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## What's New For September

Olga J. Strimple is an Omaha resident with vivid memories of Denmark. She brings these to us in her charming poems on page 5.

On page 7, the dedication and dinner I had the pleasure to attend in Albert Lea, Minnesota, is described. Thank you Albert Lea, for an enjoyable weekend.

Amateur photographers should note the extension of the 1981 contest deadline on page 9. Your entries are still welcome.

We begin our three-part series on the Vikings with an introduction to the author and Part I, page 18.

The last of our 1980 Creative Writing Contest winners appears on page 20. We look forward to bringing you results of the 1981 contest soon.

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# The President's Column



**DBIA President**  
**George Jacobsen**

Preserving our Danish heritage through our lodges is an important part of our fraternal program. Danish holiday traditions make wonderful social occasions. These, coupled with other opportunities to share our heritage, are the activities that bring new members into the local lodge.

But there are other benefits of membership which are far-reaching and of greater personal impact. We are providing life insurance to our insurable members up to the age of 70. It is inevitable we pay claims against this insurance protection.

When we pay a claim, we need two basic items; the Lodge Death Report and a certified copy of the certificate of death. When beneficiary designations have been kept up-to-date, it is seldom necessary to request other documents to make payment of the claim possible.

The Lodge Death Report is the Danish Brotherhood claim form. The signatures of the lodge treasurer, secretary and president are necessary to this form. The three signatures are requested for three different reasons.

The signature of the lodge president witnesses the form and tells us he is aware of the loss of a member. He confirms information given by the secretary and treasurer with his signature.

The signature of the secretary also verifies awareness of the loss of a member. It tells us the lodge records concerning the member will be changed.

The signature of the treasurer means he has examined his records and the member has paid to the ending month. Many of our lodges still collect insurance payments through the lodge. The treasurer's signature means the lodge will not suffer a financial loss when the claim is paid. This is also the reason claim checks are mailed to lodge treasurers for delivery.

Because life insurance is a fraternal benefit, and one every insured member should count on to provide cash quickly, our National Headquarters has a good reputation for claim payment. The cooperation of the lodge officers is essential to this process. Many are doing an excellent job.

When a death occurs in your lodge, don't stop after etiquette book courtesies have been extended to the family. See that the claim is handled promptly.

## Annual Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America will begin on October 18, 1981. The Board will meet at the National Headquarters Building in Omaha.



## Young Members Need The American Dane

A letter recently sent to all lodge secretaries and presidents asks them to survey their young members. They will be determining if these young adults are on the American Dane mailing list.

The American Dane is an important benefit of membership. Especially to young people who may not live in the city of their local lodge. It may be their only contact with the society, or their most frequent contact.

If you are the parent or grandparent of a young member who is not receiving the American Dane, you should know they are entitled to have it mailed to their homes each month. Please report the need to add their names to the mailing list to your lodge secretary or directly to the National Headquarters, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Ne. 68131.

## A Danish Boyhood

*by Enok Mortensen*

*(Word Services Press, Lincoln, NE)*

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# Recollections of Denmark

by Olga J. Strimple

## Grandfather's Stork

A stork has made a nest,  
On Bestefader's roof;  
They say it'll bring him luck;  
But I wanted some proof.

Grandfather owns a mill,  
And works in it each day;  
I said, "Let's play." He said,  
"I haven't time to play."

I said to the old stork,  
"What kind of luck is that?"  
Grandpa smiled and said,  
"He brought us you min skat."

## Green Pears

I tasted a pear once in Denmark,  
And whenever I now taste a pear  
That is firm and tart like an apple,  
I find myself playing there  
Near the knotted and gnarled old pear tree  
By the 'lyst hus' of live willow boughs,  
In the wealth of the warm summer sunlight;  
In the garden of Grandfather's house.  
I hear the creak of the wings of the windmill,  
As they're moved by the winds of the sea;  
And the salty sea winds in their blowing,  
Bring more cherished memories to me.  
My brother plays soldiers with bottles,  
With a red aproned doll I'm at play;  
So sometimes I like green pears better,  
For they bring back a glad childhood day.

## Grandmother's Stove

Grandmother had an ivory porcelain stove,  
She polished it till it was almost white;  
We used to laugh to see her grab a cloth,  
And rub each tiny spot off, day and night.

We'd wet our fingers and run around the stove,  
And make a sticky, wiggly finger mark;  
She ran and washed it off when she saw it,  
We did it for we thought it was a lark.

Victor and I put mud initials there,  
Beste scolded and scolded us hard when  
She washed them off; for Beste loved that stove;  
I loved it too but did not know it then.

## A Ebleskiver

Our island was a dot upon the sea,  
A man could walk around it in a day;  
One time my brother said, "Let's try and see;  
Besides I'm tired of nothing but play and play."

We made some pumpernickel sugar bread,  
And started out to walk around the shore;  
Beste came running and, "Min børn," she said,  
"Whatever did you leave the garden for?"

"They say a man can walk around the shore  
In one day, and we're going out to see."  
She said, "A tall man's steps will cover more,  
Where he takes one, you must take two or three.

What will you do when all the light is gone?"  
We said, "We'll sit and eat our sugar bread."  
She said, "The nights are cold and sometimes long,  
I'd rather you were home in your warm bed."

"Besides I'm making aebleskiver now,  
They're in the kitchen there for you to eat."  
We gave the birds our sugar bread for how  
'Could we refuse an aebleskiver treat?



# FRATERNAL PROTECTION



## Plain Talk About Life Insurance

by Andy Andersen,  
Sales Director, C.L.U.

In last month's issue we discussed the whole life certificate and the reason why it is often considered the standard model of permanent cash value life insurance. This month the subject will be "Limited Pay Life" such as our **20 Pay, 30 Pay** and **Life Paid Up At Age 65 Certificates**. The names of limited pay life certificates will tell you how long premiums are payable. The point to remember is that limited pay life is exactly the same as whole life except that the premiums are payable for a limited time such as for 20 or 30 years or to age 65. Life insurance protection is provided to age 100 and the certificate endows at age 100. That is, the cash value at age 100 will equal the face amount.

### **EMERGENCY FUNDS, FUNDS FOR RETIREMENT**

In contrast to the whole life certificate on which premium may be paid to age 100, limited pay life premiums are squeezed into shorter paying periods, and the shorter the paying period, the higher the premium. It's just like making payments on a new car or a T.V. If you have a 3-year installment plan instead of a 2-year plan, each installment you pay will be higher.

As you remember from our discussion of whole life, a portion of the premium goes into building cash value for emergency funds or for retirement. When the premium paying period is shortened and each individual deposit (premium payment) is

increased a greater amount is credited to cash values. Therefore, age for age, when the premium paying period is shortened the cash value builds up faster. When the premium paying period is lengthened, the cash value builds up at a slower rate.

### **SHORTER PREMIUM PAYING PERIOD**

The cash value of a limited pay life certificate builds up faster during the premium paying period and slows down thereafter because:

1. Each year, a part of the premium goes into the certificate cash value.
2. These funds are invested and earn interest.

So when there are no further premium payments, the cash value grows more slowly because this growth must depend on interest earning. However, the increase in cash value each year is guaranteed and at age 100 will exactly equal the face amount.

Limited pay life certificates will appeal to many, including the person who prefers to confine life insurance premiums to the years of highest earnings and the person who likes to have cash values grow more rapidly.



Memorial to Danish Immigrants, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

## Immigrants Remembered In Dedication

by Diane Doyle  
Director of Fraternal Services

Albert Lea, Minnesota, is a hospitable town located a few miles north of the Iowa/Minnesota border. It is blessed with proximity to several lakes, most of which have been developed for recreational purposes. The loveliest of the recreation areas, while not the largest, is in Fountain Lake Park. It is bordered by lakeside homes within the city. Most have a small dock and a boat ready for use.

We went to Albert Lea for an extraordinary event. A statue, commissioned by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 75 in Albert Lea, was being dedicated in the gardens of Fountain Lake Park.

