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What's New For May

To most Danes, football is what we in America call soccer. But that's not the case any longer with Morten Andersen! He knows firsthand about American football — and knows it well. Morten is the placekicker on the Michigan State University football team, after having come to the U.S. from Denmark but a few short years ago.

Metta Anderson interviewed this unique young man, and here tells us how Morten came to play on a major university team, having known nothing about the game at all until one year before going to college. Miss Anderson also gives us some insight into this young Dane's feelings about our country and his own. Football fan or not, I think you'll find this interesting reading.

This issue also contains the conclusion of Enok Mortensen's *America Bound*. In this last portion you'll see his family take their first exciting steps onto our country's shores.

This issue also contains one other conclusion — the conclusion of my job as editor-in-chief of *The American Dane*. After three years in this position, I must say that I have nothing but good words for the Brotherhood and especially the Home Office staff.

I have enjoyed my association with the DBIA, and I only hope that these 38 issues I've edited have given you some moments of pleasurable reading.

The editing duties will now be in the capable hands of Diane Doyle, whom many of you already know as our Director of Fraternal Affairs. With your support and her guidance, I'm sure *The American Dane* will continue to be one of the best fraternal publications being printed today.

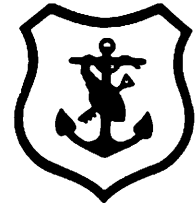
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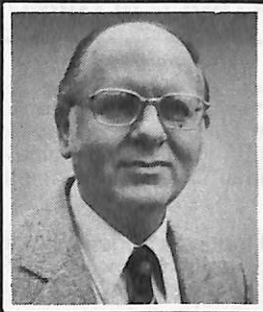
Cover Photo: Street workers in Copenhagen, part of the Faces of Denmark collection by Dan Shepard

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The President's Annual Report



DBIA President
George Jacobsen

You are reading this report in May of 1981. The first half of the year is nearly gone. We have only a few months before we reach the end of our 100th year.

Many exciting things have already happened on the way to celebrating our society's centennial. By researching the general history of the society we have learned a great deal about how and why it began. Our founders would be proud of members who have made 100 years possible.

The Danish Brotherhood in America started as an attempt to unify several clubs formed by Danish veterans who have immigrated to the United States. It was then an organization providing important life insurance benefits for Danish immigrant men. Much later, the members found it desirable to admit their young sons to membership. It was a while again before young ladies and their mothers could join.

Now we can look back and see that we have kept pace with the times. The Danish Brotherhood is a family organization.

In 1882 the Board of Directors for the society accepted the responsibility for its growth. They personally traveled by rail to cities where they felt a potential for a new lodge existed. They would find a contact within that city and work with that person until enough members had been signed to get the lodge started.

Many new lodges were started through their efforts. They were convinced that a man should provide life insurance protection for his family. They were convinced that honorable and respectable men wanted to do just that, as well as providing cash for final expenses.

They were very successful. The Danish Brotherhood grew to over 20,000 members. And as the membership grew, so did the benefits of membership. Soon the organi-

zation covered so much area each lodge became responsible for its own growth. Between conventions, Honorary Vice Presidents helped the elected Board keep track of activities around their home lodges. Incentives were provided to encourage lodges to continue growing. The phrase "Every Member Get A Member" made its appearance in the society's publication.

Two world wars, a depression and the decline in immigration took its toll. Still, the Brotherhood kept on providing service to its members.

We are pleased that a great number of our lodges have conducted Membership Drives this year including Membership Dinners and urge all of our lodges to make Membership Dinners a part of their program each year. Not only can such an event bring in new members but it can be an enjoyable evening. With the Lodge Membership Contest in effect this should be an appropriate time to have the dinner.

In addition to the lodge possibly being a winner, the sponsor also wins points toward a trip to Denmark under the Centennial Membership Program which terminates at the end of 1982.

Support your lodge representative by supplying him/her with names of prospective members. If your lodge does not have a representative, work with your lodge officers in suggesting names of prospective members. Your lodge officer will then contact the Agency Department for assistance in providing insurance information. If your lodge does not have a representative, you can also be of assistance by suggesting someone who would like to be a lodge representative.

The Home Office Agency Department has been busy rewriting our life insurance certificates in a simplified language as required by the various state insurance departments. This will make it easier to understand the terms of the certificates by eliminating the so called "fine print." A new, improved Family Plan and a combination Life and Mortgage Plan are being developed for immediate issue.

Why not support your Society by considering the DBIA for all of your life insurance needs for yourself and your family?

Presently Danish film director Jørgen Leth is touring the United States. While he is becoming better known among the American film audience, he is helping The Danish Brotherhood become better known, too. The tour has been organized by the American-Scandinavian Foundation. The Royal Danish Ministry of Cultural Affairs provided a large portion of the funding to make this tour possible. Your Danish Brotherhood has committed funds to the tour so that lodge members will have had the opportunity to enjoy the appearance of Mr. Leth and his films. We have strengthened our connection with what is still the native land of many of our members.

During the past year your Board of Directors has met and performed each of the tasks required by the Bylaws. I would like to thank each Board Member for the many hours they have devoted to serving the Society.

As the financial statement included with this report indicates, our Society remains in excellent financial condition fully able to provide for the needs of its membership.



Participants in the ceremony that celebrated completion of Dana College's collection of Danish Christmas plates included George P. Christiansen, Jr. (right), who started the collection of 1969 when he gave Dana 37 plates in memory of his late father, and Robert D. Hansen (left), who completed the collection this year with the gift of a rare 1895 Bing and Grondahl plate. Holding the plate are Paul Strand (second from left), assistant director of development at Dana, and Dana President James Kallas.

Danish Christmas Plate Collection Now Complete at Dana College

Blair, Neb., April 8, 1981 — Dana College faculty, staff, students and friends gathered in the Dana library's Heritage Room on Sunday, April 5, to celebrate the completion of the school's collection of Bing and Grondahl and Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates.

There the large group witnessed the placing of a rare 1895 Bing and Grondahl plate, "Scene Through a Frozen Window," in the spot reserved for it since 1969.

It was in 1969 that Mr. and Mrs. George P. Christiansen of Omaha gave Dana 37 plates, the start of the collection, in memory of Christiansen's father, George P. Christiansen, Sr. The collection is named for him.

Since then, completing both sets has been a special project of Paul Strand, assistant director of development at Dana.

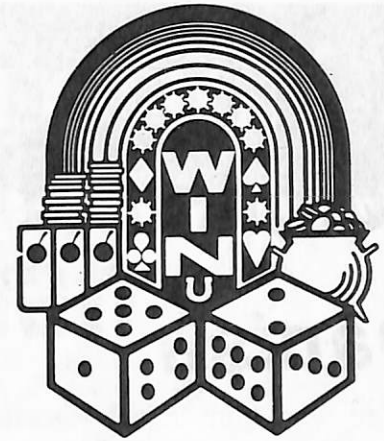
Within the last two years, the collection has grown significantly, thanks to gifts from two couples.

The first couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fischer of St. Charles, Illinois, gave Dana complete sets of Bing and Gron-

dahl and Royal Copenhagen plates, except for the 1895 plate. This generous gift, which included many early plates, made it possible to fill in remaining gaps in both collections. Their gift also made it possible to compare plates from the same years and to select the best available for display. As a result, the Dana collection features outstanding plates in each edition, and the appearance of the entire exhibit has been greatly enhanced.

