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What's New for February

This month we have a story that should interest nearly anyone. It's an historical tale (every word of it true); it's a western action story; and it's a story of Danish heritage. "The Ranger from Ringkobing" was written by Don Jensen of Kenosha, Wisconsin. He wrote it as a spinoff of a book about the history of his own family, which goes back to 1590.

"The Ranger" is set in the untamed territory of Arizona back in 1902. A young Dane, Jens Holm, becomes a member of the not-so-famous Arizona Rangers, a group of lawmen sworn to uphold law and order in that rough country. Jens' displays of courage and action earned him special recognition among these remarkable men.

Mr. Jensen wrote the story mainly as a labor of love.

In this issue, we also have announcements about several of the Brotherhood's fraternal programs and contests, such as the Creative Writing Contest, the Young Viking Essay Contest, the National Bowling Tournament, and others.

American Dane Classified is also featured this month.

Next month is the annual listing of the lodges and lodge secretaries. We'll also print the names of the lodge officers that we have hold of to this point, other than those that already have been reported in Our Lodges in Action.

Until then, pleasant reading!

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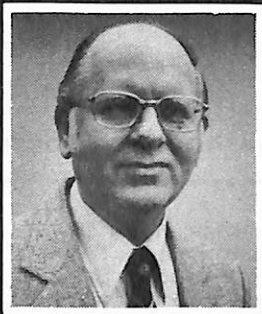
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The President's

Column



DBIA President
George Jacobsen

All Danish Brotherhood lodges presidents have received program suggestions from our fraternal department mailed just before Christmas. If you need extra copies for your program committee, please send for them.

During 1980 we placed emphasis on encouraging lodges to offer more Danish ethnic programs to their members. We encouraged you to communicate more often and to keep members advised of activities. We will retain this emphasis during 1981 — first by supplying the lodges with ethnic program suggestions, secondly by offering a 1981 lecture series telling the story of the Danish American immigrant, and by giving direct assistance to individual lodges. We continue to have Danish language and folk dance kits available at a moderate cost, as well as other fraternal products.

We are still interested in enlarging our Danish Brotherhood archives. We would like old photographs of Danish Brotherhood events (identified if possible), old lodge records, newspaper accounts of DBIA events, and items for display. Recently Mrs. Ellen Madison, daughter of Past Supreme President John Hansen, was kind enough to send several reels of film taken by Mr. Hansen during a Danish Brotherhood sponsored cruise. We are very appreciative of her willingness to share these with us and we know they are part of our Danish Brotherhood tradition.

If possible, we would especially like to find the

convention delegate and guest photos from the 1883 convention held in Racine, Wisconsin; from the January 1884 convention in Clinton, Iowa; from the January 1887 convention held in Burlington, Iowa; from the January 1891 convention in Davenport, Iowa; from the January 1893 convention in Omaha, Nebraska and from the January 1896 convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lodges have been asked to write a brief history of their lodge and return it to our National Headquarters by January 15. We know the deadline has passed, but if you haven't sent something for this collective effort, please do now. Lodges are also participating in our oral history project in preparation for the centennial celebration in 1982. If you need more materials to be part of the oral history project, please send a note to the National Headquarters, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

National Bowling Tournament

It is time, again, for the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament. All lodge secretaries will receive entry forms for their lodge teams.

The dates for bowling are between April 1 and June 1. Prize money will be awarded to the top 20 teams. Prize money will also be awarded for the high men's game, lady's high game, as well as the high series in each category. Young Vikings will have new rules. Teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the society.

The high ladies' team will receive an award and provision has been made for an award to the high Young Vikings team. Total amount of prize money will be just under \$1,000.

No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Our Lodges In Action

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — For our January social meeting, Shirley and Richard Wilson are showing Views of Denmark. They have slides of their trip to Denmark and all are looking forward to the event which will take place January 20.

Lodge No. 1 is really starting out the New Year right! Fifteen new members were initiated into our lodge on January 6th. We also came in first place in our category for new members signed up during the membership contest. Thanks to all who made it all possible!

February social will be Fastelavns Day celebration. More about that later.

Dee DiSilvestro, Sec.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — Approximately 80 members and friends enjoyed the food and fellowship of our Christmas party. The dinner was a gourmet's delight as everyone brought their favorite dishes.

Hanna Løyche, a young Danish exchange student, was a special guest for the evening. She attends school and lives with a family in Hastings, NE. She spoke to us briefly and spent most of the evening answering questions about Denmark.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — Nearly 50 percent of our members enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Dreisbachs, provided by the lodge. Indeed, it was a fine party, including games and prizes. Special thanks go to Elga Baasch and Marvell Laursen for this effort.

Carl Mayhew

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — We had one of our biggest turnouts at our Christmas party. Our meeting room was jammed with members who came for the fellowship, potluck dinner and Santa. Santa, who looked a lot like Olav Grand, had a present for everybody. The presents were marked for men and women. Everything came out fine, except for one of our more portly members who received a small panty hose. One new lady member received a bottle of after shave lotion.

Many members were still talking about the recent visit of Diane Doyle from the National Headquarters in Omaha. It is always a pleasure to have someone from Omaha visit us.

Bill Aagaard, Rep.

Lodge #341, Elkhorn-Kimballton, IA — Members and guests enjoyed a potluck supper and program for our Christmas party. Andy Andersen from the Home Office and the family of John Sherman, Iowa-Minnesota District President, were our special guests.

Part of the program included two Hans Christian Andersen fairytales read by Nadjeschda Overgaard and group carol singing. The evening also included election of officers.

The Country Airs provided polka music for dancing to climax the evening's events.

Lodge #263, Askov, MN — DB Lodge No. 263 and the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 154 held their annual joint installation at

the Nordic Cafe in Askov Saturday evening, January 17. Social hour began at 7, with a chicken dinner at 8, followed by installation with Clarence Morgensen as installing officer.

Officers installed for the Brotherhood were: Past president, Larry Peterson; president, Arol Hansen; vice president, Gilbert Clausen; secretary, Rebecca Melzark; treasurer, Byron Petersen; trustees, Jerry Sostak, Ed Melzark, Bob Putnam; conductor, Clarence Morgensen; guard, Alvin Jensen.

After the installation bingo was played and later coffee and cookies were served.

Rebecca Melzark, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We held our Christmas party on December 2nd, and it was very well attended. As usual, our "good chefs" came forth with all kinds of irresistible foods. Afterwards, each member received a popcorn ball as a Christmas token, and we sang carols as Sally Jorgensen played the piano.

Three major events are in the planning stage for 1981. The earliest is helping answer telephones for Milwaukee's public television organization, which some of our members did last summer.

The other two events are our own fund-raising activities — the Spring Torsk Dinner on April 25, and the Fall Torsk Dinner on October 3.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We welcomed Cindy Clavey and Brenda Andreasen as they were initiated into the lodge as adult members in December.

Richard Christensen, newly-elected President of the Midwest District, installed our 1981 officers at the January meeting.

Belated thanks go to Janette Blundy for the beautiful pine cone wreath she made and donated to raffle at the November dance.

Thanks also go to Babe Nielsen for heading up the Kringle sale. Although we didn't "get rich", we had no trouble selling 500 kringles.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our Dane for the Night at the last meeting was Mary L. Bondegard (her maiden name was Larsen). Mary is a second generation Dane who became aware of her heritage while hearing her grandparents speak the language.

Our new lodge president, John Jorgensen, has this message for us. "I would like . . . to thank the members for their confidence in electing me their new president. Woody did a tremendous job the past two years, and it is not going to be easy to follow his example. I will, however, do my best.

"An organization such as ours cannot grow and flourish without the participation of its members. Therefore, I would ask that all of you attend the monthly meetings and take part in your organization. I am sure that you will have a good time and you will definitely have helped everyone by just being there.

"Our lodge has to make some decisions in the near future that could . . . affect everyone, so come to the meetings and make your ideas and thoughts known to your committees and your officers.

"Thanks again and Godt Nytaar."

