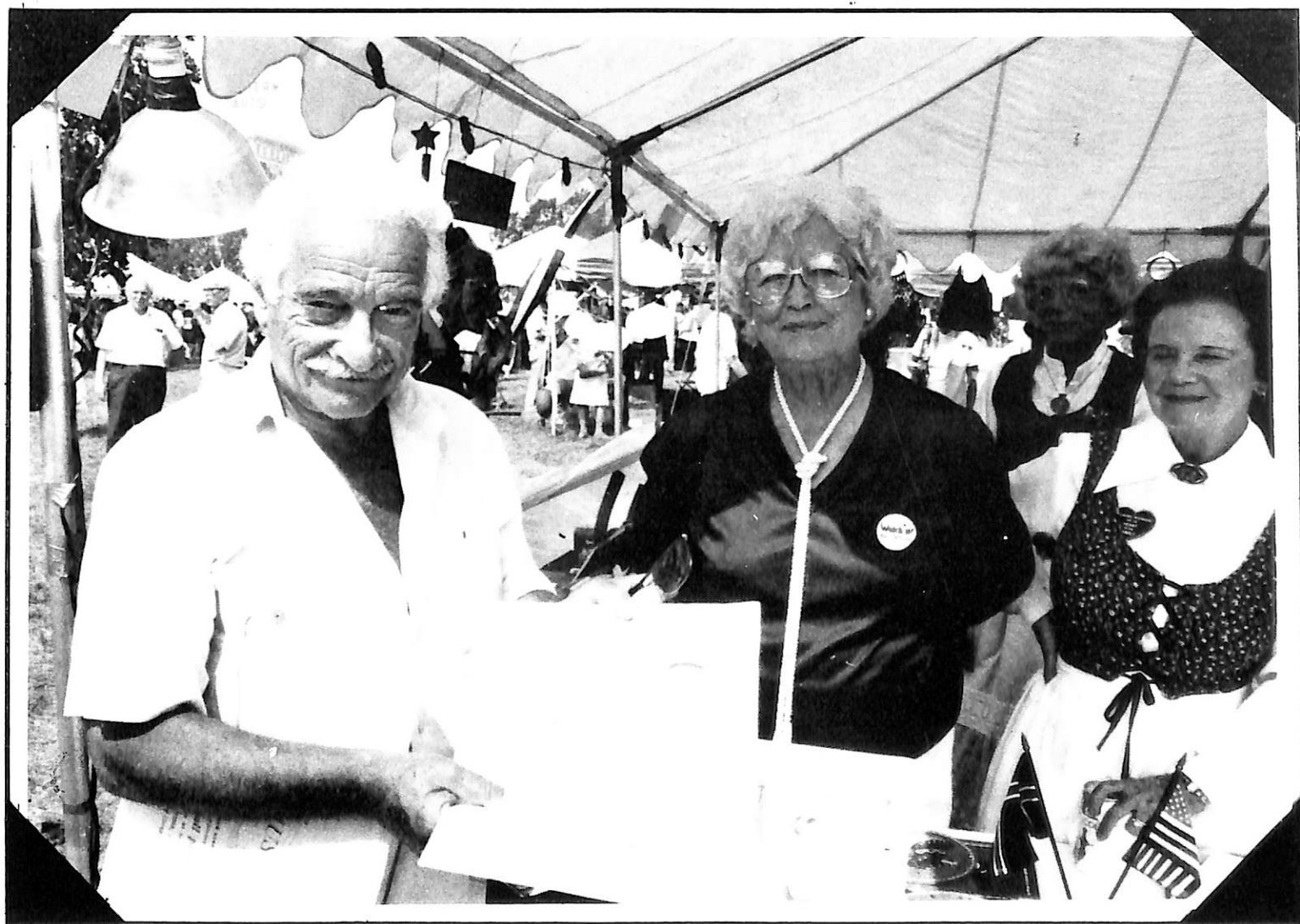


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What's New For October

The time has come to really start getting excited about our Centennial celebration in 1982. President George J. Jacobsen brings you the latest news in his column on page 4.

The members of Lodge No. 56 in Kansas City, Missouri, are making a tremendous effort to bring new life into their lodge. The acceptance of an honorary membership by Victor Borge was a major event during the recent Ethnic Enrichment Festival in Kansas City. You can read their story by member Robert Wallace on page 8.

The second part of the "Those Bold Vikings" begins on page 17 and is followed by an interesting history of the Boy Scouts of America's Green Bar Bill. Did you know he was a Danish American?

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Victor Borge accepts certificate of honorary membership in DBIA Lodge No. 56. Presentation was made by Ruth Larsen and Muriel Thomsen.

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The President's Column



DBIA President
George Jacobsen

On behalf of the National Board of Directors, we invite all Danish Brotherhood members to participate in our Centennial celebration in 1982. A date has now been confirmed for our Centennial Banquet as Saturday, May 1. The banquet will be held at the beautiful Red Lion Inn in downtown Omaha. We promise all of you who are able to attend an exceptional evening.

Individual lodges should be planning celebrations, too. When plans are being made, be sure to invite prominent members of the community to join you as you take pride in being part of our organization.

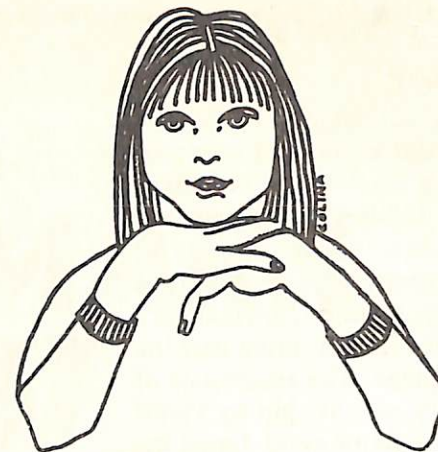
During our Centennial Year, several lodges will have an opportunity to enjoy the work of Dr. Frederick Hale. Dr. Hale is a historian and theologian at the University of Oslo. He has written extensively about Scandinavian immigration since he was awarded his Ph.D. at The Johns Hopkins University in 1976. He is an experienced speaker in his field. The National Headquarters will be helping to sponsor his appearance and presentation on the "Myths and Realities of Danish Immigration."

Many orders for our Centennial Plate by Bing and Grøndahl have already been received. We urge those of you who wish to make this purchase to send your orders as soon as possible.

A good number of lodges have participated in our oral history project. Those of you who have not completed a tape and returned it to our National Headquarters are urged to do so. We would like a nice collection to present to a Danish archival facility.

Histories prepared by local lodges have been edited for inclusion in the historical booklet to be printed and distributed to members through our American Dane mailing list. A Centennial gift for each of you. During 1982, we will bring you some unedited lodge histories in the American Dane. The histories have been duplicated and will be held in the National Headquarters files for safekeeping.

At the end of 1982, the current membership contest will be ending. One very good way to observe our Centennial would be to try to earn enough points during the next 14 months to have your own celebration in Denmark.