The other couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hansen of Minnetonka, Minnesota, completed the collection recently by giving the 1895 plate. Hansen, a Dana alumnus, said that the gift was "in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, and in celebration of the lives of the Rev. Franz Olaf Lund and Ray Peter Petersen. (Lund was a former pastor at Our Savior's and Petersen was a parishioner.)

Before hanging the plate at the head of the Bing and Grondahl series, Hansen talked about the Danish Christmas plates, which, he said, "have long held



Lodge Membership Contest

Closes June 15, 1981

Winners From Period
March 15 through April 15, 1981

GROUP I (100 or more members)

- 1st — Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY
- 2nd — Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL*
- 2nd — Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA*

GROUP II (50 to 100 members)

- 1st — Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN
- 2nd — Lodge 257, St Petersburg, FL
- 3rd — Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT

GROUP III (Less than 50 members)

- 1st — Lodge No. 89, Superior, WI
- 2nd — Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, WA*
- 2nd — Lodge 183, Troy, NY*

Our congratulations go to the winning lodges. Remember, each lodge signing up at least ten new members the three month contest period will also receive \$2.00 for each new member, social or insured.

*Asterisks denote ties, splitting prize money available.

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a special fascination for me. They represent the convergence of two powerful currents.

Other participants in the ceremony were Strand, Christiansen, and Dr. James Kallas, president of Dana College.

Jørgen Leth, Danish Film-Maker, Visits U.S.A.



Scene from *A Sunday in Hell* documenting the Paris-Roubaix bicycle race.
(Photo courtesy Heine Pedersen)

Filmmaker-poet-journalist Jørgen Leth of Denmark will be in the United States until May 28 for a tour starting April 28 which will take him to 17 cities. Presented by the American-Scandinavian Foundation with generous support from the Royal Danish Ministry of Culture and The Danish Brotherhood in America, Mr. Leth's tour will center around screenings of his own films.

Mr. Leth, who has also been a competitive bicycle racer, a table tennis champion, a dramatist, and a critic, is

considered Denmark's most innovative and interesting contemporary filmmaker. Currently associated with the Danish Film Studio, Mr. Leth has been signed as co-director of the forthcoming American film *Yellow Jersey*, starring Dustin Hoffman.

Films by Jørgen Leth to be seen on his tour include the feature-length documentary *A Sunday in Hell* about the Paris-Roubaix bicycle race; two films on ballet, *Peter Martins: A Dancer* and *Dancing Bournonville*; and two experimental films, *Life in Den-*

mark and *Good and Evil*.

The itinerary for Jørgen Leth's tour follows: Washington, D.C., April 30; Jamestown, NY, May 1; New York City, May 4; Boston, MA, May 5; Pittsburgh, PA, May 6; Madison, WI, May 7; Blair, NE, May 8; St. Peter, MN, May 11; Des Moines, IA, May 12; Rock Island, IL, May 13; Denver, CO, May 14 (film festival) and 17; Seattle, WA, May 18; Portland, OR, May 19; Monterey, CA, May 20; Berkeley, CA, May 21; Los Angeles, CA, May 26 and 28; Santa Barbara, CA, May 27.

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
2-22-81	Hans P. Jensen	77	Loland, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1947
2-22-81	Milo E. Hedegaard	80	Renova, Minnesota	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1919
2-1-81	Oscar Jacobsen	85	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1940
3-2-81	Oluf Morch	90	Dragør, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1924
2-16-81	Thorvald Bedsted	92	Viborg, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1926
3-4-81	John Burke	57	Rutland, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1954
3-12-81	Hans J. Andersen	89	Fyn, Denmark	321	W. Palm Beach, Florida	1917
3-16-81	Axel F. Jespersen	82	Viborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1942
3-22-81	Carl E. Sorensen	93	Alborg, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1906
2-23-81	Douglas E. Jacobsen	31	Fresno, California	67	Fresno, California	1962
1-9-81	Vernon Rasmussen	63	Dagmar, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1949
3-19-81	Hans L. Henriksen	78	Fyn, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1930
2-8-81	Louis Folst	89	Borglum, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1914
1-13-81	Carl V. Peterson	91	Grayling, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1909
3-15-81	Roy Peterson	56	Omaha, Nebraska	206	Blair, Nebraska	1978
3-13-81	David Zeh	75	Russia	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974



FRATERNAL PROTECTION

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Example

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Cash Value and Dividends* In

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Age 65 = \$5,358.00

\$ 7.13

Dad (age 30) \$20,000 Executive Whole Life
with Waiver of Premium

Cash Value and Dividends* In

20 Years = \$ 7,816.20

Age 65 = \$20,240.80

\$ 27.01

Children (any number including future children)

\$2,000 Level Term to Age 25

\$ 1.38

Total Monthly Premium

\$ 35.52

(Other modes of premium payments are also available
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*Dividends are based on current experience and are not guaranteed.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Age — Husband _____ Wife _____ Children _____

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America Bound

Enok Mortensen

(Conclusion)

We pick up the story where Enok and his family have arrived in America after a long voyage.

May 14, 1919. We were awakened at 5 o'clock for the medical inspection and we hurried up on deck. What a sight! The sun was shining on green trees and lawns not far away. Ferries were scooting back and forth, and several large grey ships packed with returning American soldiers from France glided by. The soldiers were laughing and waving and whistling. Our own deck was crowded, not only with passengers ready and anxious to disembark, but with all members of the ship's crew who also had to be inspected. There was a parade of sooty stokers and white-clad cooks, sailors and porters. With the inspection out of the way we gathered in the dining room and secured our tickets for the long trip to Iowa. It was such a relief that Father seemed so relaxed and was able to speak the language. The engines were almost silent as we moved ever so slowly closer to the wharf.

We lined up with our handbaggage ready to go ashore. The orchestra began to play and we recognized the anthem, My Country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, which Father had sung so often that we almost knew it by heart without understanding many of the big words. The sun was shining and there was a feeling of festivity in the air. Some of the passengers waved and shouted to people on the pier. It was like a holiday, like Christmas Eve. . .

It was at this very moment that something strange happened. We stood waiting for a long time. Mother looked thin and tired after the long voyage, Father beamed with undisguised joy at seeing America again, we were all excited. The gang plank had been lowered but no passengers had left the ship and people were beginning to be restive and impatient. Suddenly two burly men in uniform — they must be

American policemen — came stalking up the gangplank, and between them they hauled and pushed a smaller man.

The man looked tired, his face was sooty and his clothes rumped. He was dripping wet. As we stared at the policemen and their prey the man almost snarled in defiance and people hastily moved out of the way. One of the porters then passed on the information that the prisoner was a stow-away who had swum ashore only to have been apprehended by the policemen for return to the ship and eventual deportation.

Strangely enough I have not recorded this dramatic incident in my diary. The next few days were apparently too crammed with new impressions to leave much time for writing, but perhaps my omission of recording this grisly affair might have been an unconscious wish to shrug it off. If so, I did not succeed. I have never to this day forgotten the miserable looking man, his soggy suit and his angry face. I have often wondered who he was and what happened to him. Did he ever succeed in reaching America? Imagine wanting so badly to come here that you hide in the dusty coalbins for two terrible weeks, endure hunger and thirst and fear of being caught and then, when you finally step ashore on American soil, you are apprehended and unceremoniously turned away.

