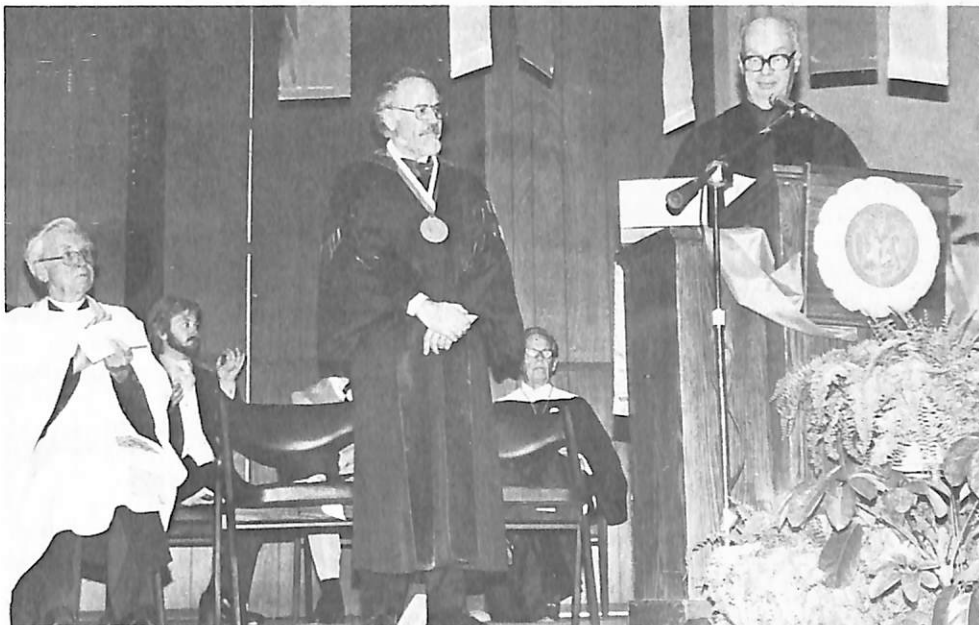
If you are a self-motivating individual, enjoy meeting people and need extra cash, then you are the person we are looking for.

Your duties will be to work with your lodge in seeking out new members and explaining our insurance plans to members and prospective members. To qualify and reap the rewards you must be willing to devote enough time to become familiar with The Danish Brotherhood life insurance program and assist members and prospective members in the selection of a life insurance plan.

So, please think about it and if you would like to find out more about this opportunity, drop us a line.

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Dana College Inauguration Brings Greetings From Carter and Mondale



Blair, Neb., April 20, 1979—Dr. James Kallas, president of Dana College, received greetings from both U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale, one by letter, the other by a telephone call from Copenhagen, Denmark, that also brought greetings from Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.

Several days before the April 18 inauguration, Kallas received a letter from President Carter, in which Carter wrote that "This is a period of great challenge for higher education in this country. One of the strengths of our educational system is the breadth and diversity of our colleges and universities.

"I believe, as you do, that the survival of the small private religiously affiliated schools like Dana College is an important ingredient in the continued success of

American higher education. You bring to this challenging post a depth of experience as both a teacher and a religious scholar."

At noon on the day of his inauguration, Kallas received a surprise telephone call from Vice President Mondale, who is visiting the Scandinavian countries. One of those accompanying him is Dr. David Preus, president of the American Lutheran Church, who had earlier been scheduled as the main speaker at Kallas' inauguration.

Mondale, a Lutheran, extended his congratulations and best wishes to Kallas, and said that he and Preus had just had lunch with Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, who also sent her congratulations to Kallas and Dana College.

The young Danish queen visited the Dana campus in May of 1976.

Candidate's



Biography

Under the bylaws of The Danish Brotherhood in America, a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors may present his biography and ideas in the *American Dane* three months in advance of the convention. (See Section 29, par. 3) The information presented to you below reflects the qualifications for one such candidate from the Michigan-Ohio District of our Society.

Howard Hansen, Delegate
Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan
1. Member Danish Brotherhood 15 years.
2. Past President Lodge No. 227
3. Past Michigan-Ohio District president.
4. Past member, Board of Directors, Danish Club of Detroit.

Fraternal Friends of Stan



Robert Ibsen and Beatrice Sakowski in June 1978.

Members who read about the tragic accident which left Stan Sakowski in a coma in the June 1978 *American Dane*, will appreciate the letter written recently by Stan's mother, Beatrice Sakowski, to the members of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha and other DBIA members who contributed to the fund sponsored by the Kenosha lodge for Stan.

"Dear Brotherhood Members:

"It has taken a lot of time and thought to decide the best way to convey my heartfelt thanks to you.

"As those of you who are parents can well imagine, my son is very dear to me; you who are sons, know the meaning of a mother's love; those who are brothers know the concern and pride you have in a younger or older brother; and you who have a dear friend, know what it feels like to share in their joys and sorrows. Therefore, it is to all of you that I wish to express how proud I am that my son belongs to your Brotherhood, whose members opened their hearts and hands to help a brother member.

"It is with deep humility but great pride that I sincerely thank you for the Fraternal Friends of Stan Fund. It will be used in the best possible way for Stan's needs. Each of you must feel a sense of personal involvement because it is only through your personal commitment that you have honored my son and me with your most needed contributions."

We understand Stan's condition has not improved, but his mother and friends continue to hope for his eventual recovery.

5. Representative on lodge building board.
6. Present First Trustee, Lodge No. 227.
7. Has held several other lodge offices.
8. Appointed an alternate for the National Law Committee for the Thirtieth National Convention.

Plus one more important factor, he has The Danish Brotherhood at heart and he sincerely wants to serve on the National Board of Directors.

Robert Sorensen, Secretary
Michigan-Ohio District.

Young Dane Thinks Pennsylvania Is Great

by Joyce C. King

Before he came to Reading, Pa., Lars Kruse Andersen thought Americans were like the tourists he saw in Copenhagen. "You can look at people and know where they're from. Those people crossing the square are probably European, but that man wearing the bright print shorts and hat with a visor is an American." Lars also thought that Americans did not welcome foreigners.

Sponsored by the Scandinavian-American Foundation on a work-study program, Lars came to America in March, 1977, to work as a tool and die maker for Brentwood Plastics, Inc., a few miles from Reading. Living and working in the Reading (Berks County) area for over a year changed the young Dane's ideas about what America is and what her people are really like.

"I'm amazed at the friendliness! People are so interested in me and helping me," says the 22-year-old, tall, slim native of Bogense. An experienced traveler, Lars has visited Austria, Canada, England, Germany, Sweden. "I've been traveling with my parents since I was four-years-old," explains Lars, "but no place I've been is as friendly as southeastern Pennsylvania."

Lars studied English in grade school, four hours a week for over six years. He says that when you live in a small country like Denmark with a population of five million, you should have a second language if you want to talk to others because they aren't going to learn Danish.

In spite of a sizable English vocabulary, Lars suffered a communications gap his first month in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country, where many of the natives speak a language of their own, a mixture of German and English which sounds like neither. "I learned to speak English with a British accent and wasn't prepared for words pronounced in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect." Slang and local expressions like "ain't," "the sugar is all (gone)" and "he's on his off (break)" really confused Lars, who admits he enjoys talking to people. He solved his problem by taking a free course in English for the foreign-born at Reading Community College. He learned to speak English without a noticeable accent, and with a lot of practice learned to pronounce v's and w's, which are rarely used in Danish.