As soon as we arrived at the park on Saturday, July 25, we were greeted and given a program for the dedication. According to the program, "Around the turn of the century, the young city of Albert Lea found it was growing so fast that a new area of expansion was a necessity. The most promising and logical growth for home development seemed to be across Fountain Lake to the North Side. It was a beautiful area and developers were busy promoting the 'New Home Addition'. Many of the new residents were immigrants from Denmark who congregated into a settlement which came to be known as

*New Danmark. Attractive homes were built and eventually business enterprises were started which led to our thriving North Side of today. These 'New Danmark' residents with names of Larsen, Jensen, Clausen, Sorensen, Nelsen, Madsen, Andersen, etc., were hard working, ambitious folk and it is with the purpose of honoring and perpetuating their memory that the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges decided to build a statute in the Park just north of the bridge to stand and remind people entering North Side of these, our forefathers. The statue is of a young Danish immigrant very typical of these first settlers, built to help us remember these early pioneers whose thrift and ambition did so much to make Albert Lea what it is today.*

*"... The statue which is being presented to the City of Albert Lea by the Danish lodges as a legacy to perpetuate their Danish background was built by George N. Bassett, an artist of renown who lives in Blue Earth. . . The statue portrays a life size young Danish lad who has newly arrived in Minnesota to make his home. The sculptor used Jerry Hansen, son of Harlan and Irene Hansen, members of the lodge, as his model. At the base of the statue is a lighted*

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*fountain, where the water flowing in the pool is constantly recirculated so that the same water is used over again.*

*"It is the sincere wish of the members of the lodge that this beautiful statue will bring pleasure to all in this community for now and many years to come."*

Promptly at 3:30 p.m. the official ceremony and unveiling began. The Rev. Fred Jacobsen of Albert Lea acted as master of ceremonies. Pastor N. C. Berg gave the invocation and the flags of both the United States and Denmark were flying when the national anthems were sung. Without much delay, the statue itself was unveiled to finally be seen and appreciated. Sculptor George Bassett provided a few remarks and Albert Lea's mayor, O. H. Hagen, accepted the statue. Father and son, Soren and Richard Sorensen, were on the dias and gave us a good look at the kind of tradition that exists in our Albert Lea lodge. A former Danish Brotherhood scholarship

recipient, David Larsen, now of Florida, took the opportunity to tell the assembly what the Brotherhood and his particular benefit from membership had meant to him.

The dedication was attended by many citizens of Albert Lea. Visitors to the city, attracted by the Danish flag, stopped and enjoyed the afternoon program. Later in the evening a fine banquet was sponsored by the lodge.

The committee for the project included Don Levisen, director; Arnold Levisen, lodge president; Cliff Petersen, treasurer; Lillian Raben, historian; Laila Larson, historian; Eunice Jensen, historian, and the late Alva C. Jensen.

The presence of this touching and beautiful memorial is unquestionably an asset to Albert Lea. It will stand and be admired far into the future. The only added touch to complete this project is a bronze Memorial Plaque to be placed in the park. A name can be listed on the plaque if a donation of \$100 or more is made to the project.

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As SAS now rounds out 35 years of operations, the airline has carried 124,000,000 passengers — equal to seven times the population of Scandinavia on scheduled and charter services, 42 million of them in the last five years alone.

The Scandinavian flag carrier has also flown some two million tons of cargo and mail, with a global network now spanning 101 cities in 46 countries, with an airline staff of 16,400 and with 76 jetliners.

In its three and a half decades, SAS has become one of the most durable examples of Scandinavian cooperation. In service to Scandinavian business and society, SAS currently ranks as the 20th largest Nordic enterprise in terms of annual gross revenue (9.4 billion Swedish kronor)

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As SAS plotted its course, it encouraged the development of new aircraft to fit SAS's very special operational requirements. SAS was the first with the ultra-long-range DC-8-62, the DC-9-41 and DC-9-21, all specially designed with SAS requirements in mind.

In the past decade, as well, SAS has emerged as much more than an airline. Today SAS is a group of 20 travel-related companies, with interests at home and abroad in subsidiaries and affiliates in flight catering, 21 hotels, restaurants, offshore catering, tour producers and operators, charter and domestic airlines, a cargo forwarder and ship broker, and even an insurance company.

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## PHOTO CONTEST

Your chance to win in the 1981 Danish Brotherhood Photo Contest is getting better! The original deadline for receipt of entries was July 30. We have now moved the deadline to **December 31, 1981.**

First place winners in each category will receive \$25 and publication as a future American Dane cover photo.

#### TO ENTER

1. Send your photograph with your name, address, lodge and member number to The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

2. Indicate the category of the entry: **FAMILY DANISH ETHNIC ACTIVITY, DBIA LODGE DANISH ETHNIC ACTIVITY, OR DANISH BROTHERHOOD DISTRICT OR NATIONAL ACTIVITY.** Include a brief description of the event (15 words or less) and the date the photo was taken.

3. The entries may be snapshots or enlargements, but must not exceed 8x10. Glossy, black and white photos are preferred. Slides will not be accepted.

4. Contestants may enter a total of 5 photos annually.

5. Photos may have been taken any time after July 15, 1980.

#### AWARDS

First place winners in each category will receive \$25 and publication as a future American Dane cover photo. Second and Third place awards will be made in a category if 10 or more entries are received within that category. Second place winners will receive \$15 and third place winners will receive \$10. All winners will be published in the American Dane. In any event, no entrant may receive more than one award annually.

#### YOUNG VIKINGS DIVISION

Special awards will be given to photos entered by members age 16 and under. In this division, the rules and categories for entries will remain the same, but **entries must include the age.** First place in the Young Vikings Division will receive \$25.



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# Our Lodges In Action

*Material for publication must be received by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue. The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.*

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — About 50 of our Young Vikings T-Shirts were sold at the annual picnic July 12th in Seattle. This was at the Northwest Danish Home.

Special thanks to Christian and Karen Larsen for their gift to our lodge of a lovely old European piano (klaver). Tusind Tak. And best wishes to you and your family in your new Gig Harbor, WA home.

Our lodge's third Danish Mini-Summer School sponsored by our Young Vikings was held at Bethany Lutheran Church, July 31st and August 1st.

Notices were sent to all lodges in our Pacific Northwest District inviting their young people ages 6-16 to participate.

Young Vikings, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends are eligible to attend.

May 7-9 in 1982 are the dates for the District DBIA convention in Seattle, WA, as our national organization observes its 100th birthday.

Our successful Folkfest in Portland's Waterfront Park was held July 19th.

## CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

**Lodge #184, Hayward, CA** — Our Reno trip has been set for October 10 and 11. The trip will cost \$45. You will have \$28 refunded to you, plus drinks and other things. Free drinks will be served on the bus, plus there will be bingo on the bus. The motel is in the downtown area.

The trip is open to members and friends of this lodge and all our friends from other lodges. Make reservations with Diane Mahler, 39636 Bliss Ct., Fremont, CA 94538, telephone, (415) 657-9753. Money must be paid by September 25 to insure your seat. Hurry and make your reservation now!

Our membership drive dinner will be October 2 at 7 p.m. We are planning a Danish dinner with all the trimmings. We have already contacted some people who have voiced interest in joining our lodge. We need the help of all members to insure the success of this drive. If any member knows of anyone interested in joining, please let us know and we will invite them to our dinner.

Congratulations to our bowlers who were in the money in our National Bowling Tournament. Our women's team, consisting of Diane Mahler, Ceil Mahler, Beth Cowan, Signe Ann McNeil, and Jonna Villadsen, won the women's first place and took second in overall competition. Our men's team, consisting of Fred Mahler, David Mahler, Rowland McNeil, Iver Poulsen and Walter Hansen, won seventh place. Good bowling.

*Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.*

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — On June 23rd, Humboldt Lodge #230 celebrated several events at a dinner party in Eureka, with 17 members and guests in attendance. First, the return of Viggo and Vera Poulsen from a two-week vacation tour of the Mid-western states. The second event was saying "Farvel" to Herman and Helen Christensen, who have since left for a seven-week trip to Denmark. They are taking the tour recently offered in the American Dane magazine and later will visit relatives

throughout Denmark. I shall digress a little here, and tell you that Earl and Dorothy Kjer drove them to the airport where they hosted a luncheon for 10 of us who had driven up to see them off. Danish and American flags were hurriedly put into a vase on the table, as well as a bouquet of roses which was presented to Helen.

The third event was the presentation of a 60-year pin to our oldest living member, Brother Marius Holgersen. The following is an excerpt from the presentation by our President, Eva Deegan: "Marius joined Gimle Lodge in Ferndale in 1921 with 38 other candidates. Of all these, Marius is the only surviving member. February 7, 1923, after moving to Arcata, he transferred to our lodge, and, as especially you older members know, that was our gain and Gimle's loss."

The final event was the commemoration of the Holgersen's 67th wedding anniversary.

On June 28th and 29th the various Scandinavian lodges held their annual Festival in Ferndale, California. The town was decorated for this affair with flags of the four countries strung across the streets. Some of stores had displays of these countries' artifacts in their windows. On Sunday the program began with a very colorful and presentation of flags and grand march which started off a program of dances and songs from the various countries. An attendance of at least 400 was estimated. Lorena Sweet, of Ferndale was President of the committee.

Then a big "Tusind Tak" to Francis and Lorena Sweet for their gracious hospitality on July 4th at their "LILLE REBILD FESTDAG". There was something to do for all ages; baseball, horseback riding,

horseshoe pitching, you name it. Friday night there was dancing, and singing around the camp fire. It was great meeting many of our friends.

Convention time is drawing near, and to this, we send sincere congratulations to the district officers for a successful year, and our best wishes for the incoming officers for the ensuing year.

*Laura L. Schuler, Sec.*

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — Our next regular meeting will be September 11. We will hear reports from the convention. Delegates are Roy and Esther Johnson; alternates, John and Helena Kristensen.

The auction held last month with Roy Johnson as auctioneer, turned out to be both hilarious and profitable for the lodge.

On September 13 we will have a barbecue.

*Kate Krake, Cor.*

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Everyone enjoyed themselves after the July meeting, when we played table games. Floyd and Lois Pedersen did a great job of lining up a good variety of games. Calvin Christensen brought greetings from Ferdinand and Marile Christensen, our members from Laramie, Wyoming.

Our anniversary barbecue has been moved to September 12.

*Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.*

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — Dike Lodge 144, with much help from the Sisterhood, participated in the June 28th Sturgis Falls Days, in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Their booth was hospitable; lawn chairs and tables, with awning, for a place to stop and chat, have a little Danish pastry, and take home some Danish Brotherhood In America literature.

It was necessary to close a little early, since the supply of printed matter and pastry both ran out. It was estimated upwards of 500 people were served. Brotherhood and Sisterhood members served two hour shifts, throughout the day.



Dike Danes, young and older, having fun at Sturgis Falls Day.

At the regular meeting in July, Lodge 144 selected the following delegates to attend the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Cedar Rapids, on September 5-7th: Joe Galloway, Elvin Sloth, Harold Madsen, Delmar Danielsen, George Olsen, Neal Thuesen, John Craig and Harris Jorgensen were chosen as alternates.

We are looking forward to our Annual August picnic to be held in Reinbeck, August 16th.

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — The annual picnic of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge 217 of Humboldt was held Saturday noon, August 1st at the Izaak Walton shelterhouse. Nineteen members and guests attended.

The lodge float, constructed of Danish and American flags by Harlan Johnsen of Laurens, has appeared in parades held at Kimballton-Elkhorn, Hardy and Humboldt this summer. Lodge members plan to enter the float at the Thor Centennial parade on August 8th.

The Iowa-Minnesota District of the Danish Brotherhood will hold its annual convention at Cedar Rapids on September 5-7th. Delegates chosen to represent the local lodge are Marvin and Lucille Christensen, Carroll Jensen, Henry Pedersen, and Walter Pedersen. Harlan Johnsen is the elected treasurer for the district.

The next meeting of the lodge will be September 14th at the

Senior Citizens' Center. Highlights will be the report by President Marvin Christensen of his June trip to Denmark. The District convention report will also be given. All interested persons are invited to attend.

*Marilyn A. Hansen, Cor.*

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA** — Final preparations are now being made for a great convention here in Cedar Rapids. We hope you all made plans to attend.

The committee sent a map of Cedar Rapids center to help you. For those of you coming in from the South on #380, exit at the 33rd Ave. interchange, turn left to Sixth Street, right to 16th Ave. (also #30), left to intersection with #149, turn right and you will see the Holiday Inn.

For those of you coming in from the North on either #150 or #151, stay on First Ave. all the way thru downtown and west to the Holiday Inn.

## MIDWEST

### Midwest Convention Schedule

#### Saturday, September 19

8 a.m.	Registration Elks Club
8:30	District Officers Meeting
10 a.m.	DBS & DSS Joint Opening Ceremony
10:15	Meetings Commence
12 noon	Lunch
1:30	Business Meeting
3 p.m.	Coffee and kringle
4:30	Recess to Sunday morning
6 p.m.	Cocktail hour
7 p.m.	Smorgasbord
8 p.m.	Greetings
9 p.m.	Dancing

#### Sunday, September 20

9 a.m.	Business Meeting
12 noon	Joint Installation of Officers

Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha is inviting you to the 1981 Midwest District convention. The meetings, banquet and dance will be held at the Kenosha Elks' Club, 5706 8th Avenue. Banquet reservations must be made in advance. Contact Bob Ibsen, 8644 33rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142.

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Welcome new members Eugene Keck, Martin Davidson and Paul Lendman.

We thank Tom Winfield, son of our good Brother George, who presented the lodge with a check for \$300 in memory of his father. The Board of Officers will determine an appropriate purchase for this donation. Our thanks to the Winfield family. Tom is a member of #340 in Wood Dale, Illinois.

Our thanks to Fred Caracciolo for all his additional work during the remodeling.

Well, we hit the baseball strike just right — our game was canceled on June 13th. If and when they play ball again we will reschedule it.

**Bob Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Dwight ventures up north for our district golf tournament with 5 teams and Team #5 took 5th place. Members were Ken Jensen, Sully Anderson, Glen Bloxam, Jim Andreasen. Sully Anderson won a trophy and cash with low net; Walt Houck was another winner with the longest drive. Another CONGRATULATIONS!!

Hot weather didn't scare about 70 people who came to our annual picnic. Good food, games, beer and watermelon were enjoyed by all. The officers did the planning and hosting. Reta Morrison and Margaret Goodwin were in charge of the pre-dinner games: "Price is Right", guess the number of pieces of candy in 3 different jars; sack grab bags for the little ones and of course, bingo. Everyone had a good time - thanks to Les Jensen for getting us those delicious watermelons.

August 10th Gordon Von Qualen will show a slide presentation of his recent trip to Australia.

**Margaret Goodwin, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — We had a beautiful day for our backyard picnic at Elmer and Sally Jorgensen's on Sunday afternoon, July 26th. Twenty attendees spent an enjoyable time visiting - and a few had a good time cooling off in



Back yard picnic goers from Milwaukee Lodge #36.

the in-ground swimming pool. All partook of a delicious buffet potluck supper. Our thanks to the Jorgensen's for their hosting the affair.

Orville P. Christensen and Albert L. Larsen were chosen delegates to the 30th Midwest District Convention to be held September 19 and 20, 1981. Elmer C. Jorgensen and Svend E. Tengbom are the alternate delegates.

**Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #182, Waukegan, IL** — We were very happy to welcome three new members into the lodge in recent months -- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph (Yvette) Lauridsen and Mrs. Harry (Peggy) Lauritsen.