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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Danish Village in the early
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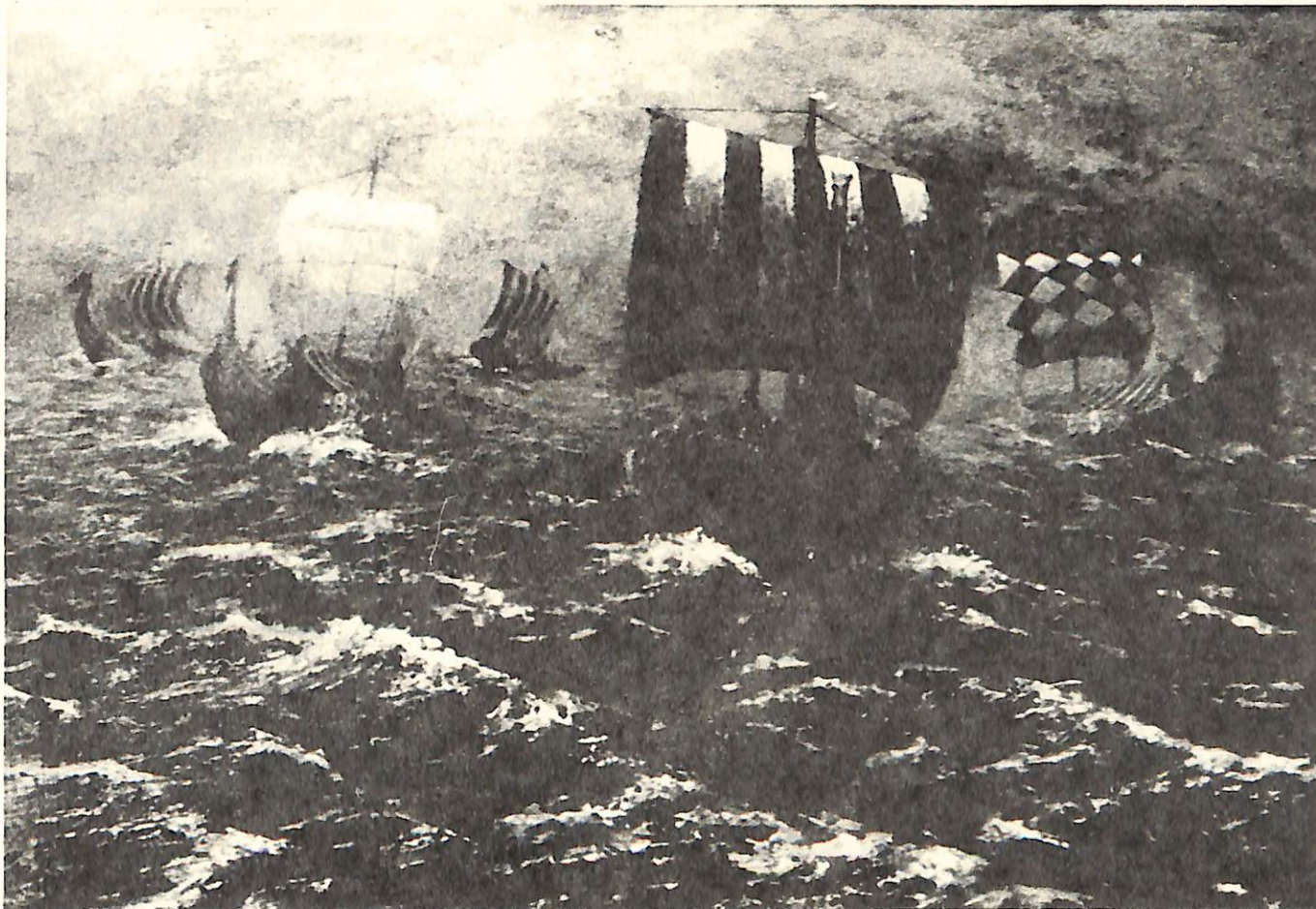
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Plain Talk About Life Insurance

by **Andy Andersen, CLU**
Sales Director

We have previously discussed permanent life insurance such as **Whole Life** and **Limited Pay Life**. This month, the subject will be "**Level Term and Decreasing Term**".

Permanent life insurance can be compared to a new automobile. If you buy one, you can drive it as long as you want and later sell it for its trade-in value. Likewise, you can buy a permanent life insurance certificate, have the protection for years and then sell it back to the Society for its cash value. There is, however, one important difference. The value of the automobile will decrease from year to year, whereas the life insurance cash value increases each year with future cash values guaranteed.

Term Gives Specific Protection

Although the premium for term insurance is lower than for permanent insurance, in the long run, term insurance costs more since there are no cash values building up to offset the cost of protection. Buying permanent insurance can be compared to buying a home in which you are building up an equity. Buying **Term Insurance** is more like renting a house. However, there are times when buying **level term** makes sense, especially when there is a need for temporary protection such as to cover a short term note at the bank.

The level term may be renewed every 5 years up to age 65 by paying the premium at the attained age. It may also be converted to any plan of permanent life insurance without proving insurability.

Unlike level term where the face amount remains level throughout the term period, **Decreasing Term** provides for a death benefit which decreases annually, until it has been reduced to zero at the end of the term period.

One reason for buying decreasing term insurance would be to cover the declining mortgage balance on a home, leaving the home free and clear to the survivor. Premiums for decreasing term are lower than premiums for level term, assuming the term period and initial death benefits are the same. However, the premium for decreasing term does not change even though the protection decreases each year.



Jens N. Jensen

Congratulations to our representative of the month, Jens N. Jensen from Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon. Jens has a good start on becoming Representative of the Year for 1981. The winner of the Representative of the Year award will be the guest of the National Headquarters at the Centennial Banquet in Omaha on May 1, 1982.

Award-Winning Essay

Philip Briner is one Young Viking we believe understands his true Viking heritage. He was the winner of our 1981 Young Viking Essay contest. Philip is 12 years old and lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Read on to learn how this Young Viking sees his ancient Viking ancestors compared to modern science-fiction.



Philip Briner

Were the Vikings as Adventurous as the crew of the "Millenium Falcon"?

That's a good question. Han Solo fought the Empire because they interfered with his smuggling operation. The Vikings attacked other peoples because they interfered with their expansion.

Han Solo destroyed Empire ships in daring maneuvers that took your breath away. But the Viking's raids were even more daring. For instance, they attacked Paris in 845 and 856, ignoring heavy fortifications. They utterly destroyed the city both times. And when they came back again in 885, the emperor of Paris, Charles the Fat, had to pay them to keep them from destroying it again.

While Han Solo dodged asteroids, the Vikings sailed across enormous seas fearlessly. Supposedly, they landed on the coast of North America, a distance of 3,600 miles from their home-

land. Surely, this is a feat comparable to landing on the Death Star.

The Viking's empire stretched from Normandy to England, from Greenland to the North Sea, from western Russia to the East and West Indies. They were skilled craftsmen, boatmakers, potters, and smiths, while Han Solo's only trait is that he can fire a laser pistol.

It must be understood that while Han Solo traveled millions of miles in the "Millenium Falcon," the Vikings didn't know where they were going. Their voyages took the utmost courage and skill to complete. And they were almost always successful, whereas Han Solo was captured and frozen.

However, after all this, I must say that you cannot really compare them. For Han Solo was created on film, but the Vikings were real.