The orchestra was playing the final strains of the anthem and some of the people were singing the words. The long line of passengers at last began to move down the gangplank. The incident of the unfortunate stow-away and his failure to be admitted made our own entry seem notably smooth and easy. Ellis Island because of the War had been appropriated by some government agency and we escaped the

tedious inspection most immigrants endure.

It was so effortless. One minute we were on board a ship where everything had been like Denmark in miniature; suddenly and with surprising ease we found ourselves in another land. The customs inspection took only a few minutes, and we headed for a railroad station, loaded with luggage. I remember a wide street with tall buildings on both sides. We stood at the curb gazing at the thousands of vehicles, mostly automobiles, that whizzed by at break-neck speed. Mother clucked and waved her brood closer to her, a little mother hen protecting her young ones while Father seemed totally unconcerned; this, after all, was America. And suddenly a shrill whistle pierced through all other noises, a tall policeman walked out on the street, extending an authoritative hand which stopped all traffic. This must have been the way the children of Israel felt when Moses stretched out his mighty hand to clear a path through the Red Sea! Father smiled broadly, Mother waved us on, and together we marched on into America, to a new life.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3 (b)

— Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4; and/or Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published:

APRIL 1981

George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$276.85.

MAY ASSESSMENT NUMBER 984

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June 1, 1981

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**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

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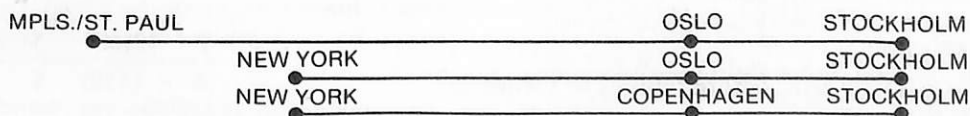


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NORTHWEST ORIENT

The Danish Brotherhood in America

BALANCE SHEETS, DECEMBER 31, 1980 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
ADMITTED ASSETS			
CASH, including \$266,741 of certificates of deposit and savings accounts	\$ 137,103	\$ 382,732	\$ 519,835
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost	112,153	4,145,681	4,257,834
INVESTMENT IN STOCKS:			
Common, at market (cost \$226,838)	—	278,478	278,478
Preferred, at cost (market \$83,113)	—	144,950	144,950
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES	—	11,857	11,857
INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	1,276	85,139	86,415
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS	—	63,219	63,219
REAL ESTATE, at cost:			
Land, building, and other improvements, net of depreciation of \$80,938	—	250,888	250,888
OTHER ASSETS	—	4,508	4,508
Total admitted assets	\$ 250,532	\$ 5,367,452	\$ 5,617,984

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
AGGREGATE RESERVES FOR LIFE POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES			
(Note 4)	\$—	\$3,712,302	\$3,712,302
RETIREMENT PLAN GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT RESERVE (Note 3)	—	136,396	136,396
POLICY AND CERTIFICATE CLAIMS	—	26,343	26,343
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1981	—	55,000	55,000
PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	—	59,253	59,253
LIABILITY FOR PREMIUM DEPOSIT FUNDS	—	66,652	66,652
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES	—	23,528	23,528
ACCRUED TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES	—	6,094	6,094
OTHER LIABILITIES	—	12,539	12,539
Total liabilities	\$ —	\$4,098,107	\$4,098,107
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE	—	73,332	73,332
FUND BALANCES (Note 2)	250,532	1,196,013	1,446,545
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 250,532	\$ 5,367,452	\$ 5,617,984

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For the Year Ended December 31, 1980 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life premiums and membership assessments	\$ —	\$ 384,701	\$ 384,701
Investment income, net of expenses of \$42,169	11,854	340,446	352,300
Miscellaneous	193	7,108	7,301
Total income	\$ 12,047	\$ 732,255	\$ 744,302
BENEFITS AND EXPENSES:			
Death benefits	\$ —	\$ 152,753	\$ 152,753
Matured endowments and surrender benefits	—	45,987	45,987
Increased in aggregate reserves for life policies and certificates	—	171,195	171,195
Retirement benefits under group annuity contract (Note 3)	—	6,491	6,491
Commissions	—	13,214	13,214
General expenses, per accompanying statement	12,597	246,992	259,589
Taxes, licenses and fees	—	8,746	8,746
Other	—	5,849	5,849
Total benefits and expenses	\$ 12,597	\$ 651,227	\$ 663,824
GAIN (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS, before refunds to members	\$ (550)	\$ 81,028	\$ 80,478
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS	—	56,093	56,093
GAIN (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (550)	\$ 24,935	\$ 24,385
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	251,082	1,177,578	1,428,660
Realized and unrealized investment gains (losses), net	—	(15,321)	(15,321)
Decrease in non-admitted assets	—	945	945
Decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserve	—	7,876	7,876
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	\$ 250,532	\$ 1,196,013	\$ 1,446,545

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES
For the Year Ended December 31, 1980 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ —	\$ 84,616	\$ 84,616
Official publications	—	26,054	26,054
Traveling expenses	—	30,342	30,342
Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting	—	18,000	18,000
Actuarial, audit and statistical fees	—	12,731	12,731
Agency development expense	—	10,985	10,985
Rent	—	10,500	10,500
Contribution to retirement plan (Note 3)	—	14,571	14,571
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	—	9,472	9,472
Printing and stationery	—	12,728	12,728
Scholarship grants and prizes	7,725	—	7,725
Fraternal payments	4,872	—	4,872
Insured benefit plans for employees	—	3,300	3,300
Depreciation on furniture and equipment	—	1,810	1,810
Membership awards	—	1,786	1,786
Medical examination fees	—	956	956
Bureau and association dues	—	1,121	1,121
Advertising	—	359	359
Insurance expense	—	728	728
Books and periodicals	—	577	577
Miscellaneous expenses	—	2,607	2,607
Lodge supplies expenses, net	—	3,749	3,749
General expenses incurred	\$ 12,597	\$ 246,992	\$ 259,589

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1980

(1) The Danish Brotherhood in America is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a nonprofit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These financial statements are unaudited. The applicability of generally accepted accounting principles to financial statements of fraternal benefit societies has not been determined. The principal accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:

- A. Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.
- B. Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.
- C. Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.
- D. The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.
- E. Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1980, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —	\$ 250,532	\$ 250,532
General	655,762	540,251	1,196,013
	\$ 655,762	\$ 790,783	\$ 1,446,545

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:

- A. to provide for fluctuation of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.
- B. to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and continuation and future expansion of charitable and educational activities.

The special reserves are appropriations of unassigned surplus to provide for any unexpected costs of national conventions or any unplanned conventions necessary.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — February 28 was a busy day as several members of our lodge journeyed to Enumclaw for Lodge 113's annual Fastelavn Fest. The Danalag folk-dancing group also was there to entertain the 140 people gathered for a sandwich supper and other festivities.

The Danes, our soccer team, is still undefeated, having beaten the Viking team, 5-2.

Coming up May 8-10 is the District Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — We celebrated Fastelavns in March with a party. Past President Don Bogh made the local papers with his Viking costume.

In March we also attended the District Bowling Tournament in Bellevue, WA. Although Vancouver was the official host lodge, Magnus and Margaret Esrom from our lodge handled most of the arrangements.