At Brentwood Plastics, Lars designed patterns which are used in the mass production of tools and machinery. He worked with vacuum form plastic packaging and parts for large scale operations such as sports arena seats.

Lars got the job at Brentwood through the firm's owner, Palle Rye, who came to Reading several years ago from Denmark. Mr. Rye knew Lar's father, a retired manufacturer of drive shafts for agricultural equipment.

Lars lived with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Nawa and their three children, who answered a newspaper ad placed by Mr. Rye, for room and board for a young student. "They treated me like one of the family and helped me a lot." When Mrs. Nawa thought Lars was spending too much time watching television because he didn't know many young folks, she made arrangements for him to attend bowling, skiing and dancing parties sponsored by a singles club. "It's better than sitting at home alone," smiles Lars, who has seen most of the major movies such as "Star Wars" and attended sports events and rock concerts in near-by Philadelphia.

Spaghetti and pizza are the young Dane's favorite American foods, but he also likes "Big Mac's" and hot dogs with sauerkraut. According to Lars, what we call Danish pastry doesn't even resemble that delicacy back home. Lars can't explain the difference, but thinks you have to come to Denmark to taste the real thing.

Blueberries are another of his favorites. When the mother of a friend invited Lars to dinner she served blueberry tarts, thinking it was an American treat. Lars felt right at home because blueberries grow wild in Danish fields and his mother serves them often. "Our climate is much like it is in Pennsylvania, perhaps a little milder because we're surrounded by the sea." Lars remembers only one snow storm as severe as the two that blanketed eastern United States this past winter.

A 1969 MG Midget, which he completely disassembled and put back together in a barn, owned by Mr. Nawa's uncle, became Lar's prize possession.

"Automobiles are very expensive in Denmark. A 1978 standard model costs around \$22,000. Two-thirds of the price is import tax," explains Lars.

Other cost of living comparisons he mentions are: "Denmark's minimum wage, \$5.00 per hour, is higher than ours, but so is the unemployment rate at 11 percent. Then there's a 15 percent sales tax on everything, even a piece of candy. The income tax is 42 percent and up, depending on your income bracket."

While Danish taxes are high, education costs are not. All the colleges and universities are free and the citizens take advantage of it. After graduation from

high school, Lars went to a tuition-free trade school, earning an apprentice's salary at the same time from his employer.

Denmark has a women's liberation movement, too, called "The Red Sox." Lars says, "If a woman wants to be a tool and die maker, she can if she has the proper training." He knows a few women in his occupation, but points out that there are far more women in medicine and law, plus the presidents of fashion firms are usually women.

When asked to compare Danish and American cultures, Lars made the following comments. "We've got eleven political parties and political discussions are our favorite conversation topic. There aren't any commercials on our television because there is only one network and it is government-owned. Our meals are more leisurely, often lasting two hours."

Lars tried smoking a few American cigarettes when he first arrived because they were so cheap. "But I quit. I can't afford \$2.25 a pack when I get back to Bogense. It isn't healthy anyway."

Bogense (population 3,000) is on a central island in Denmark, a short distance from Odense, birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, (no relation to Lars) famous writer of children's stories. The Kattegat Channel which separates Sweden and Denmark is 300 feet from Lar's front door.

Although he was too busy making friends and learning about America, Lars admitted he missed the sea. But before his visa expired in March, Lars applied for a three month extension so he could be here when his sister arrived for a visit. Merthe Andersen, a home economist for a Danish food chain, also stayed with the Nawas, except when Lars took her sightseeing in New York City and Washington, D.C.

With tears in his grey eyes as he hugged his Reading friends good bye, Lars returned to Denmark in July. This fall, he'll be a freshman at the University of Aalborg and will major in engineering.

Before classes start at the university, Lars plans to spend some time with his parents. His father works for the government as a project advisor for young unemployed people since he retired. His mother is an active volunteer and fund raiser for the Boy and Girl Scouts. Lars has another sister Else, the wife of a school teacher. A psychiatric nurse, Else works in a mental hospital.

What did Lars take home? "Lots of blue jeans! They don't cost so much in the U.S., plus a suit with a vest, tools, a calculator, and gifts decorated with Pennsylvania Dutch designs for my parents."

He also took a new and brighter view of Americans. Now when he sees tourists in Copenhagen wearing bright print shorts and hats with visors, he knows they are not at all like the people he now calls friends far across the sea.

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Top Twenty Lodges

1977

Lodge Number and Location and Membership Total

1.	227 Detroit, Michigan	526
2.	4 Racine, Wisconsin	388
3.	14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	262
4.	126 Los Angeles, California	260
5.	1 Omaha, Nebraska	245
6.	46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	216
7.	341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	214
8.	29 Seattle, Washington	208
9.	34 Dwight, Illinois	187
10.	16 Minden, Nebraska	174
11.	51 Ludington, Michigan	149
12.	299 Solvang, California	146
13.	49 San Francisco, California	143
14.	139 Viborg, South Dakota	138
15.	144 Dike, Iowa	133
	345 Garden Grove, California	133
16.	45 Minneapolis, Minnesota	131
17.	172 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	128
18.	161 Ruskin, Nebraska	125
	328 Vancouver, British Columbia	125
19.	17 Chicago, Illinois	120
20.	167 Portland, Oregon	114

1978

Lodge Number and Location and Membership Total

		Gain or Loss
1.	227 Detroit, Michigan	511 - 15
2.	4 Racine, Wisconsin	381 - 7
3.	14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	273 11
4.	1 Omaha, Nebraska	246 1
5.	126 Los Angeles, California	245 - 15
6.	46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	218 2
7.	29 Seattle, Washington	214 6
8.	34 Dwight, Illinois	204 17
9.	341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	188 - 26
10.	16 Minden, Nebraska	180 6
11.	167 Portland, Oregon	175 61
12.	51 Ludington, Michigan	164 15
13.	186 Luck, Wisconsin	157 133
14.	299 Solvang, California	144 - 2
15.	49 San Francisco, California	138 - 5
16.	144 Dike, Iowa	132 - 1
17.	345 Garden Grove, California	130 - 3
18.	139 Viborg, South Dakota	126 - 12
19.	217 Humboldt, Iowa	123 12
20.	172 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	119 - 9

Lodge Number 186 in Luck, Wisconsin joined the Top Twenty Lodges with a gain in membership of 133 in 1978.

Another newcomer to the Top Twenty list is Lodge No. 217 in Humboldt, Iowa.

Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon moved from 20th place to 11th in 1978 with a gain of 61 members.

(Juvenile members not included in calculations.)