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Matthew C. Olsen	3	Davenport	Howard Petersen
John F. Olsen	3	Davenport	William D. Olsen
John J. Wayne	4	Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Eugene C. Petersburg	14	Kenosha	Aksel Christensen
Earl W. Schwuchow	14	Kenosha	John Gellert
Rena Garrelts	16	Minden	Wm. Jorgensen, Jr.
Nels D. Winther	16	Minden	Elmer Jepsen
Elmer L. Davidson	16	Minden	Fred Bronson
Olga E. Jorgensen	17	Chicago	Merle L. Nylen
Flemming L. Lorck	29	Seattle	P. Sten Jessen
Alfred J. Rasmussen	46	Perth Amboy	Geo. Ferdinandsen
Richard P. Feltus	46	Perth Amboy	C.B.S. Pedersen
George P. Korch	46	Perth Amboy	C.B.S. Pedersen
Anthony P. Deitz	51	Ludington	Edward E. Geil, Jr.
Raymond D. Roda	51	Ludington	Edward Sielski
Joseph R. Sielski	51	Ludington	Edward Sielski
Chester L. Hammond	51	Ludington	Edward E. Geil, Jr.
Douglas Hansen	51	Ludington	Edward Geil
Diane K. Sonderskov	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Julie C. Suthard	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Devin M. Kendell	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Allan Lassen	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
E. Brandon Melzark	263	Askov	Byron Petersen
George F. Rostrup	325	Nassau Co.	Niels B. Hansen
Jack Andersen	340	Wood Dale	Dick Christensen
Arne R. Hedegaard	600	Omaha	William Hedegaard
Thomas A. Koegler	600	Omaha	Keith Koegler
Michael Koegler	600	Omaha	Keith Koegler
Craig P. Koegler	600	Omaha	Keith Koegler
William S. Tjader	600	Omaha	Lenius Gottliebsen

Kansas City — Special Festival Report

by Bob Wallace



Otto Larsen, lodge secretary, stands outside the DBIA booth under the Danish flag.

The Ethnic Enrichment Festival in Kansas City was a great success. The DBIA was well represented. Almost all members of our lodge were in attendance at one time or another during the two-day festival. Several thousand people visited the festival located near the downtown hotel-convention center area of Kansas City. Over 300 brochures and American Dane magazines were distributed to those who stopped at the DBIA booth. Several new membership candidates were discovered and the Lodge No. 56 mem-



Ruth Larsen and Jean Prinds pause during the busy Ethnic Enrichment Festival days.

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bers will follow up to sign new members.

Information concerning Scandinavian genealogy, travel, and arts were given to visitors. Rosemaling, the Norwegian Folk art, was displayed and several items were offered for sale.

Local television channels used the DBIA booth as an interview point for life and taped broadcasts. The Mayor of Kansas City stopped by the booth and purchased a Christmas ornament.

The major event for the Brotherhood members was the visit of Victor Borge, the famous Danish entertainer. Mr. Borge made an informal appearance after being invited by mail prior to his appearance at the Starlight Theatre in Kansas City. The DBIA Lodge No. 56 presented Mr. Borge an Honorary Membership in Lodge No. 56.

This was the first opportunity in many years for the lodge to be represented in an activity like this. We were thrilled that Victor Borge took the time to visit us and accept the honorary membership in our lodge.

1980 Creative Writing Contest Entry . . .

by Ann M. Bys
Cedar Rapids-Marion, Iowa
Group III, Poetry

Wild Geese in Flight

Crossing the autumn sky,
V-lined, the wild geese fly
High overhead.

Winged like a feathered fan,
Soaring, they take their clan
Far from the haunts of man,
High overhead.

Questing, they fly at night,
Calling far out of sight.
Fall moon hangs red.
Beckoned, my heart takes flight
High overhead.



88-Year Old Misses Meetings

Dear Editor:

I just got my last issue of the American Dane and I certainly enjoyed reading it. I feel strongly it is time to let you know how much I like The Danish Brotherhood and have for 64 years always enjoyed it. (meetings, conventions and the G.C.E.L.) Many of you know I have attended 10 national conventions, was delegate to 8 and in the past 45 years missed only 4 G.C.E.L. conventions. Being a member for almost 65 years has been something just fine and I have taken pleasure in meeting many fine people of Danish descent.

When I came to this country in 1916, I did not know a person, could not speak a word of English and my wife Viola could not either. In Providence, Rhode Island, where we settled, we soon got to know a few Danes and in 1917 I joined Lodge No. 102 there. In 1924 when we started the G.C.E.L. I became interested and worked for the district. I believe the G.C.E.L. has done a good job. I am wondering how all is going.

I feel so many lodges are going down; but I cannot do anything about it and I feel so many are doing a very good job and everything seems to be going well. My health

brought me to Florida after 42 years. The change has really helped in that respect, but the nearest lodge was in West Palm Beach, almost 200 miles away. I joined that lodge. They had good meetings with a very nice group of people. I attended meetings regularly even though it was a two-day trip. It was worth it. Now I have had to give up much of it. I miss all the meetings and parties. Even when in Denmark I attended meetings. I can only say, thank you all in The Danish Brotherhood and much luck to you in the future.

George V. Petersen

Martin Svendsen Up-date

Dear Editor:

We would like to bring you up-to-date on the gentlemen in Lodge No. 195, Omaha, who reached the age of 96 last year. He is Martin Svendsen. Martin and his wife Hansine have now moved to the Maple-Crest Health Care Center, 2824 N. 66 Ave., Rm. 139, Omaha. On September 9 they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family members and other residents of the Center. Greetings for the couple came from both Sweden and Denmark.

Carl Emerson

Midwest District Honors Seyller Family

by Richard Christensen,
Midwest District Past President

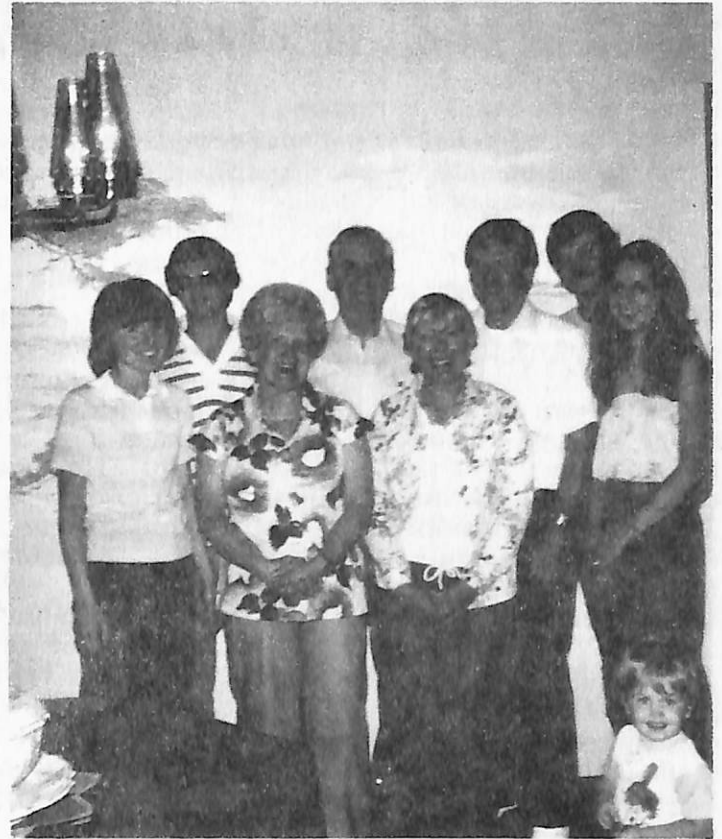
Lodge No. 92 of St. Charles, Illinois, is a lively, active group of people who pitch in to get things done. They are high on the list for promoting their lodge and looking for new members, while maintaining a healthy schedule of activities.