It is always so good to greet new friends, but it is with great sadness that we report the loss of two old friends. Viggo Marcussen departed this life on April 24, 1981 in Waukegan and Paul Hansen on July 5, 1981 while on holiday in his hometown, Roskilde, Denmark.

On July 18th, 50-year member, Laurits Petersen and his wife, Sine, joyfully celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The lodge honored the occasion with a gift of wine, champagne and crystal goblets. A wish for many more happy years is extended to them.

Sunday, August 26th was the day set aside for our annual picnic. As usual the turnout was superb, the food was fantastic (especially Cleone Petersen's Piña Colada cake), and weather pleasant. Thankfully the rain stayed away long enough to allow us to pick up the final crumb.

Now we are looking forward to a potluck supper in September (to be

held on our usual meeting night) and the Annual Dinner scheduled for the end of October.

Recently the lodge donated \$100 to the Waukegan Public Library to aid in purchasing a new P.A. System for the large auditorium.

If you are a member of our lodge and haven't been attending meetings, may we encourage you to join us the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the large auditorium of the Waukegan Public Library.

**Janet Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL** — Well, as promised, 340 did well at the Trap Shoot in Dwight. Rune Karsbaek took 4th place in the Rifle Shoot, Eric Paulsen took 3rd Place Viking trophies and money in both rifle and trap, while his dad, Winston, had high trap score for #340. Shirley Christensen came in second on ladies' trap shoot.

August 5th we met at Bob Christensen's for swimming and dinner. Pool and fire were furnished and lodge bar was open. Besides having fun, we priced and sorted items for the Garage Sale the next day. Our garage sale was at Bob Christensen's house.

Welcome new members Fred and Dorothy Buck.

October 31st is our Halloween Party and December 13th is the Children's Christmas Party.



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**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer.**

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — In view of being ill, I have been unable to write the monthly articles for the magazine. However, I am now feeling much better and raring to go.

Lodge #1 has been very busy this year. Some of our latest projects since I last entered an article have been our March Annual Banquet — a great success; celebration of the Queen's Birthday in April; a Holiday in Denmark in May; celebration of Constitution Day and St. Hans Aften in June and an Independence Day picnic at Two Rivers in July. The chairpersons and committee members of each project have done a wonderful job.

For August, we are planning an ice cream social with homemade pies. Sounds great, doesn't it!

Our cook books are all sold and we made a profit of \$1,042.53. Thanks to Marilyn Storms whose efforts made this project a great success. However, I might add that many members did sell cook books, also.

Our State Convention is coming up (August 28, 29, 30) for 1981, DBIA, at Minden, Nebraska. Delegates: Bob Storms, Ruth Herman, Nancy Christensen, Flo Hansen and Mike Andersen. Alternate Delegates: Chris Larsen, Howard Christensen.

More next month.

**Dee DiSilvestro, Sec.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Our annual family picnic was a success, weather cooperated and 40 members, their families and guests enjoyed a supper of various meats, salads, potatoes and deserts. After supper the committee led games with winners of each receiving a prize. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jorgensen from Ames, and Mr. and Mrs. Svend Christensen from Odense, Denmark. Thanks to our Chairman Laurids and Judi Pedersen and their committee.

**Harriet Betts, Sec.**

## MICHIGAN- OHIO

### District News

Greetings to all near and far. The first event of the new season for us in our district is the Fishing Trip, September 12 and 13 at Ludington. Next will be, probably, attending a Lions football game... to replace the canceled baseball game due to the walk-out or strike.

A bowling tournament at Greenville, Mich., and later our convention in Canton, Ohio, sponsored by their respective lodges. A golf outing was mentioned — maybe that will be next year. Your ideas are always welcome — contact your local lodge secretary.

**O. Jensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — The new fall-winter season is upon us and we again have our pre-meeting dinners every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Bowling Leagues — mens and womens — start on Monday, September 14. Come and join us or at least watch us — at Drakeshire Lanes, in Farmington on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Our Anniversary Party is on Saturday, September 26 — hope to see you there. A second Blood Mobile Drive has been suggested, but no date yet. See also activities in the Michigan-Ohio District Section.

**Oluf Jensen, Cor.**

## EASTERN

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — Our Dinner Dance in honor of Art and Elaine Sorensen is November 7, 1981. Tickets are \$15. You can order your tickets from the following people: Vera Holmes, 44 Bailey Dr. N., Branford, CT 06471; Winnie Edmonds, 15 Taylor Dr. E., Hampton, CT 06424; Linda Johnson, 55 Woodland Ave., N. Haven, CT 06473; Jette Hansen, 947 Maple Hill Road, Guilford, CT 06437.

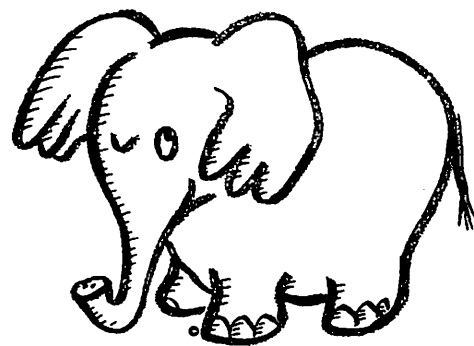
**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #183, Troy, NY** — Troy, NY is having the convention over Labor Day weekend after twenty-nine years. We would like to see many Ex-Presidents and Ex-Officers come to Troy. Just for old time's sake.

We are sure you will not regret it. We will show you the best time ever.

Our young, and very hard working committee, will do their best and have a fine convention including our good sisters here in Troy. See you in Troy at the Holiday Inn, 6th Avenue, Troy, NY 12180.

**Andrew Thomsen**  
Ex-secretary, Ex-officers Club  
G.C.E.L.



**Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY** — A White Elephant sale was the event of the evening August 14th. Members looked in the attic, in the basement and the garage, to find those objects they would like to get rid of. We played Danish music.

November 7, 1981, will be the big event, our 55th annual dinner/dance. It will be held at the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn. The food will be delicious - a real Danish dinner with all the trimmings. Suppe - Flaeskesteg and dessert. How long since you had that?

We had a good time on the bus on our way to Metuchen. Smith & Nielsen led us in songs; George supplied the song sheets, and the weather was with us, high sunshine.

**Niels Hansen, Cor.**

## KANSAS

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, KS** — We have visited St. Paul-Minneapolis and Decorah, Iowa recently and talked to Addie Pittelkow a well-known Rosemaling Artist and Gold Medal Winner. She is known for her classes in Minneapolis and workshops throughout the United States. She paints in the Telemark style and is much admired as a painter, demonstrator and teacher.

She has agreed to come to the Kansas City area and teach a class at a local Arts & Crafts Shop. The class will be held October 26-30, 1981 at: The Tole House, 5602 Johnson Drive, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205, telephone number: (913) 722-0104.

Contact The Tole House for more information.

In other areas the DBIA Lodge is moving ahead in its sponsorship of a booth at the Kansas City Ethnic Commission Festival at Washington Square (across from the Crown Center) on August 21st and 22nd, 1981.

**Bob Wallace, Cor.**

### **"New Land - New Lives" Scandinavian Oral History Project In Progress**

Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, Washington, is engaged in a research project about Scandinavians in the Northwest. Our major activity is the recording of interviews with persons who emigrated from Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden during the early part of the century.

Serving as project director is Dr. Janet Rasmussen, Coordinator of the Scandinavian Area Studies Program at Pacific Lutheran University. She works with trained interviewers to record the recollections of Scandinavians from a variety of occupational backgrounds.

If you or someone you know might take part in an interview, please contact: Dr. Janet Rasmussen, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington 98447, (206) 383-7315.