Lodge #340 Wood Dale, IL — Our appreciation to Marty Seyller (Midwest District officer) for installing Lodge No. 340's 1981 officers, and to Dale Seyller for conducting the ceremony. We were also pleased to have Janine Seyller plus the Nylens and other guests.

Our "thanks" to Alhambra Lodge No. 323 (California) for their
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idea for Smørrebrød — Creative Danish open-faced sandwich contest. We tried it, and it was a fabulous evening's event.

Mark the date of March 7, 1981 for 340's anniversary party which hopefully will be co-hosted by Lodge No. 17 and DBS Lodge No. 4. Details to follow.

Richard Christensen

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — March 21 is the date scheduled for the banquet to celebrate our 99th year as a Danish Brotherhood lodge. Officers for 1981 have been elected. Kenneth E. Janssen will serve as president, while Axel Hermansen is vice president, Arthur McCallum was re-elected secretary and John Mollerskov was re-elected treasurer for the 19th consecutive year. Robert Anderson is conductor, Douglas Larsen inner guard, Harold LeBlanc outer guard, with trustees August Christensen, Edward Young and Gary Anderson.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Another successful Christmas party with 244 people attending. Roger Nelson served as toastmaster while Ron Jensen led the carols. The Board of Officers and their wives were the committee for this event. The children's Christmas party went very smoothly directed by Dave and Janet Jensen and their committee. Children saw a magic show, sang carols, ate cookies and had a visit from Santa Claus.

Our 1981 officers include past president, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; president, Roger Nelson; vice president, Carl Jensen; secretary, Bob Ibsen; treasurer, Ron Jensen; first trustee, Ken Learnmont; second trustee, Richard Schold; third trustee, Dan Ervin; conductor, Mat Fosbinder; inner guard, Dick Johnson and outer guard, George Winfield.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District News

Greetings to all near and far — now to work:

The first annual Michigan-Ohio

District Bowling tournament will be April 25 in Ludington, Mi., sponsored by Lodge No. 51. We hope for lots of participation from all district lodges.

Michigan-Ohio District Convention will be hosted by Detroit Lodge No. 227 on May 9th at the Danish Club. More details later.

Another fishing trip is planned for the fall — last year's was a huge success! Last, but not least, another Detroit Tiger ball game is also on the agenda.

It takes cooperation and teamwork to get things done — ask yourself: "What can I do to help?" — ask your lodge officers.

Oluf Jensen, Pres.



The members of Lodge #225, Canton, OH, shown here at their Christmas party, wish all of the lodges a Happy New Year.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Following are listed the activities for Lodge No. 51 for the month of December, 1980:

At our business meeting held on December 3, we held our election of lodge officers for 1981, and also had the pleasure of initiating three new members into our lodge.

The Sunshine Seniors met on December 11 for their regular meeting and also had a gift exchange for their Christmas party.

On December 17, our regular social evening was held, then on December 20 we had our annual Christmas party for the children in the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at which time Santa came along. That evening the adults had their party, with a carry-in dinner at 6:00 followed by entertainment, then a midnight luncheon.

On December 31 our lodge held their New Year's party for members, wives, guests to complete the year 1980.

Alf Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — "Happy Valentines Day!" The lodge elected officers to be installed at a joint ceremony with Sisterhood Lodge 125 on January 17, preceded by a "Copenhagen Steak" (Oksemøbrad) dinner served by the Danish club - and, of course, dancing afterward. Our 1981 officers are: Past president, Herluf Iversen; president, Ken Rehan; vice president, Howard Hansen; secretary, Nielsen Dalley; rec. secretary, Carl Jensen; treasurer, Paul Carlsen; sec.-treas., Otto Pedersen; trustees, George Pedersen, Peter Young and Karl Reel; conductor, Tom Bommarito; inner guard, Peter Sorensen; outer guard, Ed Woods, Jr.

It was great to be able to sing Happy Birthday to Fred Christensen - the oldest member of our lodge - 96 years of age.

"A gala affair" - the Brotherhood children's Christmas party was the largest one yet; gifts, hot dogs, milk and ice cream for the kids, pastries and coffee for the adults and dancing and, of course, Santa Claus (Gregg Gildersleeve). Hats off to Gregg for a fine job. We were very pleased to see so many of the new, young members with their children attending the party.

Douglas Christensen — first new brother in 1981 - welcome.

Reminder: Our annual "Slaa Katten af Tønden" party is February 21. National Bowling tournament contest in April. Notice the news from Michigan-Ohio District in this issue.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Our arts and crafts show in November turned out to be an interesting event with handmade, carved and painted items on exhibition.

In December we introduced our new stereo system. The Christmas music it played gave the right atmospheric delight to our grab-bag gift exchange.

We also had a Christmas party for the children, complete with games, carols (Danish and American) and Santa Claus bringing presents.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — This year, our lodge will continue to meet at the Elks Club on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

We really had a nice time at our Christmas party. This event is usually attended by our lodge members only, but this year we invited the ladies, too, and the dinner was certainly a success. The festivities included not only the dinner, but also Santa Claus (Kaye Sorensen, Jr.) passing out gifts, Joyce Sorensen entertaining us with her original clown act, and singing accompanied by Wally Rode.

The brothers agreed that the ladies put a spark in our festivities and that we should do it again real soon.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ —

This December the annual Christmas dinner-dance was again a most successful event. With a capacity house of 240 the relaxed atmosphere and a busy dance floor where American and Scandinavian dances were enjoyed, a good time was had by all. The singing led by the band also enlivened the evening. Now we are making plans for our Ninetieth Anniversary the early part of May.

Jens C. Jessen, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA —

Our Christmas party is always the big event of the year. Many people work hard to make it a festive occasion with food, drinks, dancing and songs.

Members at the November meeting got in the mood early with a delicious Frikadeller dinner — a special treat from our special lodge president, Svend Aage Nielsen. We also made woven hearts for the Christmas tree.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA —

The evening of December 19th was devoted entirely to our Christmas party.

We provided our own music for singing and dancing. Fuzz Blumerick played the piano — and she can play anything as long as she has the sheet music.

Our officers for 1981 were chosen in November, and will take over in March.

Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY — In November we had our annual banquet with Sisterhood Lodge #173. National President George Jacobsen was guest of honor at this event which 125 people attended.

The evening included a roast beef dinner and Danish-style music by Sam Palarmo.

The next morning, about 14 members got up to have breakfast with President Jacobsen and to see him off.

Our Christmas party — a great time for the children — was held December 26.

Clarence Jensen

Lodge #164, New York, NY — The jovial, hilarious sounds heard when passing the D.A.C. clubhouse December 6th were none other than some hearty Danes getting together for our annual Christmas party. The party was held in conjunction with some past members of the Dania Organization.

Lodge president, Ray Leth welcomed the group and invited everyone to join our Brotherhood.

The dinner included the traditional Rissengrød pudding with the single almond. Chris Christiansen won the prize for having found the almond in his dish.

After dinner, the band played music for dancing.

At our regular December meeting we welcomed 4 new members — Ann Pedersen, Niels Larsen, Chris and Helen Christensen.

Our new meeting place has proven successful with 20 or more members attending each meeting.

Hi Mangurten

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — What a fun-filled evening we had in November with our annual "Holiday Bingo" night. Prizes ranged from a turkey to stationery.

In December, our Christmas party was a planned potluck dinner. Santa was there to give out presents to the children.

In January we installed our 1981 officers and all began Danish classes with Kaj Bjorn as instructor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA —

All of the 98 members and guests of Holger Danske Lodge 345 had a great time when they gathered for their Christmas party. The hall was decorated so beautifully, the food was plentiful and very tasty, and the clean up crew did a fabulous job. Santa made a visit to the lodge and delivered the packages. We sang some Christmas carols — Danish ones, too. Yours truly was the lucky person to find the almond in the rice pudding, and received a very nice gift of cheese and jelly.

Our officers for 1981 are, president, Howard Kjellsen; vice president, Floyd Pedersen; secretary, Hazel Kjellsen; treasurer, Elmo Andersen; trustees, Kaj Bjorn, Pat Cotman and Soren Christensen; inner guard, Harry Larsen; outer guard, Parry Pedersen; and conductor, Sherman Nielsen.