Hopefully this is familiar to your lodge, too. Within the active membership of Lodge No. 92 is unique family participation. The special family consists of Marlowe and Maren, Marty and Jeanine, Dayle and Carla, Dennis and Suzie, and Steve and Debbie. All Seyllers; willing to contribute time and effort to the lodge.

The scope of this family ranges from torsk dinners to Christmas parties, to building a float that won second place in the Geneva Swedish Day Parade. They also handcrafted elegant trophies for the Midwest District Target Shoot conducted by Lodge No. 92. The Seyller's gave many hours in a year-long effort to get a bingo license from the State of Illinois. Lodge No. 92 bingo is now a weekly experience for people in and around St. Charles.

All Seyllers, at one time or another, have held at least one of the positions of chairman, conductor, secretary, vice president, president, or past president within the lodge. Marty is currently a very active member of the Midwest District Board of Directors.

Yes, there are many other hardworking and dedicated officers and members of the St. Charles lodge. They are to be commended, too. But because this unique family of more than 10 participating Seyller's is so evident, the president of the Midwest District deemed it fitting to honor them at the 1981 District Convention with Awards of Merit and Appreciation.



Members of the Seyller family, back row, left to right, Stephan, Marlowe, Marty and Dale. Front row, Deborah, Maren, Janine, Carla and little Brian in the foreground.

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
6-17-80	Einar Bojesen	77	Vesterø Sogn, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1929
7-30-81	Harold Jacobsen	64	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1948
7-2-81	Aage Fredericksen	79	Tyler, Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1937
8-11-81	Lawrence Johnson	82	Cannon City, Colorado	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1935
7-8-81	Niels R. Jensen	86	Ejstrup Sogn, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1923
8-1-81	Steve Hanson	79	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1946
5-7-81	Aage S. Rasmussen	76	Hasinge, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1950
6-19-81	Thorvald Hansen	79	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1925
8-10-81	Irvin R. Nielsen	60	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1938
8-8-81	Harold H. Hokser	79	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1921
8-11-81	Walter Sorensen	45	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1952
8-8-81	Anton R. Gram	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1920
7-30-81	Charles H. Womble	71	St. Joseph, Missouri	173	Kansas City, Kansas	1946
7-6-81	Carl Matson	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	155	Bellingham, Washington	1948
7-2-81	Carl Heindorf	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1964
5-19-81	Nels C. Munch	88	Fede, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1943
6-1-81	Bert G. Robey	63	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1975
4-30-81	Elna M. Shisler	73	Waupaca, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1975
7-1-81	Raymond Geissler	59	New Haven, Connecticut	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1974
8-27-81	Martha Schultz	84	Ruskin, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1962
12-1-67	Jens Petersen	97		211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1907
8-13-81	Erik Eriksen	87	Ringe, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1977

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 — The largest crowd ever (760,000 estimated by Portland Police Department) came to Waterfront Park July 19 for the sixth annual Neighborfair/Folkfest celebration as our Danish Brotherhood, DBIA Young Vikings, and Danish Sisterhood proudly displayed the Danish flag, showed through displays information about Denmark, and captured Danes from Denmark and friends of Danish descent for future members.

Our Danish Beer Garden grossed \$5700 selling 21½ kegs of Tuborg and 103 cases of Carlsberg. Co-chairmen Bill Hansen and George Larsen were some of the hardest working of our members.

Our Young Vikings were busy, too! They grossed about \$1725 selling Danish hot dogs, ice cream cones, soft drinks and floats. Also, their specially silk-screened T-shirts made here in Portland.

Thanks to Erik Jaeger who last year said why don't you —

So, Erik Enevoldsen set it up: a 6x6 on a saw horse; nails were started. For 50¢ a patron had three chances to drive his nail flush with the 6x6. Would you believe they took in \$634 —? Yes, 484 proved to be carpenters and drove in their nails for a free glass of Tuborg!

The excitement of an auction will be ours on Saturday, November 14 at Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall when the third annual Danish Brotherhood verbal and silent auction will be offered.

A benefit for the building fund, an evening of pleasure is in store for all.

Mel Pihl, Cor.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are moving monthly meetings to a different location. In the future we will meet at the Swedish Community Hall, 1320 East Hastings St., in Vancouver. This will be effective for our September meeting. It's a very pleasant place and just right for us.

Due to circumstances within our control, it is our pleasure to announce the first annual newsletter party to be held October 10 (at the Swedish Community Hall). The party is for all brothers and advertisers with escorts.

Arne Møller, Cor.

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — The homecoming party of our district convention delegates had the biggest attendance in a long while. The report was interesting and promising for DBIA's future. The youth movement is increasing and Golden Gate No. 49 has initiated 7 new members.

The evening was highlighted when our new district vice president, Aage Lundquist, assisted by our President, Per Jantzen, pre-

sented anniversary pins to Sofus Winther (60), Axel Hansen (50) and Erik Juul (25). Chris Holm (25) of Seattle sent greetings and the fifth member honored was Bent Ole Roi (25).

The lodge birthday party is November 14 at the Presidio. Axel Hansen and wife Dagny made this possible. Seating is limited and Rudolf Christoffersen and Carl Sorensen promise a festive event.

Henning Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Los Angeles lodge of the Danish Brotherhood celebrated its 82nd anniversary with a dinner and dance on Saturday, September 12, 1981, at the Pickwick Restaurant. As in years past, all who had been members of the lodge for 50 years or more were invited as guests of the lodge.

The convention in Fresno was well attended. No big changes in the bylaws. Hans Jensen of San Diego was awarded Honorary Life Membership in the District. District officers for 81-82 are Past President Alice Pinkerton, President Al Tunsen, Vice President Aage Lundquist, Trustees Owen Miller, Art Norgaard, Floyd Pederesen, Conductor Lazlo Lesku, Inner Guard Walter Miller, and Outer Guard Sue Martin. The 1982

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convention will be held in Ferndale. Bakersfield has invited us to hold 1983 convention there.

Our lodge thanks Fred Holm for all the work he has done on our 1981 address book.

Peter Pedersen, Sec.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The lodge picnic in July was an outstanding success from the standpoint of an ideal spot, ideal weather and a happy and contented crowd.

In the horseshoe competition partners Donald Jensen and John Sorensen won first place; partners Gary Howell and Hans Petersen were second place winners. Philadelphia visitors Steve and Rita Volz won an igloo cooler in a drawing and Johanna Chapin won a patio chair. Heather Bradley won the balloon game.

The picnic also proved to be an occasion to welcome a visitor from Denmark, Peter Andersen. Pre-med student Andersen had been on a "Check America" tour with a group of young people from several European countries. At the conclusion of the tour, he visited his San Diego and Chula Vista relatives.