Continuing with tradition, our Danish lodges will supply refreshments after the Folkfest meeting on May 21. A short program about our lodges and Denmark will precede the meeting.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC, Canada — We will be hosting the Pacific Northwest District Convention May 8-10 at the Coach House Inn here in Vancouver.

In connection with the convention, we will also celebrate our 50th anniversary with a banquet and ball.

Activities at the convention include: Friday — registration,

business meetings, an evening cabaret-supper-dance. Saturday — installation of officers and our banquet-ball. Sunday — bon voyage breakfast.

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — Our convention committee has been working on the programs, activities and accommodations for the District Convention, August 20-22.

The convention will take place at the Hilton Hotel. Reservations should be made early.

The souvenir program booklet is being prepared. Advertising space is available until June 1st. Write to the committee at 1505 No. Lafayette, Fresno, CA 93728.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — In January our 1981 officers were installed together with the Alhambra lodge and our Sisterhood lodge by District President Alice Pinkerton and Judy Andersen of the Sisterhood. A delicious dinner was served prior to the ceremony.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We're looking forward to our lodge's future by initiating a membership drive. Our president, Jonna Villadsen, would like a dinner for prospective members at our August meeting. We'll use invitations available from the Home Office.

At our April meeting we presented two 25-year pins, even though they were a little late. Walter Hansen is actually celebrating his 40th year in the Brotherhood, and Iver Poulsen will soon have his 50th.

The Danish lodges of the Bay

area will have their annual picnic in June at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. Family and friends are always welcome, it is not for members only.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — What a fun time we all had at our first Fastelavns Ball. Floyd Pederson was crowned king as he knocked the cat out of the barrel. Of course, Floyd chose his charming wife, Lois, to be his queen.

At our April meeting we'll be initiating new members and voting on bylaw changes. We'll also elect delegates to the district convention in Fresno this August. After the business meeting we'll play BINGO.

Coming up on May 9 is our Mother's Day dinner. Then on June 6 we'll have a bus trip to Solvang for the day.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — Recently our new officers were installed by District President Alice Pinkerton. The installation ceremony followed a champagne ice-breaker and dinner. Several national and district officers attended, as well as guests from neighboring lodges.

Our lodge was recently recognized as the "Best Local Lodge for Annual Activity Schedule." In keeping with this recognition our officers joined the Sisterhood at a dinner honoring new members.

Verner and Birthe Stenderup have graciously offered their home and patio once again for our annual breakfast on May 3. The view of the mountains and clean air are incentives, but the delicious food and aqvavit "eye-openers" really bring a large attendance.

On May 23, members are invited

to hike, study nature, play games or just plain relax at Colleen Stenderup's Poso cabin. This will be a real good chance to unwind.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Next meeting we'll nominate delegates to the district convention in Fresno. We'll also submit three names from our lodge for the nomination of Honorary Member.

May 17 is our tour to Fallbrook, CA to visit Roy and Esther Johnson in their new home.

IOWA-MINNESOTA



Viggo Berthelsen, secretary-treasurer of Lodge #75, presents check to Chris Nelsen.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — We had the pleasure of presenting an insurance check to Chris Nelsen who now has reached the age of 96. Guests for the presentation enjoyed a nice lunch served by Chris's daughter, Marion, and Mrs. Helen Larson.

We recently served an aebleskiver breakfast as a fundraiser for our statue (to be dedicated in July). We've already raised \$10,000 in less than a year, and money is still coming in. We hope to have a date set soon for the statue's dedication and make plans for a big Danish Day.

Arnold Levisen, President

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Our members viewed an Indian artifact collection at our March meeting. Russ Campbell of Humboldt displayed his collection and explained the Indians' activities as traced through the finding of each item.

In April a potluck was held along

with a presentation of Danish customs. Our annual potluck is scheduled for August 1st at the Isaac Walton Shelterhouse.

Marilyn Hansen, Cor.



Toby Larsen received 25-year pin from President Joe Galloway.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — At our March meeting, President Joe Galloway presented a 25-year pin to Toby Larsen, formerly a farmer in the Reinbeck, Iowa, area.

Several of our members — Joe Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Don Olsen and Mrs. Karen Pedersen — recently ran a booth at the Waterloo, Iowa, International Food Bazaar. They served over 500 aebleskivers.

We were happy to accept an invitation to "Sturgis Falls Days", an annual event held in Cedar Falls, which was at one time quite a Danish settlement.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — At our annual banquet Brothers Axel and Walter Jensen received 50-year pins, and Brother Hyldegaard received his 60-year pin. The oldest member present was Anker Ericksen who was congratulated by President Ken Janssen and given a bouquet of flowers.

Greetings were given by Sisterhood Lodge President Janet Anderson, Dania Society President Rus Madsen, and DBIA Director Woodrow Petersen.

At a recent meeting we made more specific plans for Festday, October 3. We'll have craft booths, games of chance, and homemade Danish foods. General chairpersons include Ken Janssen of the Brotherhood and Betty Mollerskov of the Sisterhood.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Following our business meeting in April we have something special planned — a Brown Bag Auction. Proceeds from the auction will go to Dana and Grand View Colleges.

Danes also like spaghetti — that much we know since about eighty people turned out for a spaghetti dinner in March. Flemming Andersen also had a big smile on his face as he signed several new members.

Eleven of our members represented us at the Sammenhold, an anniversary dinner-dance for Lodges 17, 340 and Sisterhood Lodge 4.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — Our Sammenhold anniversary party turned out over 120 people and was a social and financial success.

On May 6 we are having our Rødspætte Membership dinner. This is free of charge to any prospective members and their sponsors.

We're looking for salable rummage for our first Garage Sale, scheduled for June.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Congratulations to Leland Madsen who has been with our lodge for 25 years.

The Midwest District Target Shoot was held on March 21, sponsored by St. Charles Lodge 92. The host team took 1st place in team shooting, though we fared well with several of our members earning individual honors and prizes. A good roast beef dinner followed the event.

Just a few days later we enjoyed a beautiful spring evening as a group of our members served an aebleskiver supper to over 350 hungry people.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — In April we had our Spring Torsk Dinner. We also had a bake sale there, featuring whole kringle and pumpernickel from Racine. Following dinner, we saw a film on the manufacture of Royal Copenhagen porcelain and Christmas plates.

Our March guest speaker was Ralph Eschweiler of the city's Emergency Government Administration. He gave an

excellent presentation about tornadoes and safety measures to be taken in the event of one.

In March several of our members served as volunteers answering telephones for the Public Broadcasting Service's membership/FUND DRIVE. It was a rewarding experience and gave us some publicity as well.

On Sunday, March 29, we gathered for our first afternoon social to celebrate the Queen's birthday (April 16) and Hans Christian Andersen's birthday (April 2). Those attending brought food items as birthday gifts to donate to Project Concern.

Later we saw two movies from the Danish Consulate in Chicago. Following the movies we had a supper, free to the sponsor of an applicant who had been initiated into the lodge.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Over 40 members and guests enjoyed a fun evening in February for our potluck membership dinner and Fastelavn celebration.

Following the Danish supper, we played a game of DANES (Bingo), had a singing contest, and heard the story of Fastelavns Day, read by Ivan Johansen. Andy Andersen from the Home Office was on hand to explain membership and insurance programs.