Due to a sudden change in plans our installation banquet and ball will be held at the Jolly Roger Inn in Anaheim. District President Alice Pinkerton will install the new board.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — We extend greetings to all members and friends throughout the nation for a very happy New Year.

Since this year marked our 75th anniversary, we did our best to make it memorable. We had a special social evening for the public, who seemed to enjoy learning about our Danish heritage and seeing a film of Denmark. We also had a banquet in September and a dinner for our membership in November.

Two of our couples celebrated special wedding anniversaries this year. Viggo and Vera Poulsen had their 25th, while Marius and



How did we celebrate our 75th anniversary? With Marius and Andrea Holgersen, their daughter Elena and son-in-law Frances Deuel.

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With a delicious dinner for members and guests.



With honored guests Congressman Don Clausen and National DBIA Director Clyde R. Langsted, and the general chairman for the event, Laura Schuler.



We enjoyed all our guests and the presentation by Director Langsted.

Andrea Holgersen celebrated their 60th.

In December we accepted Vera Poulsen's application for membership and elected our 1981 officers. At the close of the meeting we sang Christmas carols and enjoyed egg nog (provided by Earl and Dorothy Kjer) and other delicious refreshments (served by Mary Frost).

Laura Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Our January meeting included White Elephant Bingo in addition to our business meeting.

Later that month we joined Lodge #126, Los Angeles, and the Sisterhood lodge for installation of officers.

Our lodge president stated, "We

would all agree, I believe, that in 1980 we members of Lodge #323 have made significant progress in preserving our heritage and the customs and traditions of Denmark. Our social programs have been successful, and all who attended appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

"All of this progress is directly attributable to your fine efforts. Without your continued help and support, what we have done this year would not have been possible. A most sincere thanks to each of you!"

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Happy New Year to everyone as we look forward to 1981.

All of the local Danish organizations are looking forward to a year of progress in membership and enthusiasm.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA —

It's not often that one gets to collect his own life insurance, but our grand old man, Jimmy (Jens) Lauridsen did just that on December 18th. He turned 96 years old on December 9th. Jens was



Honorary member Jens Lauridsen receives a check and best wishes from Lodge #126 president, Peter Breum. Mr. Lauridsen reached the age of 96 on December 9th.

honored by us and presented with his check at a nice social get-together.

The get-together included a film from the dedication of the Danish Center in 1965. The film was made and donated by Toni Christensen, formerly of Los Angeles, and now living in Denmark.

Installation of our 1981 officers will be done by Alice Pinkerton, President of the California-Nevada District. The Alhambra lodge and the Sisterhood lodge will join us that evening.

Peter Pedersen, Sec.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We had a very nice installation on January 29. Congratulations to our new officers for 1981.

We hope to see more members and guests this year. We also plan on having more activities this year, and would like some ideas from those of you members we don't see too often. Another trip to Reno is one of the activities we have planned.

Due to increased rates on our meeting place, we have decided to hold our meetings every other month. Our next meeting will be April 3. A quorum of members will get together in the off months to care for immediate business.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Everyone had a wonderful time at the November Great Dane-ish Auction. Many thanks go to Gary Day, one of the area's leading auctioneers, for donating his time.

The heavily laden tables drew much attention and many bids before the early closings.

The lodge extends its congratulations and thanks to the committee, directors and heads of the various functions for that evening, and especially to all the wonderful workers and thoughtful contributors of items for the auction.

Pastor Jens Arendt of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, again offered the sermon and other parts of the Christmas worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church. The inspiring service attracted about 300 people. We extend our continued appreciation to Pastor Dahle for his remembrance of the origin of Bethany as a Danish speaking and worshipping congregation.

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The fall series of our lodge-sponsored soccer teams is now over. The senior team had 9 wins, 3 losses; the junior team had 8 wins, 4 losses. The winter series will begin in January.

We have eleven new applica-

tions pending. They should be ready for initiation in January — a good way to start the New Year!

Greetings to the lodge in Racine! Recently we saw the World Cavalcade film on Denmark, and it started in Racine, WI. The first scene opens on the Danish Brotherhood Hall right there in Racine. Very good!

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. Canada — The annual general meeting in Lodge No. 328 took place Wednesday, December 3, 1980.

Election of officers was smoothly led by Poul B. Christensen assisted by Niels Okholm. The executive board of our lodge includes, past president Erik Esmann, president Mogens B. Mogensen, vice president, Fred Hansen, secretary Peter Jensen, treasurer Alvin Paquette, trustee Conny Winther, trustee Peter Praegel, trustee Svend Gerslund, conductor Arne Møller, inner guard Borge Eskesen, and outer guard Erik Strandgaard.

The two alternate positions had the members boiling for a while. The name of Karl Kristensen was placed in nomination for the position of second alternate, providing the Karl Kristensen already serving as first alternate, agreed to be re-elected. Some of the confusion was eliminated when the nominated Karl Kristensen took himself out of the race and Julius Nicolaisen was selected. It's been a long time since the brothers have had so much fun at an otherwise serious general meeting.

Installation will take place January 7, 1981. Installation will be conducted by Melvin Pihl who is coming all the way from Portland for this important meeting.

FLORIDA

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — About 45 members and guests were present at our December meeting. We accepted applications for membership from Henry Thorup, Eugene and Elsie Mogensen. Eugene's father, Emil, was prominent in many Danish societies and a member of Lodge #205 in Brooklyn, NY.

Following the meeting, we enjoyed refreshments prepared by the ladies — what would we do without them? Thanks to all who helped.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

MISSOURI



Members of Lodge #56, Kansas City, are joined by Mr. and Mrs. Elcar Nielsen, Danish Consul, during the holidays.

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Several members of our lodge attended one of several Scandinavian activities in our area during the Christmas holidays.

At our December dinner meeting, we unanimously voted to retain Ruth Larsen and her officers for 1981.

Gerda Wallace

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Ranger from Ringkøbing

by Don Jensen

On a hot day in late summer, in the dingy border town of Bisbee, Arizona Territory, a stocky, darkhaired cowboy stood before Capt. Thomas Rynning and raised his right hand.

"I, James T. Holmes, born in Ringkøbing in the State of Denmark, aged thirty years and six months, and by occupation a cowboy, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 2nd day of September 1902 as a soldier in the Arizona Rangers..."

Thus, Holmes — actually Jens Thygesen Holm — became one of only 107 men who served, between 1901 and 1909, in the Arizona Rangers, a little known law enforcement agency that tamed this last corner of the old west.

There were traces of modern America in Arizona when Holm signed on as a lawman. Telephone lines connected the main towns and, just a few years later, the first automobile chugged through the dusty streets of Phoenix.

But in 1902, Arizona Territory was still part of the old west. Not until a decade later did it gain statehood, the 48th in the nation and the last until Alaska joined the union nearly a half century later.

There were only about 125,000 persons living in the entire territory — and, according to law-abiding folks, too many of them were cattle rustlers, smugglers and other troublemakers. Arizona's Indians — particularly the Apaches — were generally despised and often feared. Geronimo's raids had ended, with his capture by federal troops, only 16 years earlier.

"Keeping the Peace Along the Mexican Border" was a real problem, according to a 1906 "Harper's Weekly" magazine article.

"Driven from the states west of the Mississippi, the desperate elements of these thinly settled regions had been driven south by the relentless progress of a higher civilization until they foregathered among the mountain fastness and wild tablelands of Arizona..."

"Arizona towns scattered along the border were the daily scenes of murders and fierce personal encounters,

and the smugglers and cattle rustlers were grown so bold as to ply their business openly..."

"The proximity of Mexico furnished a never-failing protection to the desperado, who, making some sudden foray into a cattle country, would, in a single night, round up a thousand head and escape across the border with his booty..."

"In the spring of 1901, things had come to such a pass along the border that the smaller cattle owners were almost driven out of business. Banding together in well organized, well-mounted troops, the cattle rustlers had become so bold as to openly boast of their deeds and disclaiming the protection of the night, drove the captured herds across the mountains in broad daylight.