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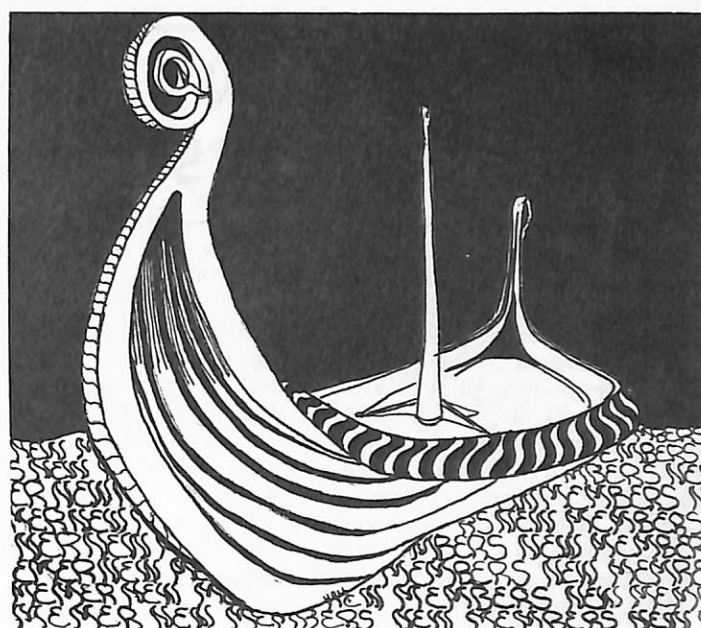
Young Dane

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Here in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country we may not know what Danish pastry is, but we welcomed a visitor from Denmark and made him feel at home. That's why Lars said he'll be back to see us. He knows and we know our doors and hearts will always be open to him. The journey to a friend's home is never long... even from Bogense to Berks County.

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Val A. Pawlowski	4	Racine, Wi.	Keith Rasmussen
Gerald A. Monteen	14	Kenosha, Wi.	Harold Holm
Harold F. Ranniuk	14	Kenosha, Wi.	R. Bernhaadt, Sr.
Leslie H. Thornton	14	Kenosha, Wi.	Harold Holm
Marguerite Lary	15	Des Moines, Ia.	F.J. Christiansen
Ronald Paul Maigaard	15	Des Moines, Ia.	Eik Sorensen
Vergie E. Sorensen	32	New Haven, Cn.	R. M. Johnson
Edwin R. Larson	36	Milwaukee, Wi.	Elmer Jorgensen
Robert R. Larson, Jr.	36	Milwaukee, Wi.	Elmer Jorgensen
Susan J. Larson	36	Milwaukee, Wi.	Elmer Jorgensen
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Charles B. Fisher	51	Ludington, Mi.	Art L. Andersen
James A. Frost	51	Ludington, Mi.	Andrew Andersen
Roger J. Genia	51	Ludington, Mi.	Edward Geil
Geraldine A. Kromann	90	Port Reading, NJ	Lloyd Kromann
Hamilton J. Hibbard	113	Enumclaw, Wa.	Mark Cooper
Dorothy M. MacKinnon	143	Petaluma, Ca.	Robert MacKinnon
Bo Schultz Andersen	167	Portland, Or.	Mel Pihl
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Sharon L. Pedersen	342	Bucks Co., Pa.	Walter Nielsen
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Hartman E. Stocker	343	Waupaca, Wi.	Frances Smith
May R. Stocker	343	Waupaca, Wi.	Frances Smith
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*Young Vikings

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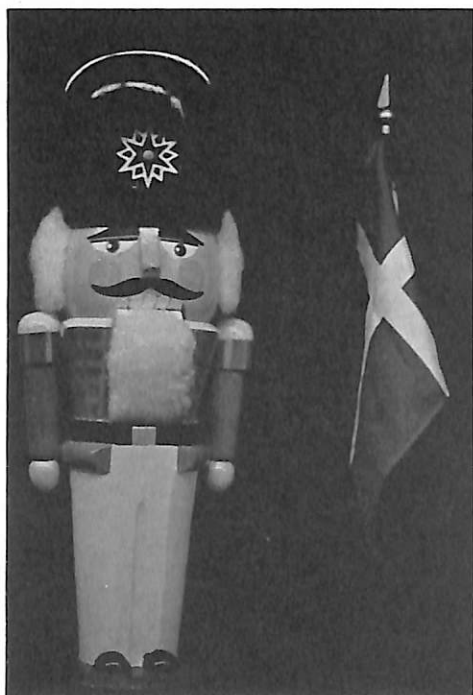
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HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
4-4-79	Alfred F. Johnson	84	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1919
4-1-79	Niels J. Jensen	84	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1913
3-19-79	Frederick C. Petersen	75	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1949
3-29-79	Martin F. Sindet	89	Langelund, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1910
3-10-79	A. George Christensen	59	East Orange, New Jersey	116	Newark, New Jersey	1947
4-5-79	Oscar W. Oslund	71	Foley, Minnesota	167	Portland, Oregon	1950
4-4-79	Martin Morrison	93	Toledo, Ohio	233	Toledo, Ohio	1906
3-21-79	Julius Juliusen	63	Akron, Ohio	301	Akron, Ohio	1946
3-25-79	Peter W. Larsen	90	Lolland, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
3-2-79	Anders Peter Larsen	94	Kerteminde, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1907
4-15-79	Charles H. Parker	58	Seattle, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1953
4-2-79	Erik L. Eriksen	98	Aerø, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1904
1-11-79	Antonious Paulsen	95	Vedstrup, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1913
3-14-79	Rudolph Olsen	85	Aalborg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1924
4-10-79	Richard C. Thompson	57	Penn Yan, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1959
4-11-79	Arnold C. Christensen	87	Aalborg, Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1934
3-15-79	Herman Christensen	77	Holbaek Amt., Denmark	325	Nassau Co., New York	1927
2-24-79	Soren Christensen	83	Aarhus, Denmark	325	Nassau Co., New York	1936
4-16-79	Alvin T. Jensen	73	Fremont, Nebraska	26	Fremont, Nebraska	1961
4-25-79	Viggo T. Pedersen	91	Ringkøbing, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1913
4-22-79	Patricia Smith	47	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1967
4-19-79	Søren P.G. Pedersen	91	Vraa, Hjørring Amt., Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1914
4-18-79	Jens Moos	100	Sonderborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1908



Our Lodges In Action

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Ne. — This summer we will be having picnics and taking trips to nearby Danish restaurants.

We are having a cookbook printed and will have it on sale at the Danish Days in Minden, Ne. and at the Ethnic Festival in Omaha.

We will be hosting the 1983 National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, Ne. — Recently we took a trip over to Elk Horn, Iowa, to see the 130-year-old Danish Windmill that they have brought over from Denmark and reconstructed. We also ate at the Danish Inn where they have a smorgasbord.

Jeff Cloyed, son of Dale and Gracie Cloyed, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Danish Brotherhood Scholarship.

Harriet Betts, Secretary.

Iowa- Minnesota

Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Ia. — Lisa Christensen, daughter of Brother Carl Christensen, was awarded a Danish Brotherhood scholarship.

President Paul Wind is our delegate to the National Convention at Vancouver.

Kai Hansen

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Ia. — We celebrated our May 1 meeting along with the opening of Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen. Flowers and red and white streamers decorated the First National Social Center with 49 people in attendance, several of whom were in costume.

We had many game tables and also showed slides of the real Tivoli and other places in Denmark.

Our next meeting will feature a potluck dinner and a Constitution Day type program.

Marilyn Hansen, Correspondent.

Midwest

Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Il. — Our lodge met with great success at the Midwest District Bowling Tournament. The women placed 2nd and 7th, while the men's teams took 7th and 8th places.