The September meeting of the lodges will feature reports of officers and delegates who attended the California-Nevada District Convention.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We in Hayward would like to thank Fresno for their very successful and fun convention. They did a superb job. Our delegates Jonna Villadsen and Diane Mahler, were accompanied by Beth Cowan and Signe Ann McNeil. Roy Anthony joined his wife Irma on Saturday. Iver Poulsen and his wife Else were also there. We were entertained by their own Danish choir and Danish dancers. We especially enjoyed the young children dancing.

We are very proud to have won the state bowling tournament, again. We have added golf to our list of winnings. Stuart Mahler took 1st place in the golf tournament. He tells us that he has only been golfing 10 or 11 times. Do you believe that!? David Mahler took 3rd place golfing. He's been golfing 2 or 3 years now. In bowling, 1st place was taken by our men's and our women's teams.

The men's team consisted of Fred Mahler (the Daddy of all the Mahlers), David Mahler, Roy Anthony, Iver Poulsen, and Walter Hansen. The women's team consisted of Diane Mahler, Ceil Mahler, Beth (Mahler) Cowan, Susan Cowan, and Jonna Villadsen. David Mahler won high game scratch. Roy Anthony won high series handicap. Diane Mahler won high series scratch. Terrie McNeil won high series handicap. We are happy to have won, but we would like to see a lot more people participating and competing against us. Diane Mahler has been appointed bowling chairman for next year. She will be sending all lodges the rules, so please plan on getting some teams ready for next year.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Our progressive dinner will be held sometime in October.

The convention held in Fresno, California, was a great success. The host lodge did a great job, everything went very smoothly, which showed that everything had been planned very carefully. Good entertainment, good food and good fellowship. Hats off to the convention hosts, for a job well done!! The 1982 convention is in Ferndale.

There are two kinds of people who don't say much. Those who are quiet and those who talk all the time.

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — The 1981 District convention is history now and I would like to congratulate the Fresno Lodge on a good convention. Everything was great! Sure wish we had someone to teach us how to do some of those Danish folk dances.

Life membership honors were bestowed upon Hans Jensen — Lodge #306. Lodge #230 of Arcata, California won the District President's Award. The 1982 convention will be held at Ferndale, California, hosted by Lodge #95. As you can see, the convention was a big success.

Our October meeting will be held on October 10th. This will be a box social with Danish movies

after. We will be having a report from our nominating committee at this meeting.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Danish Brotherhood, Lodge 144 held a picnic and outing on August 16, in Reinbeck, Iowa. Lloyd Plaehn was in charge of arrangements. Some 50 members of Brotherhood Lodge 144 and Sisterhood Lodge 176 enjoyed very good eating, potluck style, and followed this with such ambitious endeavors as: horseshoes, tennis and volleyball. Other pasttimes were "Blitz" and "pepper." We were glad to see our long distance travelers, the George Hansen's of Grinnell and the Toby Larsen's of Boone.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — September started with a "bang." Lodge No. 347 hosted its first convention and were very pleased with the attendance from as far as Florida, Michigan, Illinois, California, Nebraska and two guests from Denmark. Distinguished guests were Peter Weber, National Brotherhood Director; Edna Petersen, National President of the Sisterhood; National Trustee Sisterhood, Mary Jean Grunberg; and National Sales Director Andy Andersen. Thorvald Sorensen Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, won a prize for attending the most consecutive conventions.

Ulla Wall, Sec.



MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Don't forget Dansk Festdag, October 3. On the main floor of our lodge hall Danish aebleskiver, Danish open-faced sandwiches and homemade Danish pastries will be served from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There will be Danish music.

Many fine crafts will be on display for your viewing and purchasing.

At 6:00 p.m. games will start in the downstairs lodge meeting room. Come and try your luck.

There will be a raffle with the winning tickets being drawn the evening of October 3rd at the Dansk Festdag.

During the day of the Dansk Festdag special raffles for many different prizes will be offered. Fishing for mysterious prizes, and a table containing miscellaneous items, which can be purchased by a silent auction.

John Mollerskov, Cor.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Even in the summer months our lodge continued to grow. We have initiated new members at every meeting.

Our trap shooters came in fourth at Dwight, Illinois. Bob O'Neal took first in the individual target shoot. Besides Bob, the shooters were Dick Walker, Jr., Bob Appleby, Erik Hansen and Matt Fosbinder. They reported that Dwight did their usual fine job and they really enjoyed themselves.

230 people enjoyed our annual picnic this year. Special thanks to Vic Sturman for donating the collector bottles, the Roders for donating the corn popper and to Bill and Tom Nelson for the use of their truck. Last but not least to Bill Lee and Judy Testard who worked long and hard for weeks to make the picnic the great success that it was.

We had two teams at the Midwest Golf Outing. Fourth place went to Frank Holderness, Bill Jensen, Ken Monson and Gordon Andersen, and sixth place was won by Bill Bull, Paul Smith, Art Pedersen and Peter Kavaliauskas.

All who went to the Arlington Race Track were winners! Our lodge was represented at the Midwest District picnic in South

Chicago. It was a beautiful day for a picnic and Ray Nielsen and Woody Petersen and all members of Lodge No. 35 are to be congratulated.

Our Christmas Fair (November 8) raffle is underway and Arnold Boyle was named chairman of a historical committee for Lodge No. 14.

Robert Ibsen, Sec.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Monday, September 14, committee chairpersons, Bill and Sharon Mortensen have informed me that we will be entertained by Maurice Grafton on his banjo and guitar.

The proposed bylaws will be voted on for acceptance at this meeting.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our Treasurer and long time member, Irv (Babe) Nielsen.

Thanks to Harriet Seerup for offering to head a committee to have our Danish booth for Harvest Days again this year. The committee has decided to stay with the Danish sandwiches and kringle.

Following the meeting, Gordon Von Qualen entertained us with a slide presentation of his trip to Australia this past year. "I think I'll move to Australia!"

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.



Lodge No. 36 members enjoyed a corn roast August 16.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We had a wonderful time at our August 16th corn roast held at Ozzie and Luella Christensen's. Twenty-four adults enjoyed the "sweetest corn" this side of heaven along with brats and buns, hot dishes, salads, desserts, coffee and other liquid refreshments! Some played

horseshoes and other games, some explored the beautiful Southern Kettle Moraine on bicycles while others had a good time just visiting with three guests from Denmark.

Our annual fall Torsk Dinner, co-hosted by Lodge 36 and Sisterhood Lodge 15, will take place 6:00 p.m., October 17, 1981, at International Institute, 2810 West Highland Boulevard, Milwaukee. Deadline for reservations is October 9th. A member has already volunteered to donate a Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plate for the occasion — other member donations will be welcomed.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Omaha has been selected for the 1982 State Convention in Nebraska. Lodge #1 is quite excited about this. There will be many fun events and we certainly want to be a part of it. This year's state convention was held in Minden, Nebraska and was quite a success — good food and fun for all.

Dee DiSilvestro, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — At our last meeting President Wulf initiated the following: Viva Husk, Esther Olsen, Margaret Hansen, Robert and Evelyn Jorgensen. Congratulations, we are happy to have you.

Harriet Betts, Sec.