"Added to this, the remoter, more mountainous sections of the territory were infested by desperados of various sorts, and smuggling along the line had become a recognized trade. So well organized were these men that the few civil officers and scattered troops of the United States Cavalry were powerless against them. They openly derided the former, and scattered at the approach of the latter, gathering again in some chosen mountain fastness only to descend upon some other valley long before the troops could reach them.

"At this point, a bill was passed by the Territorial Legislature which was destined to put to an end the wild, free days of the brigandage. On March 21, 1901, a bill was passed at Phoenix empowering and directing the governor to create a body of officers to be known as the 'Arizona Rangers,' to consist of one captain, one sergeant and twelve privates."

The measure specified that the Rangers be chosen from the pick of the cattlemen and law enforcement officers of the area, skilled in roping, shooting, riding, trailing. They were to be physically fit for long hours in the saddle, crack shots, with a solid knowledge of the country.

The first captain of the Arizona Rangers was Burton C. Mossman, a Bisbee cattleman. He enlisted a

sergeant and a dozen privates, who were paid \$55 a month, initially, plus a \$45 monthly expense account. The Rangers were empowered as general peace officers throughout the territory, who could be called upon by town and county lawmen to assist in time of need.

Because they were so few, they generally operated secretly, alone or in pairs, often disguised as cattlemen. They quickly moved against horse thieves, cattle rustlers, border smugglers, burglars, bootleggers, crooked gamblers and bunco artists.

Some of the Rangers, however, displayed a swagger and lack of discipline at times.

In 1902, in a poker game in Bisbee's Orient Saloon, a Ranger accused a gambler at the table of cheating. There was an argument and the Ranger drew his gun. Capt. Mossman attempted to restrain the officer but the two town policemen intervened and a fight broke out among the police and the Rangers.

A few days later, 200 Bisbee residents signed a petition to the governor, protesting Capt. Mossman's attempt to prevent his Ranger from being arrested by town officers.

Contending Mossman had been guilty of conduct unbecoming a public official, the petitioners sought Mossman's removal as Ranger captain.

Governor A. O. Brodie asked for an explanation of his actions and, in July 1902, Mossman submitted his resignation as captain of the Arizona Rangers, effective August 31.

Governor Brodie commissioned Thomas H. Rynning of Douglas, Arizona Territory, a veteran of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War, captain of the Arizona Rangers.

Tom Rynning was born in Christiana, Norway, 36 years earlier, and had been a cavalryman and a building contractor. There is some reason to suspect that he knew Jens Thygesen Holm and may have influenced the Danish cowboy, a fellow Scandinavian, to join the Rangers.

Rynning took over command of the Arizona Rangers on September 2, 1902, the same day Holm enlisted.

Jens Thygesen Holm was born February 11, 1870 (which, despite Ranger records, would have made him

over 32 at his enlistment, not 30), at Bjerrum, Jutland, Denmark, the son of Svend Jensen Holm and Maren Jeppesen Holm.

When he was about 16, he ran away to America, to live with the family of his first cousin, Anders Kjer Andersen (Andrew Andersen) in Streator, Illinois.

Several years later, probably in 1889 with another cousin, Jens (James) Andersen, he left Streator as a member of a surveying crew in Colorado.

When the surveying job was completed, his cousin returned to Illinois, but Jens Thygesen Holm remained in Colorado. His family would hear nothing from him for twenty years.

Not much is known about those years. For a time in the 1890s, he worked in the coal mines at Starkville and Trinidad, Colorado. He worked later as a cowboy in Arizona and possibly elsewhere in the southwest. In 1898, he volunteered for the Rough Riders, seeking action in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, but he was rejected because of varicose veins.

Though he had no previous experience as a lawman, as far as is known, he volunteered for the Arizona Rangers and was sworn in at Bisbee the same date Rynning took over the force.

In March 1903, the territorial legislature revised the makeup of the Rangers, nearly doubling its authorized strength. The legislators approved a total of 26 men, a captain, lieutenant, four sergeants and twenty privates. The pay of the typical Ranger also was nearly doubled, to \$100 per month, though the government became stingy with expense money.

Three new sergeant positions opened and Capt. Rynning appointed Ranger James T. Holmes — as he had anglicized his name — to fill one of the vacancies. He was assigned as inspector at the border town of Nogales.

A major challenge to law enforcement in Arizona occurred several months later, in June 1903, at Morenci.

Liberal Democrats in the territorial legislature had promoted and eventually passed a law that limited work shifts in the eastern Arizona copper mines to eight hours per day. Ten-hour per day shifts had been the rule.

Miners, of course, had no objection to a shorter work day, but wanted 10 hours of pay.

Some 3,500 copper miners, mostly Mexicans and recent Italian immigrants, went on strike at Morenci, Clifton and Metcalf, three neighboring mining centers.

Local and state government, the duly constituted authority of the territory, supported the mining companies against the angry and armed miners. Union rights, typical of the era, were

practically nil and several “foreigners” alleged to be leading the strikers were considered Communists and agitators.

At Morenci, as many as 1,500 armed miners took over the copper camp and forced the companies to close the mines.

The local sheriff, supported by a force of 60 specially sworn deputies, was unable to control the situation. The governor sent the entire Ranger force — except one — to bolster the local lawmen. Capt. Rynning and 24 of



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his men responded to the emergency, the only time in its history the Ranger force was assigned as a unit.

Cool heads prevented bloodshed at Morenci, and in a few days federal and state militia troops arrived, more than 800 of them.

Against that military force, the miners backed down and accepted the original mining company offer of nine hours' pay for eight hours' work.

Third Sergeant James Holmes, it seems, was not happy with the taste of command responsibilities he had at Morenci. He tended to feel more comfortable operating independently or with another officer or two.

When his first year's enlistment ended that September, Holmes requested to be relieved of his sergeantcy. He reenlisted as a private at Nogales, September 3, 1903, before Ranger Lieutenant John Foster.

Ranger Holmes, small, tough, a crack shot with his automatic Luger pistol, was regularly rated as a top notch officer by his commanders, Rynning and, after 1907, his replacement as captain, Harry C. Wheeler.

On his Indian-trained pony, "Snake," he covered much of the territory, along the Mexican border and up into the highlands near Flagstaff.

After his third enlistment in September 1905, Holmes was assigned to Roosevelt, a growing community southeast of Phoenix.

President Teddy Roosevelt's consuming interest in conservation, and spurred by Congressman, later Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, led to passage of the Reclamation Act of 1902. The legislation provided for the setting aside of almost all of the receipts from public land sales in the west to pay for flood control and irrigation projects in the region.

The first major project under the program was the Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River in central Arizona, 723 feet long and 280 feet high. The dam was completed in 1911.

Roosevelt camp, a wild boom town by a dam site, needed the law enforcement support of an Arizona Ranger.

It was at Roosevelt that Ranger Holmes was involved in the first of two "engagements" recorded in the force's archives.

The action on October 31, 1905, was reported in a story in the November 2 issue of the "Arizona Silver Belt," a weekly newspaper published at Globe, Gila County:

"Ranger Holmes, stationed at Roosevelt, translated one Rinaldo Arvisa (actually Bernardo Arviso, according to official records), whom he was about to arrest for illicit traffic in liquor at or near the Roosevelt camp on Tuesday. Arvisa knew what he was wanted for and was on the alert. Holmes was accompanied by Roy Bagley who was ready to lend assistance if any was needed.

"Arvisa took opportunity to get in the first shot while Holmes' attention was engaged, causing his back to be turned. The bullet struck young Bagley in the arm, causing a serious wound. Holmes then opened fire on the Mexican, killing him instantly.

"Report of the occurrence was telephoned to Globe and the sheriff's office instructed Justice Evans to hold an inquest. A jury was empaneled and the testimony taken of all witnesses, the most important of whom was Bagley whose wound furnished all the substantiation needed.

"The jury quickly returned a verdict of justifiable homicide and Holmes was released. Bagley is still in the Government hospital but it is expected he will recover without any serious consequences.