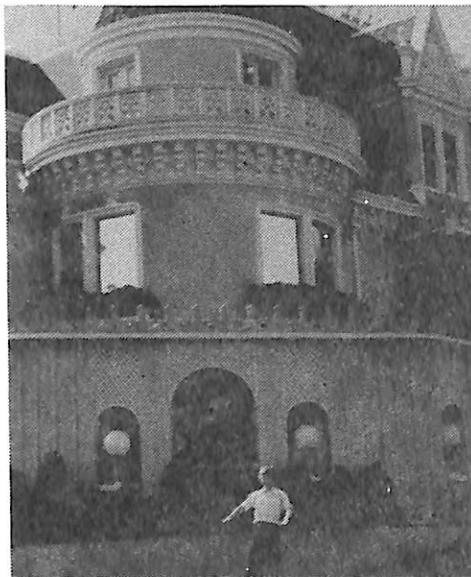
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## Magic Castle Welcomed Two Young Danes



*Anders at the Magic Castle, Los Angeles, California.*

For 14 days Anders Frederiksen and Leif Knudsen took part in a unique educational opportunity. They were at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, California. Although they learned a lot at the Magic Castle, it wasn't an ordinary school. Primarily they performed at a Guest Star Night and got new ideas by talking with other magicians, looking at the shows, participating in seminars and using the magic library.

Anders and Leif are magicians who grew up as friends and neighbors in Herning, Denmark. Taika and Magica is how their performances appear on the billing.

Their interest in magic started when Anders received a book of magic tricks for this 12th birthday. He learned a trick and showed it to Leif. Like any boy, Leif was not to be out done and he made a trip to the library where he learned a trick to show Anders. And so it went. Soon they were giving their magic show for their seventh grade classes. Now they perform for groups and are members of magicians unions.

Neither young man is a full-time magician. They do spend about a day each week practicing the act, however. Their trip from Denmark to America was brought about by their desire to see how our magicians performed. And they found,



*Leif Knudsen and Anders Frederiksen prior to departure from the United States.*

happily, their style, mixing humor and magic, is better for American audiences than for Danish.

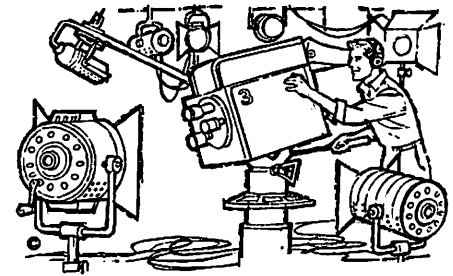
During a visit to the Magic Castle a magician can be brought up-to-date on his craft. While in the United States, Anders and Leif also participated in a convention in Portland, Oregon, arranged by the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians. Their own specialties include card tricks to entertain an audience for nearly two hours, a close-range table show, as well as a more traditional stage show in an untraditional way. Untraditional because there are two magicians on the stage at the same time.

They report a good time was had in Las Vegas, where they enjoyed visiting and seeing Siegfred and Roy. Anders and Leif made a special stop to visit our National Headquarters in Omaha. Returning to Denmark, Anders wrote, "It was with regret we did not perform in any of your clubs. . .next time we will start planning much earlier. We really had a fantastic tour through the USA." During their tour they often exchanged a performance for a night's lodging.

We hope they will be back soon and that many of our lodges will have the chance to assist them as they travel across the country and to enjoy a mystifying performance.

# New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Julie Mortensen	1	—Omaha	Frederick Mortensen
Ronald A. Mortensen	1	—Omaha	Frederick Mortensen
Walter J. Madsen	1	—Omaha	Francis Doak
Marie M. Madsen	1	—Omaha	Francis Doak
Alan Mollerskov	4	—Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Paul A. Lendman	14	—Kenosha	Robert Ibsen
John R. Brunner	14	—Kenosha	Niel Larson
William T. Umfress, Jr.	14	—Kenosha	Erik L. Hansen
Earle J. Dyremose	46	—Perth Amboy	George Ferdinandsen
Robert J. Wallace	56	—Kansas City	Chris Thomsen
Lillian J. Nielsen	56	—Kansas City	Chris Thomsen
Jack D. Nielsen	71	—Penn Yan	Norman Keok
Tammi K. Sonsalla	219	—Clear Lake	Jerome B. Sonsalla
Todd J. Sonsalla	219	—Clear Lake	Jerome B. Sonsalla
Grace S. Petersen	314	—Hartford	K. Klingerman
Maxine A. Bankert	323	—Alhambra	Leona Ferrand
Lillian U. Andersen	325	—Nassau Co.	Niels B. Hansen
June U. McGuire	325	—Nassau Co.	Niels B. Hansen
Fred S. Buck	340	—Wood Dale	Bob Christensen
Dorothy C. Buck	340	—Wood Dale	Bob Christensen
Velda M. Paulsen	340	—Wood Dale	Dorethy L. Anderson
Christine K. Terkelsen	346	—Riverside	Knud Andersen



## Chicago Film Center Announces "Carl Th. Dreyer Retrospective"

The Film Center of the School of the Art Institute in Chicago will sponsor a thirteen-film retrospective dedicated to the work of the great Danish director, Carl Theodor Dreyer, from October 2 through October 25. All films will be screened in the theater of the School of the Art Institute, Columbus Drive and Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. Single admission will be \$2.50 per feature; low cost subscription tickets to the Film Center are available.

The Film Center Dreyer retrospective will be the most complete presentation of these works to be mounted in the United States since the Museum of Modern Art's 1964 retrospective. Prints of rare Dreyer films have been graciously loaned to the Film Center from archives in Denmark, Sweden, East Germany and the United States. In addition to screenings, lectures by noted scholars on Dreyer's life and art have been tentatively scheduled.

Friday, October 2 THE PRESIDENT; Saturday, October 3 LEAVES FROM SATAN'S BOOK; Sunday, October 4 THE PARSON'S WIDOW; Thursday, October 8 LOVE ONE ANOTHER, ONCE UPON A TIME; Saturday, October 10 MIKAEL; Thursday, October 15 THE BRIDE OF GLOMDALE, MASTER OF THE HOUSE; Friday, October 16 THE PASSION OF JOAN OF ARC; Thursday, October 22 DAY OF WRATH, VAMPIRE; Sunday, October 25 ORDET, GERTRUDE.

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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
7-1-81	Alfred C. Nielsen	83	Vammen, Viborg, Denmark	319	Bakersfield, CA	1939
5-19-81	Carl Westergard	63	Chicago, IL	283	Dagmar, MT	1937
6-5-81	Karl Gamborg-Nielsen	69	Fjerritslev, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, PA	1955
6-28-81	Sam Jensen	83	Nipomo, CA	299	Solvang, CA	1924
7-5-81	John J. Peterson	75	Svendstrup, Als, Denmark	39	Oakland, CA	1928
7-24-81	Chris Korshoj	86	Brejning, Jylland, Denmark	206	Blair, NE	1917
7-2-81	Roy W. Peterson	83	Luck, WI	600	Omaha, NE	1943
7-5-81	Paul A. Hansen	77	Roskilde, Denmark	182	Waukegan, IL	1930
6-20-81	Alexander Hansen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	15	Des Moines, IA	1961

# Pacific Northwest Experience



Kristine Nielsen (right) tells about her costume from Thy, while daughter, Clarice Jeppersen, watches.

*by Diane Doyle*

*Director of Fraternal Services*

The Danish American Heritage Society sponsored its third annual Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference June 26-28, 1981. As a representative of your National Headquarters office, I attended the conference.

Many volunteers from the academic fields are needed to cover the important subjects on the conference program. This year Professor Emeritus Otto Hoiberg of the University of Nebraska spoke on the immigrant's challenge to DAHS. Russell Donnelly, Professor of Physics at the University of Oregon, covered the subject of Danish Science from Brahe to Bohr. Later the same day, Inga Kromann-Kelly, professor of Education at Washington State University, gave us a Danish-American perspective of Hans Christian Andersen.

Donald Watkins, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures from the University of Kansas, brought a summary of Carl Hansen's Way from the Midwest to the Northwest. Ingeborg MacHaffie of Portland, author and retired professor of Education, used her warmth and humor to present a tribute to the ethnic influence of Danes in Portland.