Holger Honore prepares beef flanks for the brine.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — On Monday evening, August 10, Lodge #211 held their monthly meeting in the Blue Flame Room.



Left to right: Paul Larsen and Verla Goodman making rullepølse.

Sixteen members enjoyed and had many laughs in preparing "Rullepølse". A total of 48 pounds of beef flanks were prepared and were ready for the "brine," under the instructions of Diane Honore. Thank you, Diane, for instructing us! A lunch of coffee and Danish cheese sandwiches were served before bidding each goodbye until next month.

Mercedes Henriksen Zikmund,
Sec.

MICHIGAN- OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Tickets are now available for the Vikings/Lions football game on December 12. They're limited! Get yours from Howard Hansen, Vice President for \$12.50.

If we have not seen you at our meetings and doings lately, how could you know what is going on there? You just might like what you see; if not, say so. It's easy to say — I don't like it. Solution: do something about it. Your officers appreciate your suggestions and interest.

It was voted upon at our September meeting to have our blood

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drive once a year instead of twice a year. The drive will probably be in the spring of 1982 and we look for your support at that time.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On July 26th, we had a picnic at Brother Wilber Knudsen's house in Rhode Island. About 20 members from New Haven came as well as members from Rhode Island lodge. Everyone had a good day eating, swimming and talking. Thank you brother Wilber.

Our October meeting will be a family night, starting at 7:00 p.m. with a potluck supper. Please bring a dish according to the size of your family. There will be a short business meeting after supper, followed by a bingo game. Each person is asked to bring a prize for the bingo game. Hope to see you all there.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #41, Derby, CT — Our lodge is small, twenty two members, but we had something big to celebrate at our July meeting. How would a small lodge have something big to celebrate? Our good brother Magnús "Mac" L. Petersen was born in Odense, Denmark in July 1887. He joined the DBIA in 1906. In his honor we had a party celebrating his 94th birthday and his 75th anniversary as a member of the DBIA. We toasted Mac with akvavit.



Lodge No. 41 president, Henry Anderson, presents certificate to Magnus (Mac) Petersen.

Brothers Askel Nongart and Henry Bungard sang songs in Danish. We sat down to a fine dinner, prepared by a young member, 84-year-old John Schmidt.

"Mac" was presented a certificate to commemorate his many years of Danish Brotherhood

membership. He has been through the chairs several times and at present is a trustee. "Mac" is very active. He still drives his own car. He lives about ten miles from our meeting hall, and has not missed a meeting in years.

Charles H. Peters, cor.



Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA —

Scholarship award presentation in Lodge 172: In front row the award winners from left: Kathleen Fantau, Charlene Milne, Ann Margaret Hinrichsen. Back row from left: Agnete Christiansen, Secretary; John B. Christiansen, Vice President; Carl Gudnitz, President; Len Gottlieb, Treasurer.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our annual banquet will be held on October 16th. Tickets are available from any officer. The cost will be \$12.50 per person.

Other coming events include a meeting and perhaps a dinner November 13 and our Christmas party December 11.

Don Heckman, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA —

The program for our September meeting included some slides provided by Harley Larsen, who has traveled extensively in the Scandinavian countries. All members were encouraged to bring their own "show and tell" articles.

We want to thank Girl Scout Troop 530 from Newark, DE, who performed for us at the June meeting. The girls looked charming in their Danish costumes, and they offered a Danish greeting to each member!

In June we also had the pleasure of presenting Danish Brotherhood scholarships to three lovely and talented young ladies. Congratulations and best wishes to Kathleen Fantau, Ann Margaret Hinrichsen, and Charlene Milne.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — To initiate the new season, entertainment chairman Stafford Keer and his sons will provide us with a "home computer" demonstration. We will gain some useful information, as well as knowledge of how to schedule, create graphics, and enjoy fun and games.

Niels Malmquist will continue the historical series of cultural information begun last season. This time the subject will be "Vinland, — the Vikings Discovering America."

As part of Scandinavian Weekend, a Troll Look-a-Like Contest is being planned, and it's open to everyone! The idea is to "dress as a troll" and make yourself eligible for the prizes which will be awarded to the ugliest, the funniest, and the most unusual entrants. It's a novel, new idea which should prove quite amusing! So far Walter Nielsen is the only Viking who plans to dress up.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — Hi everybody — Hope you had a nice summer and have had your fill of picnics, traveling, and vacation. We did, and are now ready to settle down and enjoy the fall and winter seasons.

Olin Yauchler is back with us for good. He claims he has said farewell to Florida and will stay here (New York) no matter what the weather. He will represent us at the G.C.E.L. convention in Troy.

Our Danish brothers, who spend the summer at Galway Lake, report they had a beautiful summer with plenty of friendly competition, sailing their boats.

Our lodge President, Peter Nielsen, reports, that once again George Severson, our Past President, has graciously offered to hold our annual Fall Outing, at his Lake George home, a weekend in October.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #242, Erie, PA — On October 10 we will be celebrating our lodges 75th anniversary with a dinner dance in the lodge club-rooms.

The lodge also hosted a dinner for the Edward Jonassen family on May 17th at which our President Joseph Dascanio presented a certificate of award to Andrea

Jonassen, daughter of Ed and Marie, in honor of her National Scholarship Award.

Henry Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Our meeting September 11, 1981, was well attended. We initiated two new members, Mrs. Eva Alming and Mr. George Rostrup. We welcome both to our lodge. After the business meeting we started the winter season with our monthly Smorgasbord and showed a Danish film "Charles Tante" — A funny film, it was well-received.

The Scandinavian Fair in Eisenhower Park August 29 was attended by 8,000-10,000 people.

The 55th dinner dance will be held at the Danish Athletic Club, 735 65th Street, Brooklyn on November 7.

Invite a friend! Members of other lodges welcome.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Danish Seafarer Found the World's Northernmost Sea by Jørgen D. Simonsen Courtesy Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

This summer — and it is not possible to be more precise — it is 300 years since the Danish explorer Vitus Bering was born in the Jutland town of Horsens. At the age of 22, he entered service in the Russian Navy under Czar Peter the Great. This appointment was to lead to one of the most famous voyages of discovery of all time, which proved that a 96 km broad stretch of water separated Siberia and Alaska. Today these waters are called the Bering Strait and Bering Sea.

Vitus Jonassen Bering's family included his great uncle, Court Poet and Historiographer to King Frederik III of Denmark. Vitus Bering went to sea at an early age, and while still young made a voyage to India. In Holland, then a main European shipping centre,

Norwegian-born Admiral Cruys engaged him for the Russian Navy in 1703, and he was given the rank of sublieutenant. Seventeen years later, after taking part in transport operations during the Swedish Wars, he was promoted to Captain, Second Class. Disappointed, he resigned and went to live with his Russian-born wife in Viborg, Finland, where his father-in-law was a prosperous merchant.

In 1721, he was called to St. Petersburg (Leningrad) and appointed Captain, First Class. Peter the Great made him the leader of an expedition proposed by the Russian Academy, which was to map the extremities of the Russian empire.

Bering recruited 33 men, and appointed another Dane, Lieutenant Morten Spanberg, his second in command. After two years of enormous hardship they reached Okhotsk, on the Pacific coast of Siberia, a journey of 9,000 km. From there they went on to Kamchatka, where they built the brig "St. Gabriel."