MICHIGAN-OHIO



Fred Christensen and Peter Sorensen — senior statesmen from Lodge No. 227.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Brothers Emanuelson and Egon Miller passed away since our last report. A Ere Vaere deres mindre. Irvin Rogge is our new outer guard

taking over for Ed Wood, Jr., who moved to Florida. Our secretary, Nielsen Dalley was elected to the Board of "The Danish Villa", Rochester. Open House at "Danish Villa" is now set for June 6th (Saturday). Changed once more, DNC Picnic is June 14, Nankin Mills, Livonia. Over 100 attended the Victor Borge show recently and met him in person afterwards. Very nice. Our annual blood drive results was well under our goal, better results (luck?) next time. But thanks to all who made the effort and did what they could. Welcome to our newest brother, Frank Nesbitt, glad to have you with us.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — In March we met for our regular business meeting on the 4th.

The next week, the Sunshine Seniors held their monthly meeting, with a noon potluck and Pinochle.

Our social evening that month was shared with the Sisterhood. A delicious luncheon was served, and we thank them for their hospitality.

As usual, we had our monthly Pinochle party the following week.

Alf Larsen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #183, Troy, NY — At our last meeting we enjoyed a corned beef and cabbage dinner cooked by our President, Gary Mulligan, and James Christensen. We had a full house of 40 members and friends for this annual event.

Everyone is working hard to plan the coming GCEL convention to be held here this September. Start planning now to join us! (Registration and meetings will be at the Holiday Inn, Fulton St. and Sixth Ave.)

Betty Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We wish to thank Lodge 342 for their wonderful hospitality at our joint installation meeting. We had a delightful evening watching National President George Jacobson perform the ceremony and meeting our friends at Lodge 342.

One result of that joint meeting

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is the growing sentiment by both lodges to have more coordinated activities. We'll begin planning some immediately.

Our April meeting will emphasize our Danish heritage. We're asking members who have any Danish records to bring them along for us to enjoy before the meeting and during refreshments.

We congratulate one of our oldest members, Christen Madsen, on receiving his 60-year pin.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — In March we had our annual Torskegilde, with over 50 people enjoying cod fish fresh off the boat.

Congratulations to Robert Dunn upon receiving his 25-year pin.

May 30 is the date set for our Wine and Cheese party.

Folk dancing will now be held every three weeks on Fridays. Everyone is still welcome to come.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — At our April meeting we will have elections for delegate to the GCEL convention.

Coming up on May 8 is Ladies Night. We'll have music and refreshments.

Other activities planned include a smørrebrød June 12 and our annual banquet October 16.

FLORIDA

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Due to our banquet, our March meeting was held a week earlier.

It was good to see 55 members and guests present. And it was a great day for our lodge as 6 applications for membership were received and approved.

We're pleased to announce that 75 members and guests will help us celebrate our 74th anniversary at our dinner-dance.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — In February, Mark Thomsen, Past President of GCEL, installed our 1981 officers.

Presently we are working on plans for our 64th anniversary, which is May 20.

Our March meeting was devoted entirely to a membership drive.

E.K. Homo, Pres.

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — At our March meeting we "Slaa Katten of Tønden." Marguerite Holmgren became "Cat Queen", fulfilling an ambition she's dreamt about since she was a little girl.

We sent out 350 invitations to non-members. We received twenty replies, and 6 signed up for membership.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — We have enough people signed up to field 2 teams for the Bowling Tournament. The tentative date is May 17.

We were pleased to see so many faces from Lodge 172 joining us for installation of officers. It was a very pleasant evening with lots of good music, plenty of socializing and delicious smørrebrød.

In April we had the pleasure of viewing a brand new travel film narrated by Victor Borge.

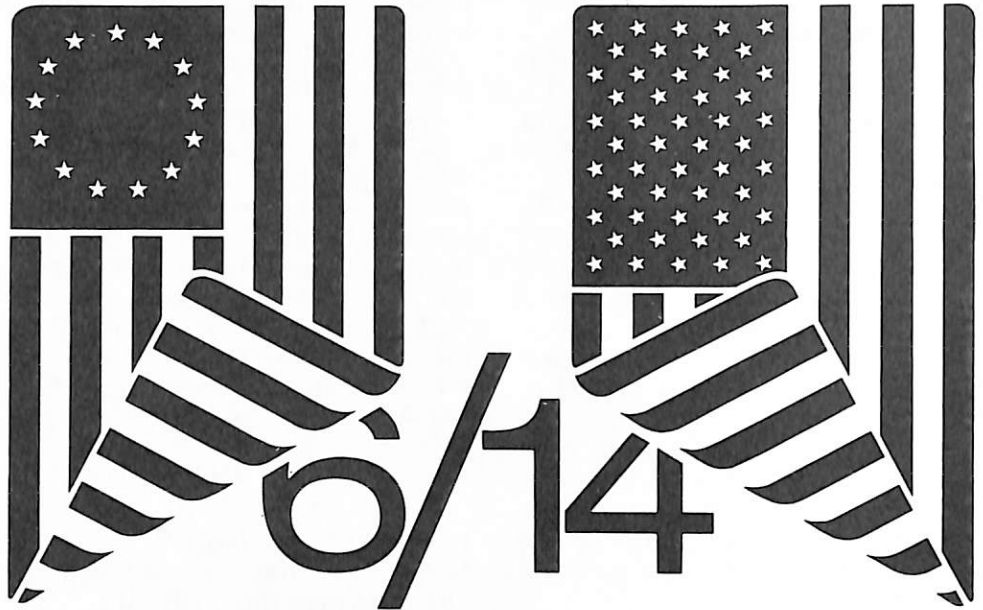
Scholarships Offered

New York — Three perpetual scholarships for Scandinavian students in the United States have been endowed as part of a campaign to create a permanent living memorial to the humanitarian conduct of the Danes, Finns; Norwegians and Swedes during the Holocaust of World War II.

Victor Borge is national chairman of Thanks to Scandinavia, which is entirely a volunteer effort, with headquarters at 660 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021. Its scholarship program is carried out in cooperation with the Danmark-Amerika Fondet, Suomi-Amerikka Yhdistysten Liito of Finland, the Norge-Amerika Foreningen and the Sverige-Amerika Stiftelsen.

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a date to remember



WHEREAS, the fraternal benefit societies of America for many years have sponsored Fraternal Week as a means of informing the American people of the contributions to their heritage made by the fraternal benefit societies; and

WHEREAS, cultural and spiritual values have long been recognized by fraternalists as worth preserving in a contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, fraternalists have demonstrated their deep concern for the deterioration of family life in America; and

WHEREAS, fraternalists with a long tradition of reverence for the ideals of patriotism have promoted respect and recognition of the flag of our nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the seven days beginning Monday, June 8, 1981, and ending on Sunday, June 14, 1981, be designated as FRATERNAL WEEK and that member societies, state fraternal congresses and the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) encourage all their members to make every effort to tell their fellow citizens about the philosophy, purposes and projects of the ten million fraternalists associated in the NFCA; and be it further

Resolved, that on June 14th, fraternalists throughout the United States be encouraged to highlight the birthday of the Stars and Stripes by organizing, promoting and conducting flag raising observances in cooperation with other civic groups, and be it further

Resolved, that this proclamation be sent to all member societies of the National Fraternal Congress of America and be communicated by them to their members.