Panel discussions on Friday by post World War II immigrants uncovered some of their personal and more recent experiences as Danish immigrants to the United States. The panel of young people who

discussed family life in Denmark on Saturday were asked if they would consider immigrating from the United States to Denmark. Their answers seemed to hinge on conditions as they might exist at the time immigration was under consideration.

Many topics were covered during other parts of the program. Each of them designed to meet certain objectives of the Danish American Heritage Society — to preserve and promote interest in Danish-American traditions; to collect, preserve, and display pertinent artifacts; to encourage Danish-American expression in arts, humanities, and social sciences, and to keep members aware of events and thoughts from contemporary Denmark. In fulfilling these objectives, the DAHS, while not part of or associated with The Danish Brotherhood, *is as an extension of our own goals.*

Careful planning and promotion is required to reach these objectives through the conference. A volunteer committee led by the officers of DAHS makes it possible. Planning Committee members include: Arnold Bodtker, Egon Bodtker, Harriet Falck, Edith Kilgren, Ove Kilgren, Ingeborg MacHaffie, Karen McCumsey, Eva Nielsen, Victor Nielsen, June Pihl, Melvin Pihl and Gerald Rasmussen.

Despite the excellence of the conference program, I believe what brings many of the same

people to the Menuncha Retreat and Conference Center in June each year is the spirit. These people have many times shared their Danish-American way of life over a period of many years. They are good friends. The conference offers them the opportunity to meet again. They generate a sense of caring embodied in the celebration of Clarice Jeppesen's birthday during the conference.

Clarice and her mother, Kristine Nielsen, were my roommates. They made enjoyable companions. My curiosity was piqued because they were from Junction City. Also, by the countless canisters they brought with them and the small, round, ring molds tied together with green ribbon. I was interested further when Clarice expressed concern about a hat which had not arrived from New York.

Hats are not yet fashionable again in the Midwest. I assumed they were ahead of us in Oregon. I soon, too, could be looking for exactly the right hat.

On the day of Clarice's birthday, Kristine and Clarice appeared before the conference in their Danish folk costumes just before coffee was served. Kristine had made kransekage — the canisters had hidden additional dozens of Danish cookies. They each presented the story of their costume. It turned out the hat from New York was a more authentic version of the hat needed for Clarice's costume. We were invited to sample the baked goods made entirely by her mother in honor of Clarice's birthday.

This was one of two such events during the conference. Both were equally significant and demonstrated the good fellowship enjoyed.

Participation in the Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference is not limited to old friends. The hospitable atmosphere surrounds and engulfs the stranger. You take away a sense of the best that can be given by any culture.



*Kransekage about to be tasted!*



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# Those Bold Vikings

***Part of the legacy of these raiders and pirates, traders and explorers, is an irrepressible love affair with freedom and individuality.***

**by Alexander Cutrules**

***Alexander Cutrules holds degrees in history from Boston University and the University of Arizona. He has studied at Columbia University, London University, Makerere University and the University of Hawaii under various grants. He taught for 2½ years in Tanganyika at a government secondary school under the Agency for International Development. Alexander is the author of a biography of Alexander of Macedon and several articles of an historical or archaeological nature. His articles on the quest for Noah's Ark, customs of the Celts and the Greek contribution to Allied victory in World War***

***Two, as well as the Armenian Massacres of the 19th and 20th centuries, have appeared in the Yuma Daily Sun and Tucson Daily Citizen.***

***Mr. Cutrules travels include 50 nations with visits to Scandinavia and Russia in 1978. He has climbed Mt. Fujiyama, Popo in Mexico, and Mt. Kilimanjaro. He also adventures by hiking and bicycling. He is a resident of Yuma, Arizona, and teaches history there. His article, to be presented in three parts, is the result of his visits to Britain, where he visited Lindisfarne Island, and other areas necessary for his research.***

## **Part I**

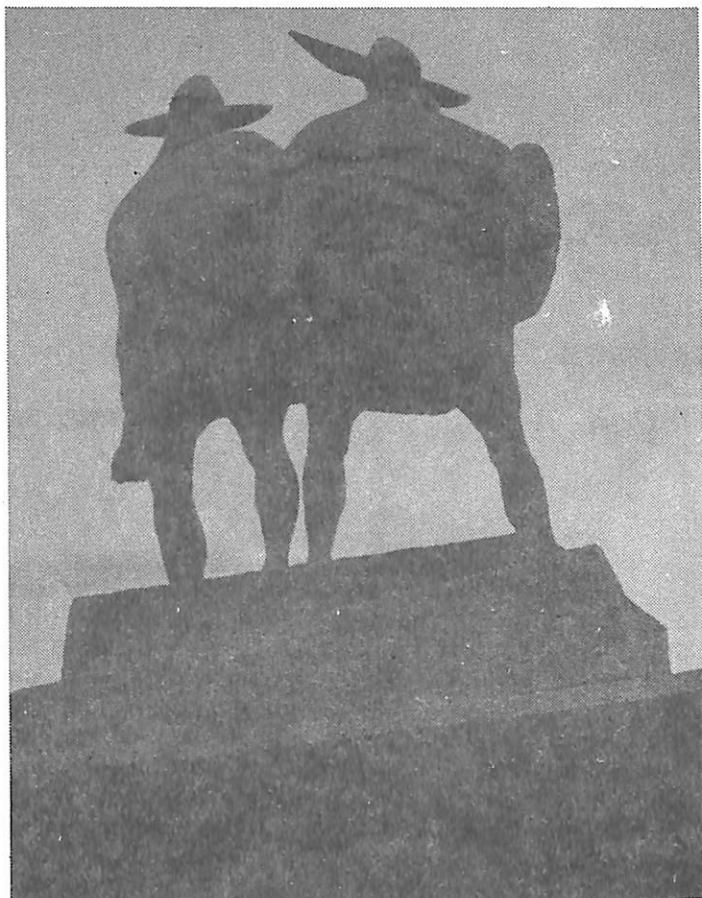
The comic-strip doings of "Hagar the Horrible" enliven Sundays for many of us. Yet, in the second century after Christ, the geographer Ptolemy characterized the northern corsairs who inspired his creator Dik Browne as "savages . . . clothed in the skins of wild beasts".

Who were these Vikings? Their blood careens through the veins of many Americans and Europeans — some Russian. "Saxon and Norman and Dane are we", boasts an English writer; "sea-wolves" mutters a late Roman poet.

Audacious Vikings criss-crossed the world, from the eighth to the twelfth century, with unmatched effrontery. They lay siege to London and

ravished Paris along with a host of lesser places. They established a kingdom in Normandy. Out of southern Italy and Sicily their capacity for war and assimilation carved a domain remarkably tolerant of all races and religions. There Jew and Arab, Greek and Norman labored contentedly in unity and prospered.

Vikings founded Dublin in Ireland, and brought a high tide of affluence to York in England — after taking it by storm. And at Birka in Sweden and Ribe and Hedeby in Denmark they brought to being flourishing marts of international trade and the crafts of peace. Into the anchorages of these towns swanked sea captains and crews knowing of the



A Viking monument of modern date at Jarrow where, in 731, the Venerable Bede wrote his famous "Church History of the English People." His monastery was sacked by the Vikings in 793 when the fine library collected by Benedict Bishop was fired.

North and Baltic Seas, the Black Sea and the Caspian, the Atlantic and the long rivers of the Russian heartland and beyond.

Save for the victories of Alfred the Great at Swanage Bay in 877, and at Ethandune the year following, the Northmen would have engulfed the whole English nation! As events turned out, by 1016 Canute the Dane held sway over an empire which gripped most of England, Denmark and Norway.

The sea-rovers' most wonderful feat, however, unquestionably took place when, in vulnerable craft, Norwegian Vikings defied malevolent Atlantic currents, winds, fogs and imagined terrors to reach the shores of North America — five centuries before Columbus. The Viking community at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland is an astonishing confirmation of medieval sagas.