Upcoming events include a Crime Prevention Program, an Aebleskiver Dinner, and our suspenseful Brown Bag Auction.

Carla Seyller, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Il. — We hosted the Midwest District Bowling Tournament in March. 48 teams participated in the bowling as well as in the banquet and dancing that followed. The Dwight men's team and the Racine women's team took home the traveling trophies this year. Congratulations to all who took home prize money and awards.

Elsa Petersen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wis. — At a recent Social Night, we visited the Milwaukee Public Museum to view the European Village Project and learn how we might help with the Danish exhibit. We also met with a professional fund-raiser to see how we might go about raising funds for furnishings.

The bowling team we sent to the Midwest District Bowling Tournament placed ninth in the team event.

We recently voted to start having a door prize at our business meetings.

Al Larsen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Il. — We have ordered shirts to wear at special events — red with white lettering and a boat emblem on back.

Arnold Feddersen received a 25-year pin from his brother LaVerne, who also received a long overdue pin.

Flemming Anderson visited and brought congratulations from the headquarters in Omaha for the good work we are doing.

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Twenty more to go and we'll have our 300 members before the National Convention in September.

The remodeling of the big hall is progressing satisfactorily. We've had a lot of volunteer help which is very gratifying. It will be an accomplishment we can all be proud of.

District events coming up include the Picnic on July 15 and the Golf Tournament on July 28. We also are considering having a bus trip to the horse races in August.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, Wis. — In March we chartered a bus and went to the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis to see the play "He Lived the Good Life."

The photo below shows our Lodge



Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis. — Events for April include a party for 25-year members and their guests. Later in the month we will have a steak fry at the Lodge.

We are also making plans for the upcoming Midwest District Picnic and the Golf Tournament in July.

Michigan-Ohio

Lodge No. 170, Rocky River, Ohio — We recently held our annual Spring Party with an evening of good food, spirits, prizes and music for dancing. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a 25-year pin to Carl A. Kergaard (see photo).



President Alvin Paulsen presenting Danish Language Tapes to Christine Skow, librarian at the Luck Public Library. (Photo courtesy of Luck Enterprise Newspaper.)

Darlene Jensen, Secretary.

Eastern

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — Many of us participated in some hilarious "adult games" in April. How does our Entertainment Committee think up new ones every time?

President Jules Jensen has appointed Geert Pedersen as our Public Relations man. His duty will be to contact and visit other GCEL lodges, and keep us informed as to what they are planning and doing.

We are having a Danish-American Culture Exhibit in May, and are looking for things especially made by hand like needlepoint, carvings, embroidery, paintings, etc.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — Our business meeting was canceled in April, and the evening devoted to Bingo. Approximately 50 persons attended, including 5 Viking members (who were almost "flagged" for taking so many prizes!) and several guests from Denmark. Winners received gifts of liquor, money, and grocery baskets.

A charter flight to Denmark, arranged by Carl Wilhjelm through People-to People, will leave July 23 from Kennedy Airport and return August 11. Cost is \$397 plus \$3.00 tax. Reservations must be made immediately. If interested, write to Carl at 6 Hillcrest Terrace, Riverdale, N.J.

09457, and send a \$25 per person deposit.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — The past few months have been very hectic around our lodge. We had our annual Codfish Dinner and then soon after we had our lodge's 90th anniversary celebration.

Our annual picnic has been set for June 24.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J. — Our Card Party held at a recent meeting was a huge success. The party was held in part to raise money for our Trip Fund to help offset expenses of our delegate to the National Convention in Vancouver. Our 50-50 winner, Anna Kjems, donated her winnings to the Fund also. Door prizes were awarded.

Lloyd Kromann was elected delegate and Claire Kjems alternate to the G.C.E.L. Convention to be held over Labor Day, hosted by Perth Amboy Lodge No. 46.

At our next meeting we will pick a date for our Annual Picnic. George and Eleanor Hansen have invited our members to their house again this year.

Claire Kjems, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — In April our committee served a traditional Danish Meal (Skinke med grøntlangkaal) with all the trimmings — delicious!

Also in April we held our bowling tournament. Winners or not, everyone enjoyed the competition.

Birgit Jacobsen was elected Delegate to the GCEL convention in Perth Amboy, which will be held over the Labor Day weekend.

Danish Constitution Day (Grundlovs Dag) will be celebrated June 3 at the Danish Home.

Egon Larsen, Secretary.

Pacific Northwest

Lodge No. 167, Portland, Ore. — At our last meeting, a special Appreciation Award was presented to Chris Petersen for his outstanding work in signing up new members.

Our medisterpølse dinner and silent auction netted a profit of \$1150 for our building fund. This is largely attributable to the generous firms and suppliers of food and auction items.

We've been invited by the Sisterhood lodge to a picnic in August. Later we will also have a picnic with all of the Oregon lodges invited.

California- Nevada

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, Ca. — Our President Karen Rowse accepted the honor of being delegate to the state convention at Solvang in August. Other delegates and alternates are: Roy Johnson, Esther Johnson, and John Kristersen. All members are still invited to the convention and social activities so start making plans.

Frank Jepsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, Ca. — You wouldn't have known our members with all the variety of costumes at our April Fools Party! Everyone received a celebrity name tag on their back and asked the other members three questions to determine who they were.

Next was the dance contest ... have you ever seen a harem girl, a sheik, Indians, pirates, clowns, Smokey the Bear, an organ grinder, Caesar, and other characters all doing a cake walk?

The winners were: Howard Kjell-sen (suntanned, flashy trousers, blonde), Einer Nielsen (organ grinder), Pat Cotman (waddling chicken), Pat Christensen (Harem girl), Sherman and Dawn Nielsen (medicine man and Indian maid), Ferdinand and Marile Christensen (southern hillbillies).

President Bill Jorgensen of the Minden, Nebraska, lodge was a guest of the Ferdinand Christensens. They attended our Danish language class and shared some ideas with us.

In June we will have a report regarding our participation at the Fountain Valley Founders Day Celebration.

July 22 is our Danish Days Picnic with activities planned for members of all ages.

Marile Christensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — The Easter Bunny preceded many anxious visitors to the Holmes' home, and those who searched long enough found plenty of Easter eggs and prizes to fill their baskets. Children and grownups were both able to participate.

We are now busy planning for the International Festival, an annual event in Las Vegas. 25 clubs will join June 24 for this popular affair. We'll be baking as serving many favorite Danish dishes.

Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Ca. — One of the highlights of our 65th Anniversary program was the award-
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ing of a 50-year membership pin to Alfred Vestergaard. This is only the 2nd time in the lodge's history that such a pin has been awarded.

The Walter T. Hansens have been elected to represent the lodge on the San Diego Scandinavian Festival Committee along with Alfred Vestergaard. This event will be coordinated with lodges of the various other Scandinavian countries June 30.

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Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

DAFI/DBIA Flight Changes

The non-stop charter flight departing from Minneapolis, scheduled to depart June 28, 1979, has been canceled. New arrangements have been made with Northwest Orient Airlines. Under the new arrangements, **the six-month membership requirement has been eliminated.**

Participants will receive a special group rate on a regularly scheduled flight departing on June 30. There will be a choice of 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks' time in Denmark. If you are interested, please contact Conrad Petersen, 4500 Morning-side Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416 for information and flight application.