"It is said that Arvisa is a chronic offender who defied the authorities."

The ethnic prejudices of the time and place are reflected in the newspaper headline above the story: "Ranger Makes 'Good Mexican'." In Anglo-Arizona, circa 1905, apparently the only "good Mexican" was a dead Mexican.

Similar attitudes were directed at Arizona's Indians. The Apaches on the San Carlos agency, near Roosevelt camp, were still identified, as far as the territorial government was concerned, by "T.A." registration numbers.

Ranger Holmes second "engagement" involved an Apache named Matye (T.A. 25 Apache) just three and a half months after the Arvisa shooting on February 18, 1906.

The Globe weekly newspaper of February 22, told the story under the "decked" headline: "Indians Fight at

Roosevelt/Besides Laboring on the Canal They Drink Peruna and Toulapi/Ranger Holmes kills one."

"For some time past, the Indians from the San Carlos agency employed on government work at the Roosevelt dam have been causing serious trouble.

"About ten days ago some of them, while under the influence of liquor, engaged in a bloody fight with pistols and knives as weapons, the result being that two Indian bucks were severely cut and a squaw shot in the leg.

"The sanguinary encounter was abruptly ended by the appearance on the scene of (28-year-old rookie) Ranger (Wayne) Davis and Holmes, who arrested the chief offender, the one who wielded the knife. He was given a hearing before Justice Evans, at Roosevelt, bound over to the grand jury and brought by Ranger Davis to Globe and is now confined in the county jail here.

"Last Sunday the Indians at the same camp started another disturbance which Rangers Holmes and Davis and Constable Russell were called upon to quell.

"The Indian accused of precipitating the trouble was ordered by Holmes to surrender, but it is alleged that instead of obeying the command, the Indian pulled a revolver and threatened to kill the officers.

"Ranger Holmes was too quick for the Indian, however, and put five bullets through his body, killing him instantly. The shooting caused some excitement among the dead Indian's friends, but there has been no further trouble.

"Holmes was taken before the coroner's jury as a formality, and was charged with the killing of the Indian. Ranger Davis and Constable Russell testified that Holmes had shot entirely in self-defense, and Holmes was not only exonerated but the jury commended him for his action.

"A rumor reached Globe over the telephone line from Roosevelt today that Holmes had killed the wrong Indian."

The question of whether the man who pulled the revolver and threatened the officers before being fatally shot was actually the one the lawmen were after for starting "another disturbance" apparently went unanswered.

The newspaper account concluded:

"From all reports, conditions among the Indians at Roosevelt are getting worse. Though there are no saloons in the place, the Indians are getting drunk on patent medicines, which they can purchase at several of the stores as well as to have it brought to them."

Ranger Jim Holmes' last big case, nearly two years later, was the ambush murder of Charles Edwards, a prominent cattleman and deputy sheriff, January 10, 1908.

Edwards, in his capacity as a deputy, was returning to his home at Cline in the Tonto Basin, north of Roosevelt, after having escorted "two insane men" to the asylum at Phoenix.

About 6 p.m. that Friday evening, some eleven and a half miles out of Roosevelt, as he approached a bend in the road, he was ambushed by a killer or killers hidden in a pile of mesquite brush.

Edwards was armed with a six-shooter, but he never saw his slayer. The first shot from a 30-30 rifle struck him in the chest. His horse bolted. Two

other rifle slugs hit him in the arm and side. The horse ran about 100 feet before Edwards fell from the saddle. His assassin then walked up to the mortally wounded man and shot him in the head at close range.

The next morning, Edwards' riderless horse was found wandering near his home. Four men began searching for Edwards and discovered his body just off the trail about 9 a.m.

They rode to Roosevelt to notify Ranger Holmes and Justice of the Peace Evans. The ranger rode out to investigate and, that night, telegraphed county authorities:

"Sheriff's Office, Globe, Ariz.:

Charles Edwards was murdered.

—J.T. Holmes"

A few days later, the local newspaper, the Globe "Silver Belt" carried the story of the investigation:

"When Sheriff Thompson arrived at Roosevelt Saturday night he immediately went to the scene of the killing with Ranger Holmes, and several Indian trailers. The trailers could do nothing, however, the assassins having left not the slightest

clue or track to follow. Several 30-30 shells were found in the vicinity... Sheriff Thompson and Ranger Holmes were out again all day yesterday..."

And the story continued in the paper the next day:

"The message (from the sheriff) also stated that Deputy Sheriff (Bill) Voris, who arrived there Monday morning, would remain, and with Ranger Jim Holmes, would attempt to run down the clues, that were in their possession. Voris and Holmes are two of the best officers in the territory and that they will accomplish something definite is confidently expected here."

Within a day or two, John Cline, after whom the tiny Tonto Creek community was named and a prominent resident of northern Gila County, was arrested in Mesa by the sheriff of Maricopa County, at the telegraphed request of Sheriff Thompson.

And Ranger Holmes and Deputy Voris went to the Cline ranch, 14 miles up the Tonto Creek, north of Roosevelt and very near to the spot where

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Guidelines:

1. Plan the dinner in advance. Select the location for the dinner — local restaurant or a catered dinner.
2. Ask each member to bring at least one prospective member to the dinner. The guest should understand they will be asked to join the lodge at the dinner. Normally the lodge will pay for the guest's dinner only with the sponsor receiving a prize, such as \$5.00 for each new member sponsored. Occasionally the lodge will pay for both the guest and the sponsor's dinner in which case the sponsor will not receive a prize. Of course, the sponsor will always receive points toward a trip to Denmark.
3. Sign up prospective members for membership following the dinner with notice that they will be contacted later for information about our life insurance.
4. Have a short program (optional).
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All lodges will also be paid \$2.00 for each new member — social or insured — signed up during this three month period if at least 10 new members have been signed up. The \$2.00 per member will be paid at the end of the contest period. All applications (if insured both membership and insurance application) must be submitted for approval by the 15th of the month. Applications received after the 15th will be applied to next month's contest. Winning lodges are eligible to compete each month. The sponsor, of course, will receive points toward a free trip to Denmark or one or more of the awards under the Centennial Membership Program.

Winners from period November 15 through December 15, 1980

GROUP I (100 or more members)

- 1st Place — Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE
- 2nd Place — Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA
- 3rd Place — Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, IL

GROUP II (50 to 100 members)

Lodges 42, Spokane, WA; 75, Albert Lea, MN; 84, Lincoln, NE; 95, Ferndale, CA; 164, New York, NY; 182,

Waukegan, IL; 190, Schenectady, NY; and 225, Canton, OH, tied for first, second and third place.*

GROUP III (Less than 50 members)

- 1st Place — Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA*
- 1st Place — Lodge No. 326, West Branch, IA*
- 3rd Place — Lodge No. 230, Arcata, CA

*Asterisks denote ties, splitting prize money available.