More recently, discovery of runic texts and rude walls depicting long-ships tantalizingly hints at a Viking outpost entrenched in a remote corner of South America long years before the accidental discovery of that continent by Pedro Alvarez Cabral in 1500.

In the East, at Novgorod on the river Volkhov, and at Kiev overlooking the broad Dnieper, Swedish Vikings, led respectively by Rurik and Oleg, planted river-towns from which there grew the earliest Russian state.

Moving on, some raided down the mighty Volga to the Caspian Sea and Baghdad where they bartered in exotic bazaars.

Others manned the Varangian or Northern Guard of the Greek Basileis in Constantinople, and carved their sinuous runic script on the balustrades of the church of Hagia Sophia, and on the flanks of marble lions watching over the Piraeus at Athens.

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The most famous Northman to serve with the "Axe-bearing Barbarians", as the Greeks of Constantinople called the Varangians, was the Norwegian, Harald Sigurdsson Hardradi.

He turned up in Mikligard, the name given the fabled Byzantine capital by the lords of the dragon-boats, in 1034 at the head of 500 fellow-rovers. And for nine years this seven-foot giant championed the interests of the Byzantine Empire as envisaged by the Basilissa Zoe and two of her three husbands, Michael IV and the conspiracy-prone Michael V Calaphates.

Hardradi was first dispatched to fight the Arabs and Seljuk Turks then infiltrating Asia Minor. Under the brilliant leadership of George Maniakes, the war carried him east of the Euphrates, and report would have us believe that he captured 80 fortresses of the Saracens!

The towering Norwegian even advanced towards Jerusalem. A peaceful talking-out of vexing differences between Christians and Moslems intruded, however, for the Byzantine Greeks always preferred conciliation to bloodshed. This knocked down Harald's chance to steal a march upon the Western crusaders who moved eastward sixty years later in answer to the appeal of the autocrat Alexius Comnenus.



Depicted is Aidan who set out from Iona to found the church and monastery at Lindisfarne Island in 634. The first Viking attack recorded for England victimized Lindisfarne and its monks on June 7, 793. The statue stands on Lindisfarne. The photo makes one mindful of the enmity described in the text between the church and the raiders.

**Look for Part II in the October American Dane.**

# 1980 Creative Writing Contest Winner . . .

## **Cold Comfort**

**By Cindy Mauritsen**

**Group III, Fiction**

The chime of crystal grew louder with every minute the gold clock ticked. Laughter, which sounded more like a shrill, floated down the hall. Each sterling silver piece was perfectly arranged and grand flower bouquets beamed in every corner. This was going to be another successful dinner party for Helen Swoob. In fact, it would be quite unheard of if any of her parties were anything less. She thrived on attention and compliments although she wasn't always worthy of them.

"Barbara, could you come over here and help me with my hat?" Helen was presently inquiring of her young daughter-in-law. "I think it's gotten stuck on my comb in the back there. Oh, now look, the lace is coming apart. Cheap stuff. I'm going to take it back to the store tomorrow. There, did you get it fixed? How do I look in it? It's not flattening my hair is it?"

"No, no. It's fine." Barbara spoke for the first time.

"Harold didn't approve of my buying another new hat, but I told him if he could spend money on horse races then I could just as well spend it buying clothes for myself. He's getting old and doesn't remember things that well anymore." She continued, lowering her voice to a whisper. "Men never seem to realize that women need a lot of clothes. Isn't that right, dear?"

"Oh, of course."

"Yes, well, enjoy yourself, dear. I have to go see how dinner's coming." With her nose held high, Helen marched out of the room leaving Barbara in her own

thoughts. She looked down at her gown and saw the pale blue sequins twinkle at the chandelier lights like a cool limpid pool in the mid of summer. Closing her eyes she longed to be in a pair of faded, soiled jeans, like her younger days. Not in her husband's parent's home either, but in a weathered barn on a sunset splattered evening drinking in the golden hues and listening to night crickets sing.

Grabbing her by the arm, her husband led her to the dinner table. Returning his smile warmly, she thought of why they had gotten married. He to grant his parents with a grandchild and she to escape the restricting life of being poor.

He had told her something on the way to this party as they rode in their limousine. But she didn't catch all that was said because she was daydreaming about the dirt road she travelled on as a child and shifting the gears of her father's tractor as she helped cultivate the fields.

She sat stiffly at the table, smoothing the cloth napkin upon her knees, and feeling watched by trained, glaring eyes waiting for her to make a wrong move so they would have something to talk about at the next bridge or golf meeting.

The manner in which the hefty woman across the table was eating, reminded Barbara of a sow at a trough. Chewing bite size roast chunks she longed to be eating chicken with her fingers as in her childhood days.

Had she really escaped the limi-

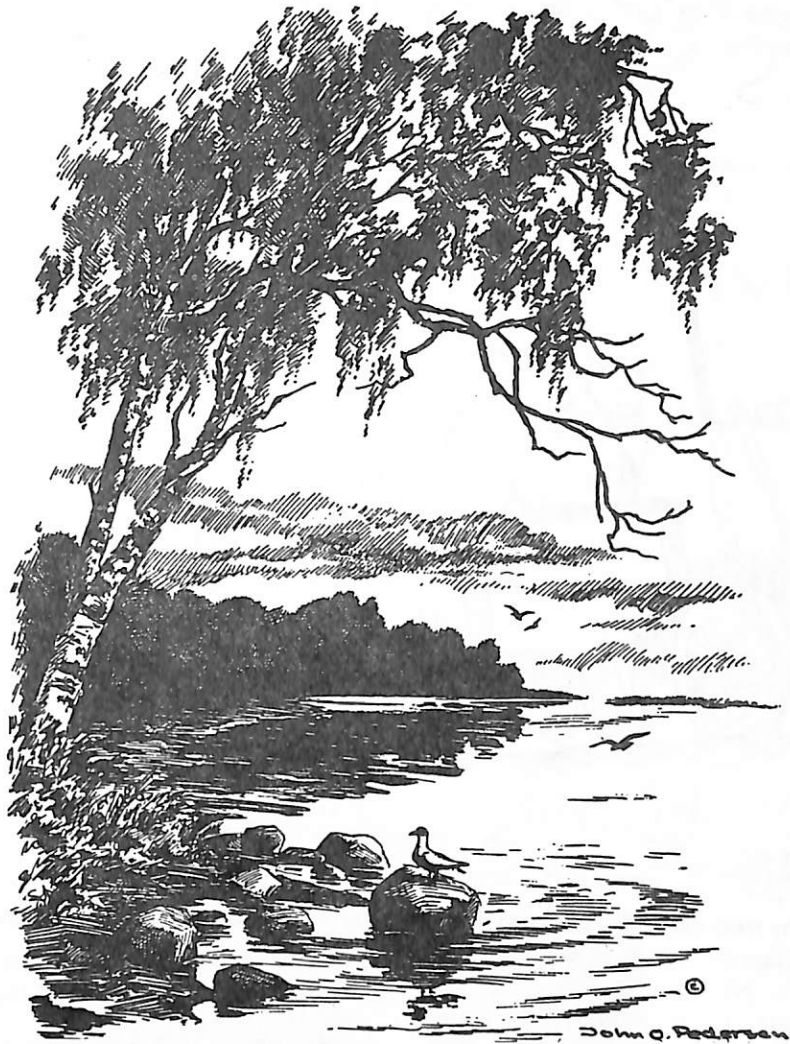
tations of being poor, or just confined herself more? She often wondered. How good it would feel if she could jump up now and scream as long and loud as her voice would carry, like those many hours of singing in the yard back home. That life seemed so distant now, as if a possession of dreams.

"Barbara, Barbara! Wake up, girl! That wasn't very nice of you dozing off like that! And in the middle of dessert, too!" Helen was wiping Barbara's elbow off after she had accidentally stuck it in the bowl of pudding her mother-in-law was holding.