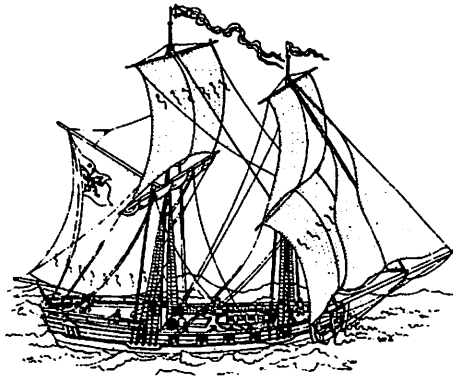
On July 13, 1728, Bering set sail northwards. By August 15 they had reached 67° 18' North. Bering and Spanberg felt at this point that they had accomplished their mission. A Russian lieutenant, Aleksei Chirikov, wanted to continue the voyage, to make sure Asia and Alaska were not con-



Navy Captain Vitus Jonassen Bering wearing blue tunic, fox cap, wolf coat and soft leather boots.

nected. The disagreement was resolved undramatically. Bering feared the prospect of winterstorms and sea ice, and preferred caution. If he had taken a more easterly course on his return voyage through often dense fog, he might have found Alaska. But Bering was more of a seaman than an explorer, and sought first to safeguard his ship and crew.

When he returned to St. Petersburg in 1730, he was sharply criticized by the Russian Academy. It was decided that a major expedition was to map Siberia, from the Bering Strait to Japan. Spanberg, Bering's second in command on the earlier expedition, sailed and surveyed the southern route, but also failed to



The flagship "St. Peter," a brigantine of oak timber with pole masts of spruce.

obtain recognition from the Russian Academy.

By 1741, the 60-year old Bering was ill, weakened by scurvy like all the members of his group. Sailing in the brigantine "St. Peter" he reached the American coast in August, but stayed only a day and then turned back. A German ornithologist and botanist, Steller, who survived only to die in poverty, later described the incredible suffering of the voyage. Unable to sail further, they put the "St. Peter" aground, and Bering died on December 8, 1741, on an island which was later named after him. Altogether 30 of the expedition's 78 members perished, and the survivors spent the winter in holes dug in the ground. They reached Avachinskaya Guba on the Kamchatka peninsula in the spring of 1742. One of the survivors was the Swede, Svend Waxel, a 41-year old officer who returned to St. Petersburg to report the loss of the expedition, and was later appointed Commander of the Kronstadt Naval Base.

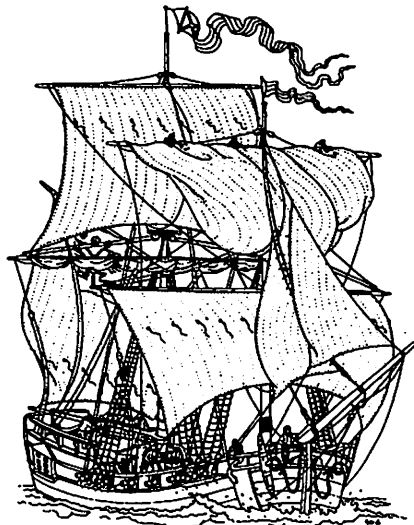
Vocational Scholarships Offered

Scholarship benefits to be awarded by The Danish Brotherhood in America have been expanded. The expansion included adding two scholarships for vocational, trade or business school students.

Future vocational, trade or business school students who wish to apply for a Danish Brotherhood scholarship should request the special application forms available from the National Headquarters, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. Applications must be completed in all respects and returned to the office by February 15, 1982.

Vocational, trade or business school students are those who will train to become productive citizens. They will not necessarily attend a college or university. The total amount of the scholarship award depends on the length of time required to complete training. Vocational school students do not compete with college applicants.

Applicants must be insured members of The Danish Brotherhood in America in good standing.



The "St. Peter" approaching a foreign shore, the helm is shifted. The aftermost square sail is furled. Vitus Bering stands amidships, peering expectantly towards land.



Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1982, will be considered beginning February 15, 1982. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1982 will be considered by the Committee for the 1982 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$150.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,200.00.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured

members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

Changes approved by delegates to the Thirtieth National Convention of the society have increased the number and amount of scholarship awards available. Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school. (See Art. V of the Bylaws.)

**Robert Ibsen, Chairman,
Scholarship Committee.**

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The first performance of the newly created Ernest and Frances Nielsen Concert Series at Grand View College will be Saturday, October 17, at 8:00 p.m., in the College Center theatre, East Fourteenth and Grandview Avenue. Ernest Nielsen is a past president of Grand View College.

Margaret Davis Kew, former concertmaster of the Des Moines Symphony, will present a violin concert, assisted by Dr. James Luke, clarinetist; Marian Luke, pianist; and Jamie Kew, cellist.

The concerts are free and open to the public.



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.

Those Bold Vikings

by
Alexander
Cutrules



Part Two

Shows part of the church built on Lindisfarne by Benedictine Monks from Durham in 1082. As the date testifies, nothing remains of the original church and monastery — but the place is still hallowed in our day by its marking the spot where the renowned Lindisfarne Gospels were written in 700.

Alexander Cutrules in Part I of this series on the Vikings quickly brought us a summary of Viking history. The exploits of Harald Sigurdsson Hardradi were chronicled as he “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.”

We next hear of his talents being exercised in the Greek expedition launched to wrestle away from Arab clutches the island of Sicily which, since classical days — along with southernmost Italy — had been known to men as “Greater Greece”. It was in 1038, and again the gifted George Maniakes was his warchief.

Swiftly, in the face of obstinate resistance, the towns of Messina and Syracuse, with all of the lands between them were in Greek hands. But it was not to last. The imperial bosom of Michael IV flooded with jealousy and apprehension at the mounting popularity of his ingenious commandant. Maniakes was summoned to the “Queen of Cities” on the Bosporous, and the gains so quickly made were as speedily relinquished to Saracen counterstrokes.

The morale of the army was further undermined when units, including the contingent of our Viking warlord, were transported to the Italian boot. There they struggled to ward off not-so-knightly but astute adventurers of the French family

of Hauteville then posing a new threat to Byzantine hegemony.

After some indecisive battling, Harald too was returned to Constantinople where, at the Golden Gate, he was personally greeted by the Basileus. Afterwards, with all the pomp and glitter of Byzantine ceremonial, he was saluted with honors and titles.

Soon in the service of Ares again, the warchief was directed northward into the Balkans to wage a brief but bitter campaign against the Bulgars. On his return in triumph he was exalted to the ranks of the third highest rating of courtiers in attendance upon the imperial throne.

A period of turmoil and intrigue began with the death of Michael IV, however, and it was Harald who, after a palace counter-coup, with the cheers of a blood-maddened mob loyal to the ruling house in his ears, gouged out the eyes of the usurping Michael V and his hated uncle.

In 1043 Harald finally started homeward from the metropolis on the Golden Horn, having first entrusted to the care of a friendly prince in Russia the loot garnered by his good sword arm and bold heart.

Twenty-three years afterwards, this same much-traveled Harald Hardradi, then king of Norway, was defeated and given “seven feet of English soil” at Stamford Bridge when he tried to war down the Saxon Harold and become ruler of England, too.