Membership Contest

Individual Points Accumulated As of December 15, 1980

Name	Lodge	Location	Points
Walter Pedersen	217	Humboldt, IA	208
Melvin Pihl	167	Portland, OR	181
Christian Jacobsen	186	Luck, WI	114
Larry Knudsen	600	Omaha, NE	109
Irvin Edling	186	Luck, WI	94
Ferdinand Christensen	345	Orange County, CA	90
Karma Sorensen	341	Kimballton-Elkhorn, IA	75
George Ferdinandsen	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	57
Raymond Christensen	340	Wood Dale, IL	52
Arthur Wall	347	Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA	52
Einar Danielsen	92	St. Charles, IL	52
Robert Ibsen	14	Kenosha, WI	47
Hardvig Mathiasen	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	47
William G. Nelson	14	Kenosha, WI	46
Faye Christensen	340	Wood Dale, IL	42
Francis D. Sweet	94	Ferndale, CA	42
Knud Andersen	347	Riverside, CA	41
Gordon J. Sorensen	4	Racine, WI	40
Howard Hansen	227	Detroit, MI	39
Ella Gudmandsen	343	Waupaca, WI	38
Kenneth Nielsen	346	Riverside, CA	37
Peter Weber	299	Solvang, CA	36
Robert Lassiter	299	Solvang, CA	36
Jens Sorensen	341	Kimballton-Elkhorn, IA	35
William Jorgensen	16	Minden, NE	33
Jay Petersen	211	Grand Island, NE	33
Karen Rowse	323	Alhambra, CA	32
Julius Thomsen	211	Grand Island, NE	32
Howard Petersen	3	Davenport, IA	31
Floyd Andersen	161	Ruskin, NE	31
Marlowe Seyller, Jr.	92	St. Charles, IL	30
Vern Minard	70	Greenville, MI	29
Clifford Christensen	344	Janesville, WI	29
Ejnar Madsen	301	Akron, OH	29
Doris Rasmussen	341	Kimballton-Elkhorn, IA	28
Harriet Betts	206	Blair, NE	28
Don Bogh	167	Portland, OR	28
Paul Larsen	211	Grand Island, NE	28
Douglas Nelson	319	Bakersfield, CA	28
Bjarne Christensen	340	Wood Dale, IL	27
Metha Jensen	34	Dwight, IL	27
Arthur Nielsen	34	Dwight, IL	26
Katherine Severinsen	347	Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA	26
Poul Sorensen	340	Wood Dale, IL	26
Carl Petersen	182	Waukegan, IL	26
Robert Storms	1	Omaha, NE	25
Vernon Ammentorp	14	Kenosha, WI	25
Flemming Hinrichsen	172	Philadelphia, PA	25
Merton J. Kuhr	206	Blair, NE	25
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Ranger, continued

Edwards' body had been found. There they arrested Cline's sons, Joe, 17, recently indicted on a horse stealing charge, and 15-year-old Jimmy. They were charged in warrants with being accomplices in the slaying.

According to the Globe newspaper:

"When news of the crime first reached Globe, those who were acquainted with the affairs of the deceased, immediately suspected the Clines, as bitter enmity had existed between them and Edwards for years... Edwards had confided to friends that he was expecting further trouble over some cattle deals...

"The first trouble Edwards had with Cline occurred when he was acting as deputy on Tonto (Creek) ... a number of years ago. At that time Cline was running a saloon which was closed down on an attachment by a Globe wholesale house. Edwards executed the papers and moved a part of Cline's stock to his own home for safekeeping. When Cline settled his difficulty, he went to Edwards' house for the liquor and found fault with the way it had been kept. From that time on, various incidents led to further trouble and increased the bitterness against the two men.

"The arrest of young Joe Cline several months ago for stealing a horse did not tend to better the feeling against Edwards, who was accused of undue activity in securing the indictment.

"There is said to be another evidence... Deputy Voris and Ranger Holmes have gathered, which tends to connect the Clines with the tragedy and which will not be divulged until the trial, but it is said that all of it forms a complete chain of circumstantial evidence against the accused."

The next issue of the paper quoted Holmes as saying he believed there was a strong case against the elder Cline.

On January 20, 1908, the Phoenix "Republican" reported:

"A large majority of those who know Cline do not believe that he is guilty and are confident that he will be able to establish an alibi... The Cline family, that is, the most of the members, have a bad name, but John Cline is said by those who know him to be

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the best of the lot and that he has always been straightforward in his dealings.”

In a preliminary hearing before Judge W.F. Rawlings late that month, Ranger J.T. Holmes testified as the prosecution’s first witness. He told of finding the body of Edwards, its location and the efforts made to pick up the trail of the assassins.

Other witnesses included a Guy Solomon, whom the elder Cline had counted on for an alibi. But Solomon testified that while he was at the Cline ranch, he did not see Cline at the time “he heard shots from the direction in which the body was later found.”

Judge Rawlings ordered the three Clines bound over to the grand jury without bail.

But two weeks later, Judge Frederick S. Nave granted a defense motion dismissing the murder charges.

According to the “Silver Belt”:

“Judge Nave announced that the evidence was not sufficient to hold the defendants and he ordered them discharged from custody. The decision was evidently a surprise to the defense also, as Judge Baker (the Clines’ lawyer) had already made public at Phoenix his plan of defense for his clients.

“It is very improbable that the slayers of Edwards will ever be brought to justice and the crime will go down in history as one of the many mysterious murders which have occurred in the Tonto country and of which the perpetrators have never been punished.”

Times were changing in Arizona. Statehood was only four years away. The frontier days were rapidly fading and rustling and banditry had diminished.

Territorial legislators began to grumble about the \$30,000 a year it took to operate the Arizona Rangers. Lawmakers from elsewhere in the territory objected to funding a law enforcement agency statewide when most of its operations were — by then — confined to three border counties.

So in February 1909, the 25th Legislative Assembly of Arizona passed an act of repeal, abolishing the Rangers.

Governor Joseph H. Kibbey vetoed the measure, notes Joseph Miller, editor of “The Arizona Rangers” history. The governor’s veto message

covered 12 typewritten pages defending the Ranger service and claiming the legislature’s action was politically motivated.

But the legislature voted by a two-thirds majority to override the governor’s veto and, on February 15, 1909, the Arizona Rangers ceased to exist.

The 26 Rangers received their discharges at Naco, Arizona, that day. On his discharge, Captain Wheeler wrote a strong recommendation for Holmes.

Then, a few days after his 39th birthday, J.T. Holmes, a ranger for over six years, was out of work.

He headed north, first to Minnesota, and then, with his older brother, Peter

Holm, to the Black Hills of South Dakota, where they both homesteaded. He had reestablished contact with his family, a link that had been severed 20 years before.

He worked his homestead and, during the winter months, for a few years at least, he worked in a gold mine in the Black Hills.

A rather taciturn man, he seldom spoke of his years as a lawman in the southwest. He never married and never again worked in law enforcement.

In a mining accident he injured his hip and, in 1925, he contracted tuberculosis of the bone.

On January 24, 1926, at the age of 55 years, 11 months, James T. Holmes — born Jens Thygesen Holm — died.

New Members continued

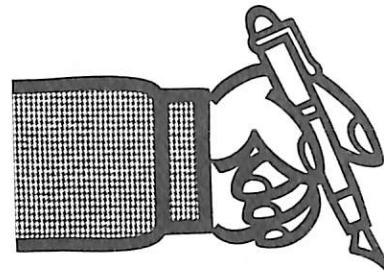
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**Representative
of the Year**



Our congratulations to Jens Jensen from Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon for being named "Representative of the Year" for the third consecutive year. Jens earned the award by providing more protection for our members than any other representative. In addition to his duties as lodge representative Jens served as treasurer of Lodge No. 167 for the past four years and was appointed chairman of the Lodge Membership Committee for 1981.



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Creative Writing Contest Winner



Natalie C. Lundsteen,
Age 11

The Natural Order of Things And How to be Brave When You Have to Fly Alone

The leaves crunched under Michael's feet as he wound his way down the hillside and into the woods. It was chilly for October. He shivered and clutched his arms around himself to ward off that chill. Thoughts of so many things raced through his mind as he walked, and his face brightened when the thought of the fallen tree which holds his sunny perch entered his cranial speedway. The thought seemed to have warmed him.

He reached the antiquated oak and climbed to a hollow where he rested and thought. He thought about his friends, school, his parents ... his parents! somehow, every thought always led to thoughts of Mom.

Michael's mom was dying of lung cancer, and they were told that at any time she could start getting worse rapidly, and die. People said nice words like "pass on", and "go to her eternal reward", but it all meant the same thing ... she was going to die!

Michael didn't know just what he was feeling. He had never felt so insecure in all of his eleven years. Sometimes he just wanted to crawl up on his mother's lap like he did when he was a baby. Boy Scouts just don't do that sort of thing, though. Sometimes he just felt as though he were so angry! He said mean things to his friends. He

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tried to shoot a bird with a B-B gun. Then he felt like he sure didn't like himself very much. Other times he would think of all the times his mother wanted to talk with him, or when she just wanted a little kiss good-bye at the school bus stop ... and he got annoyed with her and ran off to be with his friends instead. Wow! Guilt can be one very heavy trip! Other times, he could almost convince himself that the whole scene was a very bad mistake, and that one day the phone would ring and it would be someone apologizing to them for having messed up their lives with their awful mistake.