SAS Offers Advance Seats

Scandinavian Airlines will offer advance seat reservations to all first class passengers on its inter-continental routes and full fare economy passengers on North Atlantic routes, effective May 1, 1979.

In addition, SAS will extend advance seat reservations to passengers traveling with infants, the elderly, handicapped and disabled on all flights across the North Atlantic regardless of fare paid.

Advance seat selection can be made at any SAS office or SAS authorized travel agency where aircraft seating charts are available and seat selection will be confirmed by a sticker placed on the flight ticket.

Viborg Sponsors Three-Day Program

On June 28, 29 and 30 the small community of Viborg, South Dakota, will be participating in a Danish Days program. The program is sponsored by DBIA Lodge No. 139 in Viborg and this will be the second year for the event. Chairman of the project is Jo Ann Hansen. Lodge secretary Joyce Jensen reports the community really supports Danish Days. The lodge will be serving Danish soups, sandwiches, drinks and pastries and all types of activities are being planned.

ATTENTION! Lodges and Districts:

A new competitive awards program has been announced. First awards to be made in 1980. The program will provide an opportunity for districts and the national organization to recognize achievement of local lodges. Your district president will send a reporting form and an explanation of the program to each lodge in the district.

Take advantage of the chance to win a beautiful certificate for your lodge and be recognized nationally. Help your district receive an award as well.

Participate in the District President's Awards Program.

Neils Sundsted Receives 50-year Pin



Harold Hansen, president of Seattle's Lodge No. 29; Clyde R. Langsted, DBIA Director and secretary of the Seattle lodge, present Neils Sundsted with his 50-year membership pin.

In 1929 DBIA Lodge No. 283 welcomed Neils Sundsted as a new member. Neils maintained his membership in Lodge No. 283 and earned his 50-year pin this year. His health prevented him from traveling to Dagmar, Montana, home of Lodge No. 283, from Seattle, Washington, where he now lives, to receive the pin. Officers of Lodge No. 29 in Seattle arranged to make the presentation on behalf of the society and Lodge No. 283 at their March meeting. Mr. Sundsted's wife and two daughters were present for the ceremony.

Major Viking Exhibition to be Shown at Metropolitan Museum in October, 1980

The Vikings, the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever organized on the storied seafaring people of ancient Scandinavia, will open at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in October, 1980. The objects in the exhibition will be drawn from museums and other collections in Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway and Sweden. On view will be major archaeological finds, such as the only surviving Viking helmet from Norway, exquisite gold and silver jewelry, delicately ornamented objects of gilt-bronze, and carvings in stone, wood bone and other materials. These objects will be organized to reveal aspects of Viking religion and way of life as well as to show the Vikings as warriors, traders and explorers of Europe and the North Atlantic. Before it is shown in New York, the exhibition will be seen at the British Museum, London, beginning February 14, 1980.

The exhibition in New York will be made possible in part by grants from the American-Scandinavian Foundation, the Charles Ulrick and Josephine Bay Foundation, Inc., and the Nordic Council in association with SAS/Scandinavian Airlines.

Danish American Immigrant Archival Listing

Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, and the Danish American Heritage Society are cooperating to locate, catalog, and prepare a listing of all Danish American historical materials to be found in the United States, Canada and Denmark. The Danish Interest Conference of the Lutheran Church in America, is helping to support the project. Your \$10 general membership or \$25 sustaining membership fee in DAHS can help. Write to: Mr. Egon Bodtker, Treasurer, Danish American Heritage Society, 1132 Newport Drive, S.E., Salem, OR 97302.

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Paul Mortensen — Ephraimite Dane In Perspective

by Marzetta Willardsen

surrounded by 16 acres of land to farm and retain the produce themselves while each plied his trade for the estate. This meant their farming had to be accomplished early or late.

Paul had been discharged from the Danish Army in 1918. This was a special time of the year for him. His commanding officer had been King Christian IX. King Christian's son was Frederick. At his father's death, he became King Frederick the VIII. At his death, his daughter became Queen (Margretta II).

When Margretta closed her inaugural speech, she used a new ending: "God's help. The people's love. The Strength of Denmark!" Her father had always ended his speeches with the phrase, "God for Denmark".

In the army, Paul became the battalion shoemaker. He apprenticed under a shoemaker, Kaspersen. Returning home, he worked as a tilemaker for the roofs (tagstem) of the estate buildings. His father was a carpenter, keeping thirty wagons and buggies in constant repair.

It was nearing the Yule Season, which lasted for weeks, and the preparations involved took the same amount of time. Pigs, calves and lambs were slaughtered and duly prepared. Aging cheese was checked (especially limburger) and mild ones were made. Pickled herring barrels were filled, the kitchen ovens started producing every type of bread, rolls, coffee-cake and biscuits the Danish cooks have made famous. Dark beer made for this season contained a little more sugar and a few more hops. Water was never served with meals. Beer was served, but as a rule wasn't intoxicating.

Nuts were gathered and roasted. The Yule tree was cut from one of the groves standing on the estate, a stately pine that had been receiving a critical eye for many weeks. Ground growing greens were gathered, made in garlands to be hung from the rafters and beams. Woodhauling began, axes rang through the crystal air as the logs were stacked for easy carrying into the houses.

Animals were included in these gay preparations. Barns were cleaned, washed down, strewn with fresh straw and bedding hay. Chicken houses were cleaned, fresh straw placed in the nests and larger portions of grain doled to them.

In the cities they bought specially tied bundles of grain, placed them in the yards where the people could look through their windows and watch the birds feast. The animals enjoyed Christmas. They were considered as great a part, as necessary to life as the people themselves.

Old customs die slowly. In the backwoods, the Danish place handpainted

The door opened, lighting their expectant faces, an aroma of Denmark wafted into the crisp night air. The miracle they prayed for had become a reality. Across the room a stately pine, limbs preened with electric lights, glowed a colorful welcome. It beckoned them to enter, encircled them, Danish voices were singing Christmas Carols. The newlyweds had reached their honeymoon destination: Ephraim, Utah, December, 1920. Tears unheeded, ran down their flushed faces.

The snow had fallen softly as Paul and Elvera Mortensen alighted the platform of the railroad station. They were affectionately greeted by Peter and Katherine Christensen, their sponsors, who hurried them to their own home. Their doubts were calmed, stilled, they were made to feel whole again. The love shown them as strangers gave positive strength to their decisions made in Denmark, assured them guidance to help them over the hard years that lay ahead in "Little Denmark".

Their wraps and baggage were taken by loving hands. Introductions were made, everyone shared a dinner of old country flavor and noisy conversation. The menu was boneless salted codfish soaked in cold water, drained, cooked fifteen minutes and smothered in mustard gravy; roast pork garnished with red cinnamon spiced apples, surrounded by small potatoes

cooked in pork drippings and brown sugar. There were red beets, white and rye bread, red cabbage with current jelly, sister cake (søster), chocolate, coffee and Christmas Cake (Jule Kage). There was traditional rice-almond Danish Dessert; whoever found a whole almond in his serving was given a prize sugar animal (marzipan).