Arley R. Bjella, President
National Fraternal
Congress of America

New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Ruth A. Stollard	1	—Omaha	Bernice Eckley
Ted M. Stollard	1	—Omaha	Bernice Eckley
Katherine R. Steen	1	—Omaha	Mrs. Alfred Johnson
Frances A. Doak	1	—Omaha	Mrs. Alfred Johnson
Leonard A. Doak	1	—Omaha	Mrs. Alfred Johnson
Robert J. Preston	14	—Kenosha	Anthony Gober
Richard H. Mickelsen	14	—Kenosha	Clifford L. Miller
Leroy W. Paulsen	14	—Kenosha	William Kastman
Fred B. Nielsen	14	—Kenosha	Harold Thomsen
Mark E. Wickstrum	29	—Seattle	Anton Jessen
Anthony W. Hammes, Jr.	33	—Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Richard G. Maguire	35	—Chicago	Rosa C. Larsen
Charles J. Olander	35	—Chicago	Rosa C. Larsen
Carl Christensen	35	—Chicago	Edward R. Larsen
Edward Bosgraaf	35	—Chicago	Warren J. Axelson
Marie C. Muller	35	—Chicago	Jess Muller
Isabelle Jespersen	35	—Chicago	Charles Jespersen
Daniel I. Petersen	45	—Minneapolis	Elsa Anderson
Harold R. Peterson	46	—Perth Amboy	Hardvig Mathiasen
Thorsten Karlsson	46	—Perth Amboy	C.B.S. Pedersen
William Fries	49	—San Francisco	Per Jantzen
Einar Christensen	49	—San Francisco	Per Jantzen
Svend A. Pedersen	49	—San Francisco	Per Jantzen
James A. Ebner	51	—Ludington	Timothy Pomorski
Elcar A. Nielsen	56	—Kansas City	Chris S. Thomsen
Esther M. Anderson	75	—Albert Lea	Arnold J. Levisen
Eston R. Jorgensen	75	—Albert Lea	Ernest R. Anderson
Marion Hanson	75	—Albert Lea	LuVerne Clausen
Ruth E. Sorensen	75	—Albert Lea	Richard Sorensen
Viola E. Anderson	75	—Albert Lea	Earl Levisen
Andrea Hoyt	75	—Albert Lea	Viggo A. Berthelsen
Evalyn J. Hansen	75	—Albert Lea	Herbert A. Hansen
Lillian M. Raben	75	—Albert Lea	John G. Raben
Helen M. Jorgensen	75	—Albert Lea	Ernest A. Anderson
Arnold C. Christensen	89	—Superior	Marion Christensen
Irene L. Christensen	89	—Superior	Marion Christensen
Timothy J. Stedman	95	—Ferndale	Erik Thomsen
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Ida J. Jaeger	167	—Portland	Erik Jaeger
Jorgen F. Snitker	167	—Portland	Don Bogh
Karen E. Nielsen	167	—Portland	Dana Nielsen
Kirsten Nielsen	167	—Portland	Dana Nielsen
Hans H. Boe	206	—Blair	Harriet Betts
Janice F. Boe	206	—Blair	Harriet Betts
Ruby D. Larsen	206	—Blair	Les Larsen
Sophie L. Hineline	206	—Blair	Martha Hineline
Frank I. Nesbitt	227	—Detroit	Howard Hansen
Bruce S. LaRue	227	—Detroit	Ed Zydowsky
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For Mothers Day

"A Visit 'Back Home"

Heritage;

A time, a place.

Memories;

A trusting face.

Frugal treasures,

Humble bed,

Giving thanks

For daily bread.

Cranberry glass,

Old iron trivets,

Scandia plates

On lace that inhibits.

Rain-swept branch

Brushing the screen,

Kale and potatoes

In a pewter tureen.

Warmth from the oven.

Glow from the lamp,

Old german shepherd,

Snug from the damp.

Bent over an album.

So pensive in thought,

Show years of waiting,

Tears she has fought.

While seeking my fortune,

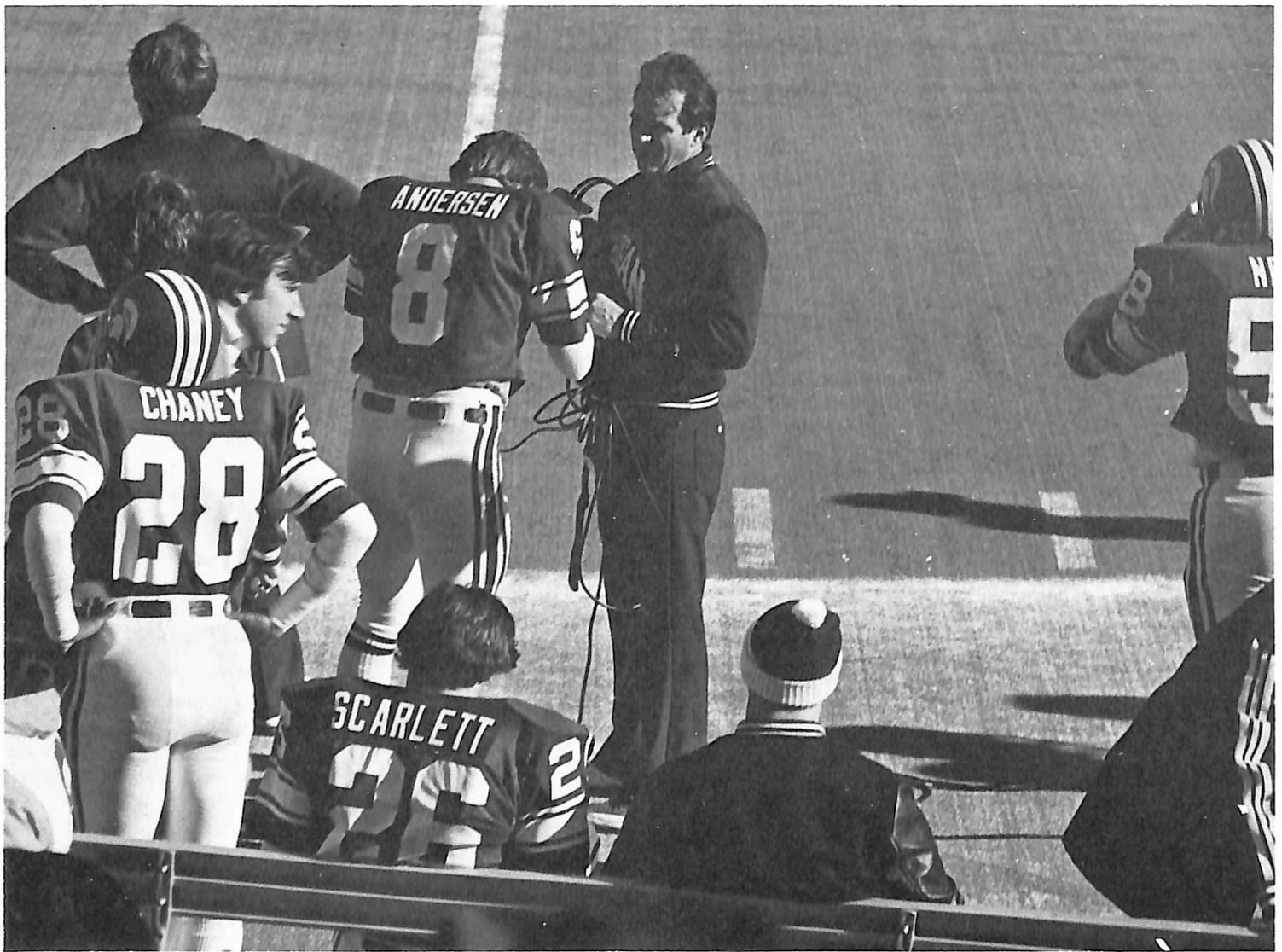
You've been so alone.