Reality has a way of hanging on, and Michael finally knew that he was just plain scared. His mom was always there, and to think about what it would be like without her ... it made his head hurt.

He had no brothers or sisters to share his feelings with, and his dad ... his poor dad was locked up in his head with his own feelings about the whole situation. Anyway, Michael had always been able to talk with his mother more easily. He just felt closer to his mother than his dad.

His only pet was Zoo, the dog, and Zoo certainly wasn't like any dog in the books! Zoo would never listen to a boy's problems, nor save his master if

he was hurt. No, good ol' Zoo would probably yawn, roll over, and go to sleep.

Michael didn't know where to go with his problems. Of course he couldn't go to his mother with his problem ... she was his problem. He felt that the load he was carrying around in his head was getting so heavy that he was ready to split at the cerebral seams.

He was jarred from his private bedlam by a shuffling noise. He looked around and saw his mother walking along. She hadn't seen her son yet, and Michael just watched her. She looked as though she too was carrying an oversized load of feelings. Her expression was sort of the way that his own looked like when he watched himself in the mirror lately. He had never seen his mother look that way before. She always looked so sure ... so in control. Finally her eyes rested on her son, and she seemed taken aback to find him there.

"Michael, I didn't know that you ever came in here!" she exclaimed.

"I come often." he said stonily.

Of course his mother overlooked the icy edge in his voice, and got to talking, and so soon, Michael was too. And so they talked ... the way that only moms and their kids can talk ... the way that even if what you say doesn't make much sense, it still feels so good.

Michael's problems poured out, and his mother listened sympathetically. When he finished, Michael felt maybe a little embarrassed, like maybe he was talking too much like he used to when he was a little kid when all of his relatives used to call him "motor mouth." But he was feeling relieved too ... sort of like when you have a blister, and it finally pops.

Then his mother told him things she hadn't spoken about before ... things he hadn't known or even guessed at before.

"Michael, I feel the same way. I've always been with you and Dad, and now I'm scared. I'm going away from you, but worse, you and Dad have to go on without me ... and nothing hurts a mother and wife worse than knowing that there is absolutely nothing that you can do to help the people that you love."

She looked into Michael's scared, sad, confused eyes, and she saw that he

was listening more intently than she had ever seen him... as though she were some guru who held the key to the wisdom of the universe. The emotion that she felt at that moment stabbed at the very core of her being, but she went on.

"Maybe I'm making more problems for you, but..." she trailed off.

"Mom, you're not making problems, it's just that I've always... well, you've always been there. I don't know what it will be like without you. I don't even know if I'm up to trying it, Mom! I used to think that when I had to cross the monkey bridge at Cub Scout camp that first year that I went, that nothing could ever scare me as much as that did ever again. But, Mom, that was nothing! Nothing!!"

They hugged each other as though just doing that was going to support both of them through this terrible experience. At that very moment, with tears streaming down their faces, each one's tears mixing with the other's they totally understood each other's problems. Michael remembered a word he had come across in a story one time that no one could really define well, but the teacher had said that when you experienced it, you would remember the word and know exactly what it had meant, and why it was so hard for people to define it. The word was an Italian word — simpatico.

The irony of remembering the word made his mood twist a bit, so Michael changed the subject rather abruptly and began talking about football. His mother, however, was more interested in thinking about another "game", the one called life. Michael stopped talking and then after a few seconds, he said, "Mom, don't worry about me. My problems... well, they can wait. But if you want to talk, I will."

His mother looked at him for a very long time, and then she said in a very determined voice, "Let's not. I have some life left, and I don't think we should waste it!"

"Okay," Michael answered.

His mother giggled and said, "Race you to the house!" and they were both able to laugh about it even though they both knew that his mom wasn't exactly in shape for the 440 dash.

"Sure! Here I come!" he yelled, and scrambled down the tree. His problems

were blown away by the soft autumn breeze, and he felt lighter than he had in a very long time. He thought that maybe he'd never need the old oak tree again because he had no more problems.

But Michael did have problems... new problems.

Two months later his mother came very close to dying, and all Michael's old problems came back. The oak tree was his special thinking place. Now it was like his second home. Everyone expected him to be brave, but it's hard to be brave when your mother is dying!

Soon, his mother got strong enough again to walk outside. She took short walks in the woods again as usual. She always looked for Michael, but he always ran and hid at the sound of her footsteps.

One day she saw Michael at the tree. She stood below it and called up, "Come on down for a second, Michael, I have something to say!"

He came down and stood silently in front of her.

"I know this is hard, Michael, but you just have to face the hard facts that the time is not that far away when you will have to accept that I will be gone, and you will get along without me. I want you to face it and accept it now! Now, when I am still here to help you get through the awful shock of accepting it. We could leave things like we did when we talked two months ago, just accepting that we both have feelings, and knowing we feel good when we're together, but I want to know that you are going to feel good even when we aren't together. I want to know that you have learned that some things just were not meant to last forever. That's part of the natural order of life."

She sat down on the log and waited for him to say something.

"Okay," was all he could say, so they sat together in silence.

A noise in the top of the tree startled them. Looking up, they watched together as a mother bird taught her baby to fly from the nest without her. They watched in silence as the baby bird flapped its tiny wings, uncertainly at first, then more sure, and more sure, until at last he flew from the nest in squiggly little circles, then in broader, smoother circles, and finally flew out of

their sight.

You see, Michael, it's all around us," his mother said.

"Of course," he said, "and I will learn to go on without you, even if it hurts."

"That's right, Michael," his mother said gently, "and when it hurts, just start with small circles like that baby bird did, and eventually it will go smoother for you, just as it did for the little bird. That is a law of nature. Just keep broadening those circles as you are able to handle it better, and not try to do it all in one swoop. And Michael," she said, as she smoothed the hair on his forehead, "when you have trouble handling it, 'fly' somewhere by yourself, and remember what we saw here today in our special tree."

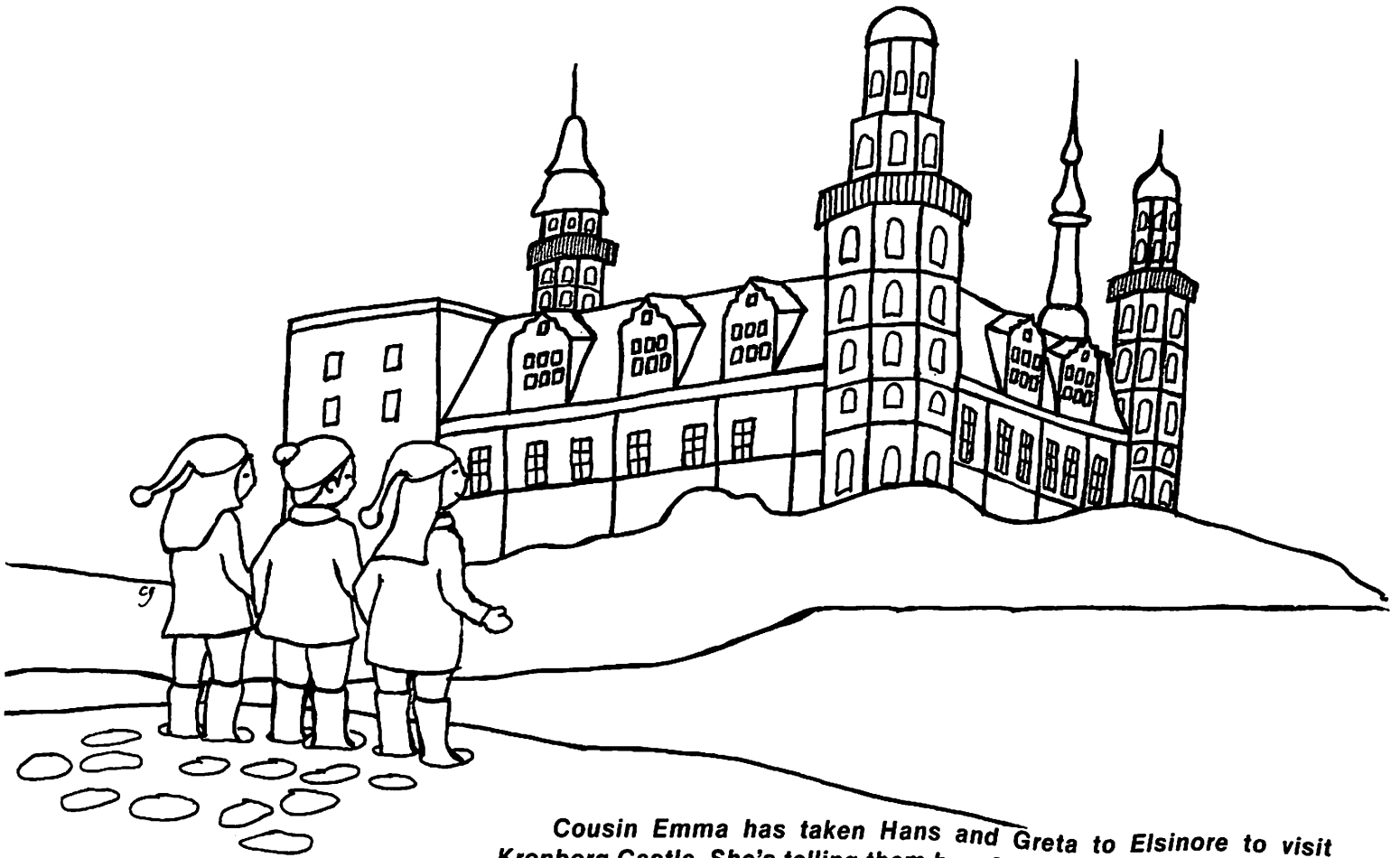
Once again, they were "simpatico", and they walked home together with their arms wrapped around one another.