The Mortensens had arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah, from Denmark, finishing the last part of their journey to Sanpete County. Paul recalled seeing the canyons of Thistle and Spanish Fork from the sooty train windows. The trees and shrubs in shifting shadows and soft flittering light covered with snow. With his gloved hand, he wiped a peep-hole. The passing scenery started him thinking of the previous year and his last Christmas in Denmark.

As he gazed at the early December morning countryside the year before, he was unaware that it would be his last in his beloved Scandinavia. He looked at the white expanses of snowdrifts and at the evergreens, pine and lyng dotting the huge 2,000 acre estate. It was a sight too breathtaking to be thought of as a last view.

He was so moved he said aloud, "Could there ever be another country on this earth as beautiful as Denmark?"

His family lived in a small house



Paul and Elvera Mortensen on the day they became engaged.



Paul Mortensen [center] at age 17. With him are his three sisters and two brothers.

wooden shoes outside the door to receive the Christmas gifts. On the large estates, the tenants used stockings and believed in fat, roly-poly elves. They would leave bowls of rice pudding in the stables and sheds for their holiday feast.

After Christmas Eve dinner in their homes, the tenants were invited to the big hall in the castle. They lined orderly two-by-two. The girl of the castle next in line to the housekeeper led them through huge open double-doors into the hall where a large candle-trimmed tree, two stories high, grazed the ceiling. Singing, they clasped hands and danced around the tree on the marble floor. The glowing candles were hand made by the candlemaker of the estate, taking many hours to form and clip on the branches.

After dancing, they sat on chairs in a circle. The lady of the house handed out presents. With a gracious nod and wave of her hand, she invited them to the dining hall where they had hot chocolate and cake before going to their own homes.

On Christmas morning, the "Lady of the House" (Fruen) took baskets containing nuts, cakes, meat and wine by buggy to all the employees. They attended church. The preacher gave a sermon, everyone sang Yuletide songs.

Paul and Elvera were married in 1920 in the courthouse and sailed for the United States, neither knowing a word of English but assured they would soon be welcomed by a Danish-speaking family. Here they were, a long journey and all their relatives far behind them.

New York was overpowering and not the answer to their ideas of America. They traveled west to Salt Lake City then to Ephraim. These Danes were hard to understand when speaking, and found it difficult to learn English. They were

frightened for their future. They were our intellectual ancestors.

Paul and Elvera lived with Peter Christensen for six months while Paul worked on the railroad with Pete, a foreman. He then rented a home for six months. They bought a little house from Mary Canute Jenson for \$550.00. In this they reared four boys and one girl. Paul returned to his trade as a shoemaker for twenty-two years. He was a most talented craftsman.

Paul also began making bricks, the clay-adobe type. He missed the kilns he had used as a tile-maker in Denmark. He

taught many natives the way to construct and handle "dobs" for making their homes or to use as inner walls for brick homes. He was anxious to help plan methods for better construction when his neighbors were undecided and undirected.

One spring afternoon as Paul and I were talking, I asked him about his adobe making days: "Paul, the art of adobe making seems to me to hold great interest for the people of today. There is scarcely a home in Ephraim that doesn't contain some adobe, either inner or outer walls or both, or an old milkhouse, storage shed,

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"I wish you hadn't asked if they have whales in Denmark. She's supposed to be dressed as the Little Mermaid."

Creative Writing Contest Winner



INGE-LISE CHRISTENSEN
Lodge No. 600,
Omaha, Nebraska

ALASKAN TERROR

Watching the last of the prospectors leave the valley that morning, young Niels Clausen felt a sense of foreboding in his heart as he realized that he and his brother were now alone in the isolated valley of eastern Alaska. Winter would close the pass, and the older prospectors headed out while there was still time. Instead of the gruff, but not unfriendly, voices of fellow panners along the stream, Niels knew that the only voice he would hear now would be his brother's harsh commands. Although only three years separated the Clausen brothers who had traveled north to Alaska that spring, Axel, the elder, was always in command. His younger brother, Niels, was treated more like a servant than a partner.

Niels ached to leave Alaska. He was tired of prospecting and yearned to return to the family farm in Oregon. Life on the farm was not easy, but with the gold they had already panned, the two could look forward to an easier life on a farm of their own than their father had either in Oregon or back home in Jutland.

The two brothers worked side by side in the fast rushing stream of the narrow valley. They squatted hour after hour, panning the river bottom for the tiny, but precious nuggets of gold. Bent over his pan, Axel was a stocky figure with a heavy checkered shirt, and dungarees rolled over the tops of thick boots. Niels, who was shorter and more slender, wore a similar work outfit, since the two found rough clothes best suited to the harsh conditions of the North.

It had been an unusually successful day, and the Clausens worked beyond their usual quitting time. His stomach complaining, Axel commanded his brother to return to the shack and fix a meal for him. Since the light was dimming, Niels urged his brother to quit and return with him, but the lure of gold was too great for Axel. Again and again he plunged his greedy hands into the water, groping through the silt in search of the shiny nuggets. Axel snarled at his younger brother, ordering him once more to leave and make his supper.

Niels obediently headed toward the shack, thinking over Axel's broken promise that they would leave as soon as they reached their set goal. But the goal was long since passed, and still, the older brother wanted more and more and more. Niels wished he had the courage to take his share of the gold and leave with the other prospectors that morning, but he feared his brother's temper, and remained behind.

Frying their simple supper in the black iron skillet, Niels' thoughts wandered to the good home-cooked meals back on the farm. Suddenly, he was startled by shrieks and unfamiliar growls from the direction of the stream. Niels ran from the shack in time to see a large grizzly attacking his brother. Frantic with fear, Niels ran to the shed to grab his rifle and whirled in the direction of the conflict. By the time he was within range of the animal, Niels could see that the fight was already over. The still form of his brother lay on the bank of the icy stream. The bear was so intent upon tearing at Axel's lifeless body that it wasn't aware of Niels' approach. Sickened by the sight, Niels could scarcely steady himself long enough to aim his rifle and pump all its bullets into his brother's attacker.

Numb with horror, Niels cautiously approached the still forms. He hoped that somehow his brother would still be alive,
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Candidate's



Biography



MELVIN P. PIHL believes that the Danish Brotherhood in America should: strengthen districts' operations, encourage competition within and among districts, strongly emphasize Danish heritage, plan future strength and membership through viable youth programs, promote 100th anniversary of DBIA with traveling exhibit throughout USA, emphasize contributions of Danes to USA total life—church, industry, arts and letters, etc.; inject enthusiasm into lodges needing growth for resultant support and strength, seek co-operation and unity of purpose with other existing Danish organizations in USA, strengthen and streamline DBIA insurance program, provide information about Danish language and heritage courses and scholarships available.

Danish interests, member of Portland Lodge No. 167 for 32 years; board member, Northwest Danish Home; Past President, Portland DBIA Lodge No. 167; Organized Danish Folk Dance group; organized Danish chorus; Originated DBIA Lodge No. 167 Newsletter; writes, prints and mails it; Originated Lillejuleaften Gudstjeneste in Portland; Originated Sgt. Hans Aften observance in Portland; chairman, Portland chapter, Danish-American Chamber of Commerce; secretary, national Danish-American Chamber of Commerce; vice-president, Pacific Northwest Lodges, DBIA; planner and discussion leader, Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference (6-29, 30 and 7-1); increased Danish language courses in Portland (now four each week during academic year); helped to add Danish language at Portland State University (first and second year courses).