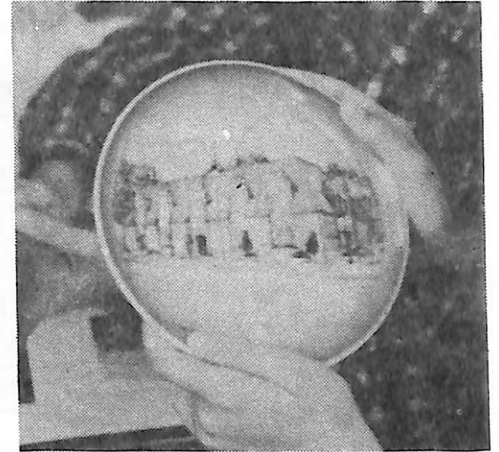
"Oh, dear! I'm so sorry, Mum." Barbara said, and thinking of her own mother she thought, "Yes, I'm really sorry, Mum, for leaving home."



*Cindy Mauritsen.*



# Danish Brotherhood Centennial Plate



## 1982 Centennial Calendar

John O.P. Pedersen was chosen to illustrate "Gamle Danmark" for our 1982 appointment calendar. John generously illustrated our National Headquarters in honor of our Centennial Year. This beautiful pen and ink rendering serves as the cover for 12 additional illustrations, the above included. Recipes also appear on each calendar page along with Danish, U.S. and some Canadian holidays.

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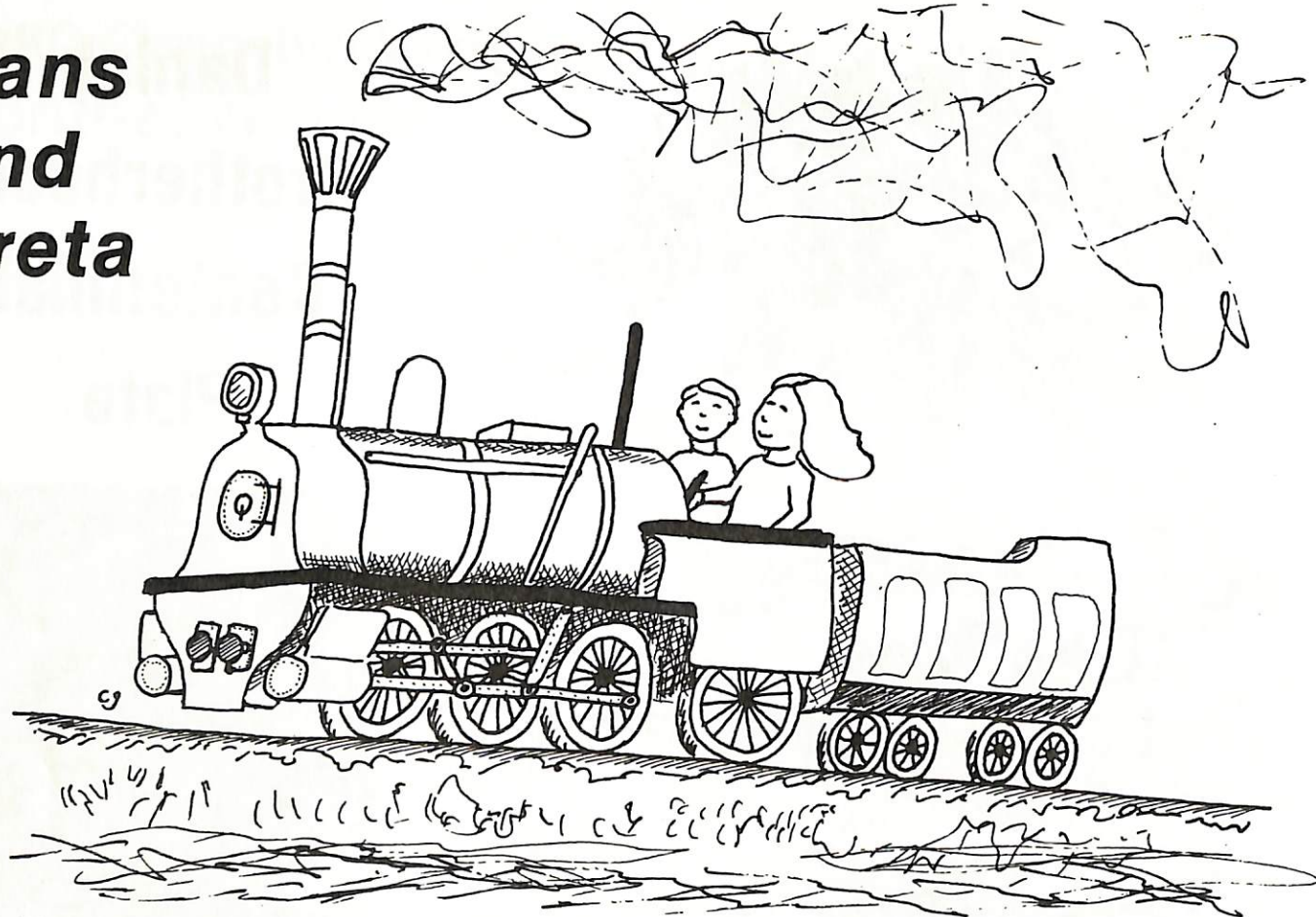
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August winners: Marian Squires, Ingrid Christensen, Kristen Snyder, and Sandra Hogan.

## Danish Layer Cake Lagkage

4 egg yolks  
3 T. cold water  
1 C. sugar  
1 C. (scant) all-purpose flour  
1½ T. corn starch  
1½ t. baking powder  
½ t. salt  
4 egg whites  
1 t. vanilla

Beat the four egg yolks until lemon colored. Add water and sugar and beat two minutes. Mix and sift the flour, corn starch, baking powder and salt. Add to the egg yolk mixture. Beat well.

# Grandma's Kitchen

Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold into yolk, flour mixture. Add vanilla.

Bake in four nine-inch cake tins (round or square), ungreased (or use a little oil) in a quick, hot oven preheated at 450°F. for 10 minutes. Fill with assortment of fillings. Top with whipped cream.

# Viking Adventures

*Coming Together—A Beginning*

*Keeping Together—Progress*

*Working Together—Success*

Our lodge in Albert Lea, Minnesota, gets things done. They happily have a number of members who are good workers and responsible in undertaking a long-term project. Their recent accomplishment of the construction and placing of the statue in Fountain Lake Park confirms this. Along with responsibility comes planning. They seem to be good at this, too.



*Jerry Hansen — model for immigrant memorial.*

## **LODGE NO. 75, ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING**

We have received as a sample of the method used by Lodge No. 75 a copy of a one year's program plan for 1980. It was typed on an 8½x11 sheet and distributed to their members.

The idea is straightforward. They develop a calendar of activities for the year. Included are presentations by knowledgeable persons outside the lodge, ethnic celebrations, a membership drive, and possibly a fund-raising project.

The program is implemented by assigning the committees from the general membership. The first person listed chairs the committee for that activity.

Each committee member is listed with his or her telephone number, the date and title of the activity. At the bottom of the sheet several notations inform committee chairmen who might not be familiar with lodge procedures how expenses are handled and what is expected.

Chairmen are given two people they can call in the event they cannot take the responsibility for the committee.

With some planning, the activities of the lodge no doubt go rather smoothly through the year. The members know what to expect and everyone on the committee has ample time to prepare.

While from time to time there can be problems planning this far in advance, it does much to insure a goal of the lodge is met — providing interesting programs for its membership. Programming that will continue to bring members to meetings and social evenings. No plan should be totally inflexible — but planning in itself says we are going to try to have a good lodge. We are going to give what we are doing and what we are trying to accomplish some thought.

## **NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Lodge Handbooks should be available to all lodge officers through lodge secretaries as needed. The Handbook can save you time. Many questions regarding DBIA procedures are answered in the Handbook. The Handbook can provide you with ideas for lodge activities and organization. You will find guidance for almost every Danish Brotherhood lodge and district function. 1981 revisions to Lodge Handbooks are underway and will soon be mailed to the lodges. The Handbook is a valuable asset to committees and officers.

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