"Open the door, Mom,

I've come home!"



Penned in Calligraphy by Kathryn Anderson, Lodge #345, Orange County, CA.



Morten Andersen, No. 8, confers with coaches on the sidelines during a Michigan State game.

Morten Andersen: All-DANE Placekicker

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"And kicking for Michigan State," Eric Forseth, the announcer, informs the crowd over the loudspeakers, "is Number Eight, Morten Andersen, Number Eight."

A quick glance at the football program: "PK — Morten Andersen — 6 ft. — 190 lbs. — Struer, Denmark."

"Gee," someone remarks, "I didn't know Denmark was in the Big Ten."

Well, no, it isn't. Nor do the football scouts have the opportunity to travel quite so far afield in order to bring back players.

So, how did the venturesome Viking end up on the Astroturf of Michigan State University?

"I was FORCED!" Morten Andersen laughs, opening his arms in Page 18

an expansive gesture. He slouches comfortably on the leather couch in the livingroom of the apartment he shares with two American college boys, off campus in East Lansing, Michigan. It is Sunday, the day after Michigan State's last football game.

"I was an exchange student," Morten continues. "I had already graduated from my high school in Struer, as Valedictorian, but in order to be an exchange student, you have to be in high school. You're living with an American family and that's just one of the things you do. You're here for more of a cultural experience than anything else. . . I was sixteen years old and so it fitted in pretty much."

After four years in America, he still has a slight Danish accent that softens the "r" sometimes and gives his words a charming cadence. Linguistically, he talks as well as he kicks — strong and straight.

"It was pretty weird," he goes on, referring to his football career. "I came on my birthday (August 19), to my family, down in Indianapolis. They knew my background," (from the information compiled through the exchange program), "what I'd been doing, and my American Dad was talking about American football and I didn't know what the heck he was talking about. I had never even seen a football in my life.

"He took me out to a jamboree, it's

a pre-season game, over at the high school, a couple of high schools played together, it was like a little tournament. We watched that and I asked about a million questions about the game and it seemed pretty interesting. I watched the kickers and... I said, 'I can do much better than that!'

"Next day I went out and practiced, started hitting through the goalposts, seventy yards and out, so I was kind of accepted. The coach was pretty much impressed. It was a good ice-breaker, because I didn't know anybody. And you see forty guys line up to watch you kick..."

"That's how I got started and our team did real well. We finished runner-up in the state. So the other people" (football scouts) "started looking at us, so that's how I really got picked out."

He was asked who looked at him and why did he choose Michigan State?

"I could have gone to Purdue and I could have gone to a school in Ohio, or Albion College. I liked this one; it's the best. I figured that, after my one year in (American) high school, I was going to go back and finish college in Denmark, probably stay there the rest of my life but it" (the recruiting) "changed the whole thing. I was ready for a new experience."

After accepting a football scholarship to Michigan State University, he chose German as his first major, adding Communications later, for a dual degree program.

"I'm getting a double degree in Communications and in German. I want to try to correlate that somehow, maybe get into some business, international dimensions of some kind, work for the United Nations as an interpreter maybe. Work for a German company, something like that... Maybe if some NFL team wants me, I'll kick for them for a couple of years."

Life does go on for a football player after the season is over. He has time for other pursuits. Always an active man, Morten lists the things he enjoys.

"I like music, jazz music, reading a good book whenever I find time, dancing, gymnastics... I'm not as active as I was, though. I like to be busy, can't stand sitting around."

"I've been to Florida a couple of



"I miss my family... But they realized that I had to... grow up, do my own thing... I think they're happy for me, they might even be proud, I don't know... At least I've made it so far."

times. Daytona, one year, and I went to Clearwater Beach. With my American family... Disney World, saw that.

"I went to Colorado, too, it was nice. I went skiing. I went to New York, too. California, I went out there when we played USC, my freshman year here. This year I went to Oregon, when we played Oregon. I went white-river-rafting, or whatever you call it, down the river, on the rafts. On the MacKenzie River."

But, looming in the background, is football.

In Denmark, "I would be playing soccer, for sure. That's what I've been doing since I was five (years old)."

"I wouldn't be practicing every day, like I do here. Three times a week, maybe. Two times a week was all we did. Private clubs, you know. There was not that great an emphasis on winning... Denmark, it's more of a social thing. You go out to have a good time and it doesn't really matter if you lose or not. You got out and have a beer afterward. Here, you get all caught up in the emotions."

The same mind that eagerly embraces a dual-degree program and "...taking a French class just for the fun of it...", also analyzes the game he plays.

"...Football is kind of a substitute for war, I think, sometimes. Invade territory, line up and fall down and get up again. Some people don't come up. 'It's... slow-moving...' Unlike soccer, which is, "...a continuous flow."

During the season, football rules a player's life.

"There's a lot of mental preparation involved in place-kicking. Saturday (November 11), I missed two field goals because I wasn't mentally prepared to make those..."

"Practice (is) from three to about 5:30 (p.m.), (I) go to classes in the morning. Usually, I schedule my classes in the morning, so I get a chance to eat lunch before I go into practice. Being a kicker, I'm fortunate that I don't have to go to all the meetings and all that. The rest of the players spent at least five hours a day, at meetings, practice, weight-lifting, things like that. Studying different plays."

The phone rings; it's for Morten. He stands under the kitchen light and shadows carve hollows under his cheekbones. Suddenly, he's the ancient Viking in a helmet, waiting to land on the distant shore and conquer the territory. I have the feeling that Vikings never had any problems conquering the female part of a population. I remember a movie called "Alfred the Great", in which Michael York played the Danish king who kidnaps the English king's wife. Alfred ranted and shouted and waved his fist in the general direction of Denmark but, clearly, he never had a chance against the tall, blond invader. And Canute didn't even play football.

He hangs up and resumes his relaxed position on the couch. We talk about America and Americans.

"I think they're very friendly, open-minded, adventurous people. I think most of them are perfectionists. I think America likes itself a lot, like any other country would, but I think America wants to be Number One always. I don't think it wants to be runner-up to any other country. Very patriotic people."

"I didn't understand much about Americans, that's why I wanted to come here. I knew about Apollo 11 and things like that... I didn't know about the American people that much. I'm impressed with Americans because if they set out to do something, they usually get the job done. And there are so many different ethnic groups here. I think that makes it interesting... Africans, Europeans, Oriental people, Spanish people."

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Minden, Nebraska to Hold Ethnic Festival

May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon visitors to Minden's Ethnic Festival can enjoy slides of Denmark, a cake walk and especially for children, a game called "coins in the grain." (The youngsters really enjoy it, too.)