Scandinavian interests, Past President, Scandinavian Club of Portland; named Scandinavian Man of the Year — 1975; organizer of and president of Portland Chapter, The American-Scandinavian Foundation; board member, Oregon Scandinavian traditions; board member, Folkfest of Portland (54 different ethnic groups); helped increase Scandinavian studies at Portland State University.

Other civic interests, Past President, Clackamas Community College Foundation; Past President, Canby Community Pool, Inc.; Past President, Optimist Club; member, Portland Rose Society; member, Portland Rose Festival Association; member, Portland Chamber of Commerce; member, Lang Syne Society; Portland Jr. Chamber of Commerce, board member four years, secretary two years — recipient of both Gold Key Award and Silver Key Award; Royal Rosarians — Secretary of State; OSU Alumni Association; OSU Dads Club, board member; member, Oregon World Trade Council; chairman, AFS fund-raising activities; Oregon PTA, past state board member, editor of monthly publication; Republican Precinct committeeman, served on committees; statewide committee to elect Oregon's Secretary of State.



Paul Mortensen

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abandoned chicken coops, a partially standing dividing wall or fence."

He walked to a closet and brought out the tools used to make "dobes". He handled a 5x12" wooden form as if it were a trophy.

"This is the mold I used for many years. We cut a large round hole where we had weeded the ground, saved the topsoil for planting, uncovering a layer of hard clay." His face became so full of expression I plainly saw the clay waiting to be shoveled into chunks, watered, ready for kneading.

Paul continued with his story: "We mixed the clay until it felt like satin in our hands. If it were too slick, we added sand. We had a large frame that held a number of these wooden forms which we would fill. Then using a tilted table or slab of wood, we slid them out of the forms onto planks. Here they were left 'til firm enough to move onto another cleared piece of ground. Each block was tipped on end the second day so it wouldn't curl like leather. It took them ten days to dry if it didn't rain. By then we could load these adobes, haul them wherever they were needed. We used caution in handling while freshly made and sometimes for inner walls, straw was added during the mixing to make them stronger. This spoiled their finished looks for me. I guess it was

because I missed making these beautiful bricks in Denmark."

He didn't end his working days here among the soles and heels and clay, but worked on the Snow College campus as a landscape artist for twelve years. He started the first blooming annuals and received medals and a plaque for his dedication. A much-earned plaque from the College by President Floyd S. Holm on May 26, 1969 has this inscription: "For services rendered at Snow College. Your heart as well as your know-how has indeed been involved in your work. Your selfless and dedicated service has been such that contribution to the beauty of the campus has sometimes been expressed at the expense of taking money from your own pocket (shrubs around the Campus Center). Yours has been the type of beauty that has brought pleasure and enjoyment to many people."

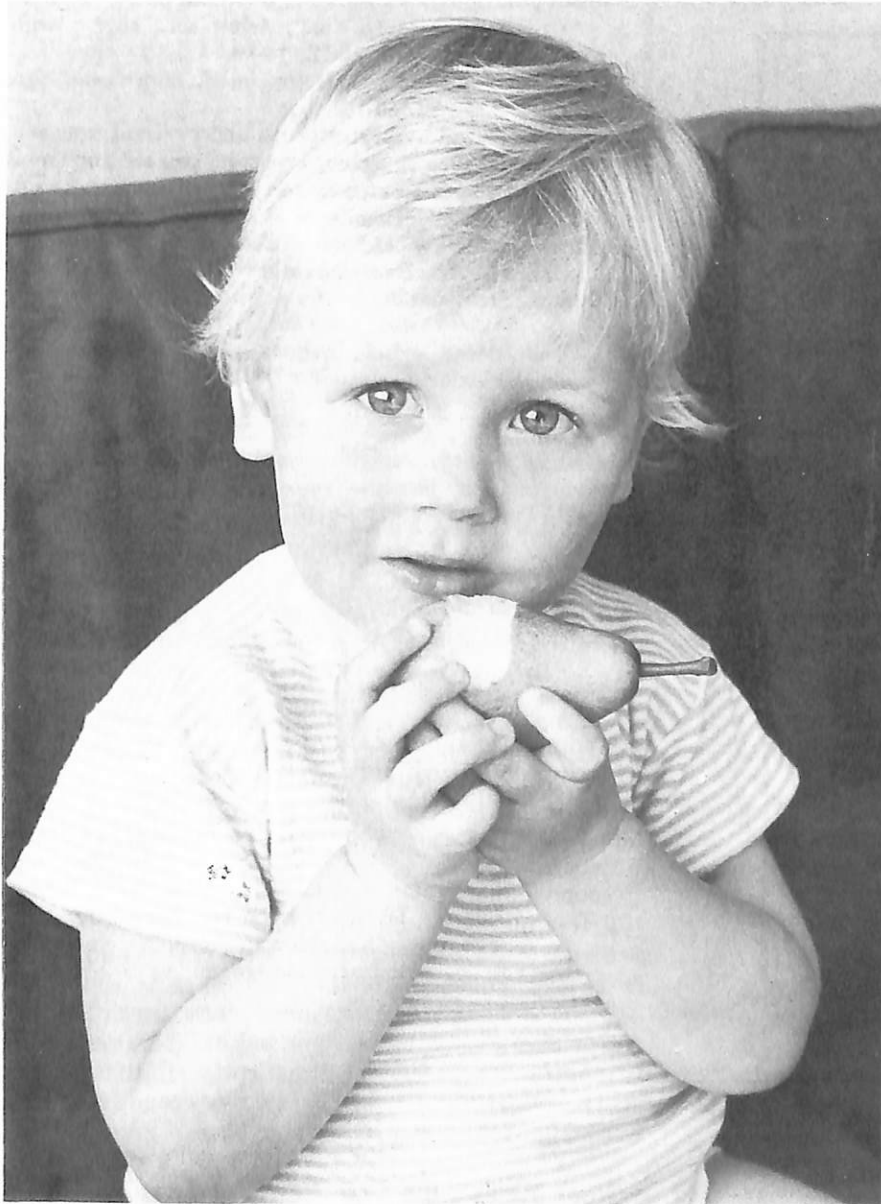
Paul is a tall, straight-walking man with a fine featured sensitive face and shock of white hair. There is an aura of tender knowingness surrounding him, our neighbor, our friend. Eighty-four years of age, still caring about his children, about us, his town, his street and the state of his country.

His soft speaking voice is a delight to our ears, refreshing us with his slight Danish brogue. He is never bored or depressed, having such energy and an agile mind.

Beautiful roses bloom each year in tribute to Paul and his tender-loving care.

Faces of Denmark

Photo by Dan Shepard.



Alaskan Terror

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but the bear's claws had delivered fatal blows, and the once clear mountain stream ran red with the combined blood of the grizzly and the man from Oregon. Niels realized that if the mutilated body wasn't soon buried, it would be the prey of other wild animals in this unfriendly wilderness. Through tear-dimmed eyes, the young man stumbled toward the shack to prepare a grave for his brother's body.