Michael's mother died four months later. Michael knew his mom wanted him to be brave like the baby bird... so he was.

ATTENTION District Presidents



You have received materials to participate in the President's Awards program. Along with materials you received an explanation of the program and suggested methods to implement the program in your district. We would like you to pay particular attention to our suggestion to send the reporting forms to your lodges before your convention opens. While the forms should not take long to complete, it no doubt will be necessary to consult lodge records in some cases.



Cousin Emma has taken Hans and Greta to Elsinore to visit Kronborg Castle. She's telling them how Shakespeare used his knowledge of this castle and King Amleth to write Hamlet.

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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
11-16-80	Vagn Stephensen	66	Alborg, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1980
1-26-79	Fred G. Thomsen	94	Naskov, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1926
11-14-80	Willie Danielsen	70	Grundy County, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1961
11-19-80	Elmer R. Mikkelsen	48	Cedar Falls, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1961
11-15-80	Harold M. Miller	81	Bramminge, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1932
11-14-80	John Hoyer	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1926
12-2-80	Peter Jensen	95	Tastrup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
12-3-80	Karl C. M. Nielsen	94	Soro, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1906
12-14-80	Wilbert Jensen	75	Storm Lake, Iowa	147	Newell, Iowa	1960
11-12-80	Svend A. Jensen	78	Ribe, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1926
11-23-80	Theodore Jensen	95	Horsens, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1907
12-11-80	Preben Jaeger	56	Aarhus, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1952
11-28-80	Earl Bendixsen	82	Thy, Denmark	326	West Branch, Iowa	1930
12-4-80	Martinus Nielsen	93	Hjorring, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1912
12-10-80	Harold V. Larsen	87	Eiby, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1915
12-12-80	Marius V. Madsen	81	Pedersborg, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1941
12-10-80	Arthur J. Petersen	88	Denmark, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1924

Viking Adventures

Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

More and more of us are out of the rocking chair and onto the gym floor. Why? Because health specialists have spread the word we can stay on our feet longer if we keep our bodies fit. The sooner we start, the better, but it's never too late. In the Midwest, we are seeing an increasing number of "aerobic dance classes" advertised. Which tells us what we knew, dancing is good exercise and folk dancing should be high on the list of beneficial physical activities for almost any age.

KENOSHA LODGE NO. 14 AND FOLK DANCING

Robert Ibsen, Lodge No. 14 secretary and National Vice President, shared the secret of the lodge's folk dancing classes. "Our folk dancing started as a result of members and wives wanting to learn the dancing because we always play them during intermissions at our regular dances. We have a member named Jack Aalto who was the key to this becoming successful. He plays violin for us while we are dancing the various tunes.

"With enough interest, Elaine (Mrs. Ibsen) and I decided to teach folk dances at the lodge. We have about 20 couples signed up and with Jack's

help teach what we know. In addition, the second hour is taken up by those who want to learn some basic disco dancing.

"Jack also taught the orchestra that plays for us the music to several dances. Now it is a regular feature at all of our dances.

"... Many members have enjoyed learning the dances and we all have fun doing them together."

Lodge No. 32 in New Haven, Connecticut, has also recently started a folk dancing group. Why shouldn't staying healthy be fun?

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

We have continued to help with the Lodge Newsletter Exchange to increase communications between Danish Brotherhood lodges across the country. If your lodge has a newsletter we urge you to become part of the exchange. **We especially would like to receive a copy of your newsletter at the National Headquarters each time it is published.** Each newsletter contains some fine ideas that should be made available to your program chairman or committee.

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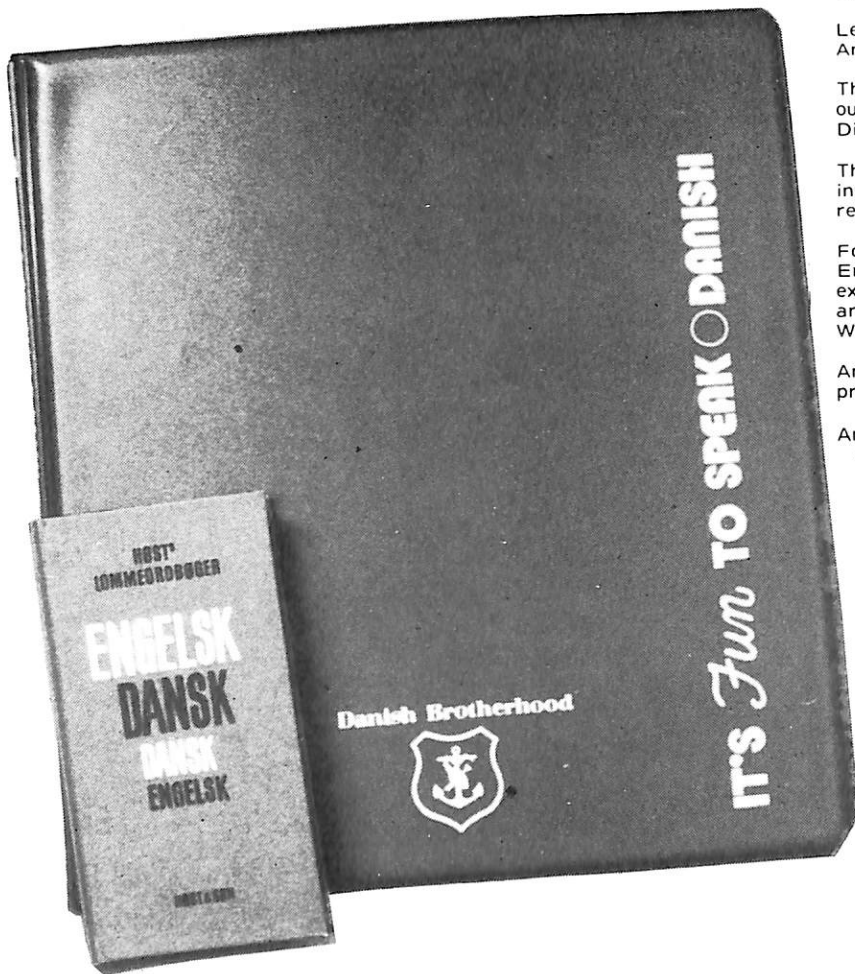
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