For lunch, try the Danish smørrebrød. You'll need the break after taking in all the displays and craft exhibits. Later, the Danish folk dancers from Minden will entertain, followed by the annual aebleskiver eating contest, the O'Neill Irish dancers, a barbershop quartet, the Clarkson Czech dancers, and a display of square dancing talents.

At suppertime, aebleskiver and sausage will be available, followed by the O'Neill and Clarkson dancers' second performance. The day will conclude with an old-fashioned square dance in which all may participate.

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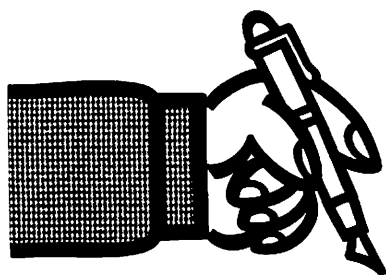
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*For the benefit of our readers, the Millenium Falcon is the spaceship captained by Han Solo in the movies *Star Wars* and *The Empire Strikes Back*.

Morten Andersen, continued

Although he didn't say it, he acknowledges that Americans also prize the effort a person puts into something. He has won two awards as Most Valuable Player — Offense (1979), for games against Illinois and against Iowa, and two this year (1980), against Michigan and at the end of the season. (Also Most Valuable Player — Offense).

But although he seems to have become "All American", the large flag on the livingroom wall (above the menacing aquarium) still proclaims "All Dane."

"I miss my family... some good Danish food. Fresh fish and good bread. Cheeses... and the people.

"My father is a psychologist... He works with retarded people, children. My mother's a teacher in high school."

Although he has two more years until he graduates, he has begun to think about the future and Denmark. Will he return to his country?

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*From the book, Danish Home Baking by Karen Berg. Puff paste recipe appeared in the January issue of the American Dane.

A Good Dane by Anna Calkins

My husband's grandfather came to America from Struer, Denmark in 1906.

Grandfather spoke only broken English and was a constant butt of jokes and teasing.

Finally, he could stand it no longer, became very excited, and yelled, "I'll have you know a Danes youst as good as nobody!"

Viking Adventures

Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

Not everyone accumulates a fortune to leave to their children and grandchildren. But there is at least one gift we all have which can last longer than money or possessions. It won't surprise you that this intangible gift is cultural heritage. We know the family described below is only one of many such Danish Brotherhood families. Perhaps reading their story will help you to better understand your own.

MADS NIELSEN, DANISH IMMIGRANT

Mads Glendeman Nielsen was born January 31, 1885, in Sondrup, Denmark, quite possibly right in the house where his father worked as a shoemaker. Mads attended school in Denmark until the age of 14. After that, he worked with his father in their home making and repairing shoes. At the age of 22 Mads left Sondrup for New York.

After arriving in New York, Mads traveled by train to San Francisco where he stayed with relatives for a time. He arrived in San Francisco in 1907, only 1 year after the great earthquake had rocked that city nearly to its foundations. For a time he worked as an apprentice ship's carpenter. He worked also at loading and unloading timber ships in the area between San Francisco and Redondo Beach. Later, he opened his own candy and cigar shop. He made the chocolates and candies himself.

The candy shop turned into a lunch counter a year later, still in San Francisco. Mads remained in this profession until he retired.

Mads Nielsen became a member of The Danish Brotherhood almost as soon as he arrived



Mr. and Mrs. Mads G. Nielsen, one day after their wedding in February 1920.

in the United States in 1907. He, of course, was a member of Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco. When Mads passed away in 1961, he had been a member for 54 years, serving as president of his lodge and most likely holding many offices both before and after that time.

Mads Nielsen left a legacy of pride in Danish ancestry for his son Stan Nielsen, his grandson Dana Nielsen, and most recently great-granddaughter Kirsten Nielsen. Others in the family have also demonstrated an interest in their heritage by becoming members of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, near to their homes. They are Stan's wife, Mary Lee, daughter Susan and daughter-in-law Karen.

Most of the information above was supplied by Mads granddaughter, Susan Nielsen. Susan also states her father, Stanley, has his father's 50-year DBIA pin and intends to pass it on to her brother, Dana, at the right time. They are in touch with family remaining in Denmark and have learned that the Nielsen family home has been restored, including original furniture, by Mads' niece, Karen Nielsen.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Lodge presidents have received a publicity manual which we hope will be put to good use. Publicity is one of the best ways to make it easier to find new members (more help) for your lodge. With our Centennial year approaching rapidly, we know the lodges will have opportunities to receive community recognition and we urge you to start preparing now for this important program.



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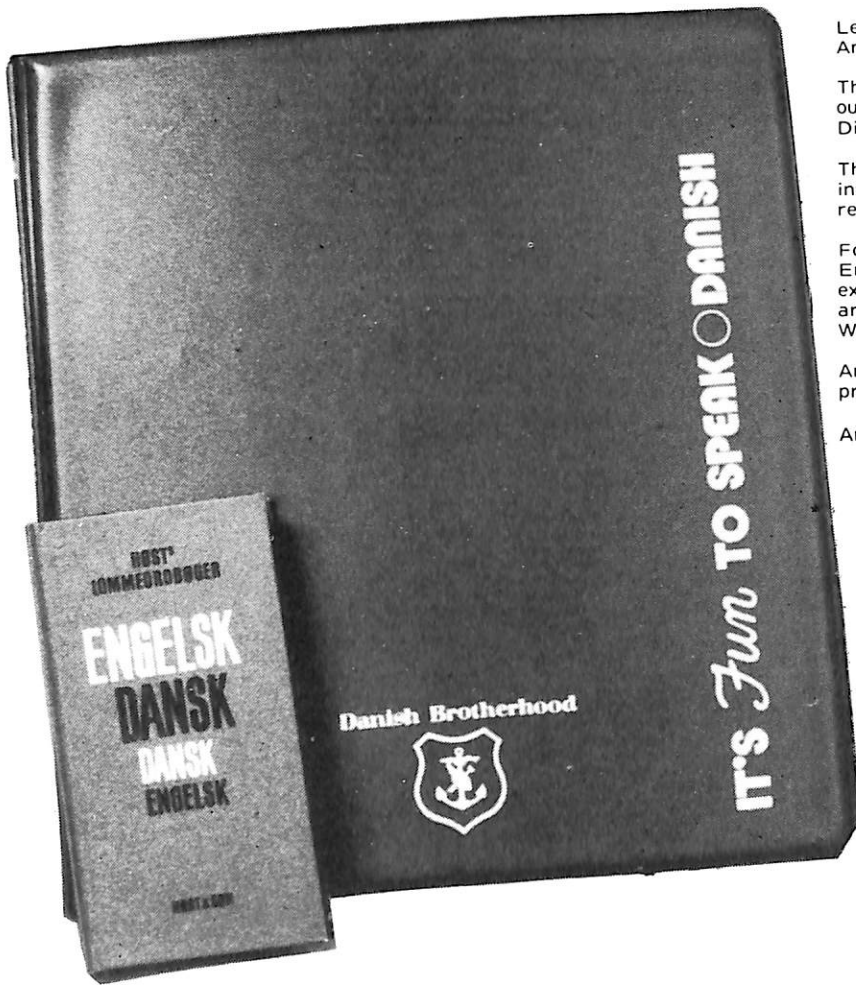
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