Attracted by the scent of fresh meat, a second grizzly approached from the brush. With the memory of his brother's shrieks still resounding in his ears, Niels heard nothing, until he was almost face to face with the huge Alaskan grizzly. With nothing to defend himself but an empty rifle, Niels froze in terror. He knew that he was no match for the great brown beast, but summoning all his strength, he ran blindly into the dusk. Thoughts of his home raced through the young man's head; a home he now realized that he would never see again.

As night closed, the valley was once again free of the intruders who had come to exploit the riches of the mountains. The lucky ones went home rich; the rest were left behind, forgotten in the barren eternal silence of the North.

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Grandma's

Kitchen

JORDBAER GRØD
Strawberry Pudding

From the Book *Danish Food Cook Book*, Ninth Printing, by Ruth Petersen Bell.**

2 lbs. strawberries

1 cup sugar (to taste)

1 quart water

1/2 cup cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon vanilla (optional)

Clean and rinse berries. Add to water and bring to a boil over medium heat. Add sugar, simmer until berries are tender. Dissolve cornstarch in a little water and add to berries and sugar. Add vanilla. Bring to rolling boil, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and allow pudding to boil a few minutes. Cool. Sprinkle with sugar and serve with cream.

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

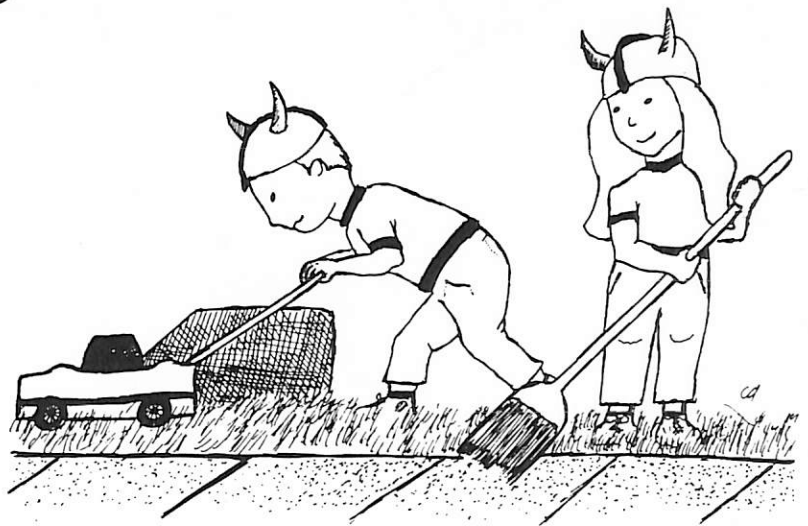
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Viking Adventures

***Coming Together—A Beginning Keeping Together—Progress
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Social activities seem to be the focal point of the majority of our lodges. We are always very pleased to see our members enjoying themselves and taking advantage of these enjoyable activities to introduce new members to the group. We are proud when a lodge looks around its community and does its best to fulfill a need, demonstrating our fraternal concern. If your lodge hasn't been working on a project that goes beyond the interests of your members, maybe it's time to consider doing so.

In the National Headquarters we are working to gather information now to establish a national project in which all of our lodges can become involved. When the content has been confirmed and some of the red tape has been cut for you, you will be hearing more about it.

HARDTIMES DANCE

You don't need to worry about what to wear when *Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois*, announces its "hardtimes" dance. *Secretary Margaret Goodwin* writes: Our lodge sponsors a dance the second Saturday of every month with the exception of June, July and August. For many years we have always set aside one

of these dances as a "hardtimes" dance.

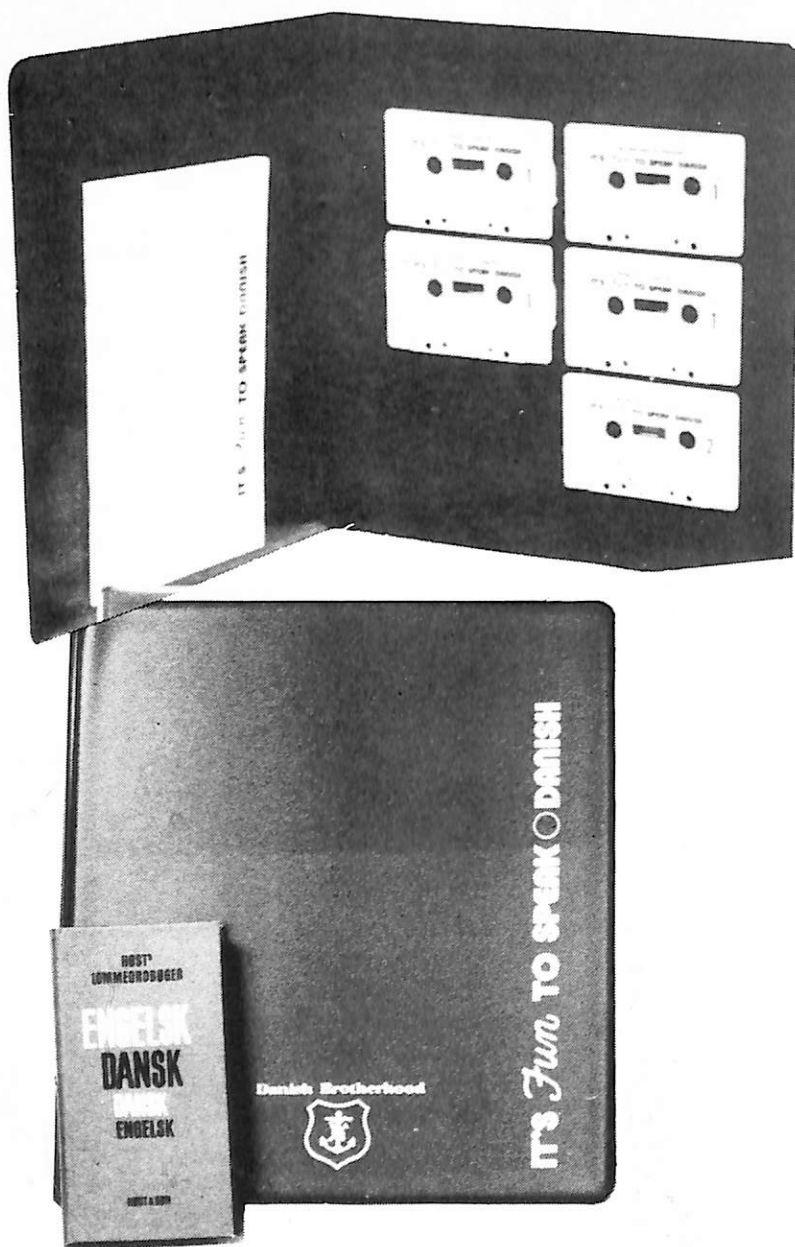
"Everyone comes dressed in old clothes, patches sewed on, coveralls, bibs, corn cob pipe, red kerchief or whatever suits the occasion. We usually try to get those who come dressed up in ties and coats to at least take off their ties and maybe pull out their shirt tail.

"It is just another night of fun and fraternalism we all enjoy. These dances are open to the public, too. We usually have a couple of door prizes."

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Did you know that if you send your request for information about Denmark or about the customs and traditions of Denmark to our office we will do our best to answer you accurately?

Did you know that if a relative of yours was a member of our society we may be able to help you in finding information regarding the date and place of birth? Let us know the approximate time and place of membership and the full name of the individual. There is no charge for this service.



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