The year was 1066, and the attack of another man with Viking blood in his veins, William of Normandy, led to a more enduring conquest. Circumstances had once again conspired to cheat the great opportunist and adventurer of an outstanding achievement.

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Even with the rousing example of the stalwart Harald Hardradi before us, it is easier to say *who* these men of the North were and what they did, than to describe their character.

Goaded from their Scandinavian homelands by a population boom and an urge for land, adventure and fame, they unleashed their primal vigor against older, sunny, more settled lands. And because they were wild children of wild places, with a fine-honed contempt for the accord and charity preached by Christianity, aggression came easily to them.

The events of 786 augured the storm and ruin to come.

In that year, when a minor English lordling named Beohtric reigned in Wessex, three Norwegian ships made landfall there. The monarch's sheriff, Beaduheard, galloped down to the coast, greeted the strangers in friendly fashion, and "tried to make them go to the royal manor". For his pains he and the warriors with him were hewn down by axe and sword!

Not until seven more years had elapsed did the first recorded large-scale atrocity of the Vikings take place. For it was in 793 that they cracked open the peace and took away the wealth of the community of monks on Holy Island off central England.

This assault on the Lindisfarne monastery, established by the saintly and energetic Aidan 158 years before, stunned Western Europe.

"It was not thought possible that they could have made the voyage," wrote an alarmed Alcuin at Charlemagne's court, and "never before . . . has such a horror appeared in Britain as this that we have just suffered from the heathen."

But the attack on Lindisfarne was only a prelude to the start of what would prove a threnody of terror.

For the raiders again crossed gray seas to harrow England the next year sacking the Venerable



Mosaic from the floor margin of the Great Palace in Constantinople showing a northern chief, perhaps a Goth. It gives a good idea of the way the Byzantine Greeks perceived the Northerner.

Bede's monastery at Jarrow. And in 795 they reappeared to plunder the gold and axe down the unresisting monks of Aidan's own hermitage the world-famed retreat on the island of Iona, off western Scotland. Many a precious manuscript was devoured greedily by crimson mouths of roaring flame!

Then, for two generations, there set in a deceptive tranquility shattered once in a while by hit-and-run attacks.

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Catastrophe was set loose between 835 and 843 as the raiders took to wintering in Ireland and France. Eight years later, by 851, they sojourned in England as well.

This turn of events allowed them to use the remnants of the old Roman road system to strike suddenly and as suddenly vanish. They set off on the small horses of East Anglia to harass and despoil, murder and burn on a hitherto unimagined scale.

Historians have not agreed on the reasons for these dramatic assaults. It has been suggested, however, that the Vikings were, like Homer's Greeks, bands of pirate-adventurers whose mastery of the shipbuilders art and knack for seafaring liberated them to range far in their high-stemmed, dragon-headed "steeds of the wave", either for trade or raid.

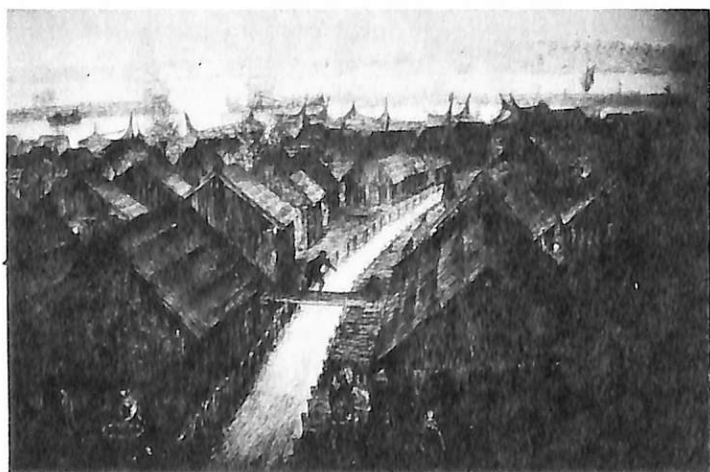
At the dawn of our era Tacitus had heard how the Northmen possessed "powerful fleets". Now, seven centuries later, they skimmed over the long, broad water-tracks of Russia — the Volga and the Dneiper — to exchange goods and seek spoils along the Black Sea and the Caspian.

Others swept past Gibraltar to wield slaughter-hungry weapons among the cowering folk of the future Morocco and Spain, France, Italy and Egypt.

Their wind-driven sea hawks brought havoc to Christian and infidel coasts alike. They made fashionable those hallmarks of medievalism: ramparts and earthworks, castles and fortifications.

A dolorous English prayer of the day intoned, "From the fury of the Northmen, Good Lord, deliver us!" And one pictures the congregation Amening!

Part III in November



A diorama of Hedeby. It is in Copenhagen's National Museum. The Trade center in which Ansgar Inaugurated Christian work in the 800's, was put to the torch in 1049 by Harald Hardradi.



(Courtesy Boy Scouts of America)

“Green Bar Bill”

Denmark’s Gift to Scouting

by Bob Hammack

Few people have turned personal misfortune into gifts to be enjoyed by so many young Americans as has Vilhelm Hans Bjerregaard-Jensen. He changed his Danish name a half century ago to William Hillcourt (literally, it meant “mountain court” or “hill yard”). But he is better known to American Boy Scouts as “Green Bar Bill.”

His first “misfortune” in this country came in the mid 1920’s when a crate rolled onto his ankle, knocking him down and breaking his leg. Bill Hillcourt told the late writer Quentin

Reynolds: “That broken leg proved to be less than the calamity I thought it was then. Actually, I think of it nowadays as the luckiest break I ever had.” He bears a mark but no limp.

It was during that period of recuperation that the 26-year-old adventurer visited Chief Scout Executive James E. West in his New York office. Hillcourt had broken his leg in a Scout warehouse so it was natural for the “Chief” of the then small organization to be aware of the accident.

Asked what he thought of American Scouting, the already Scout-wise Hill-

court considered the question. A few days later the young man delivered nearly 20 pages of memoranda to West. Although taken aback by what initially could have been regarded as criticism, the generally gruff and often brusque Scout leader sent the critique to the National Executive Board. West saw in Hillcourt an untapped resource, a young man who had attained the Danish equivalent of the Eagle Scout award, **Ridder Spejder** (Knight Scout).

Hillcourt’s major suggestion was that patrol leader’s have their own handbook. West used direct questions.

"What should be in it?" Hillcourt was equally direct. "Would you like to write it?" He did.

Within weeks Hillcourt had completed his third book, the **Handbook for Patrol Leaders**, an important, often-translated document. Scouting is founded on the patrol method which teaches young men and women to work in the ideal unit of eight. It is the sometimes complex, but simply stated task of the patrol leader to carry out two ideas: "Get the job done. Keep the group together."

It was during his studies at pharmacy school in Copenhagen that he took off in the direction of writing. His first story was sold for 15 Danish kroner, and by age 23 he had published a first juvenile novel called **The Island**. Hillcourt said it had a theme similar to **Lord of the Flies**, but it was strictly an adventure tale. By the time of his graduation, he had also penned a Danish Scout Handbook, and was the editor of the national Scout magazine.

It started him in a career far different from his formal studies. He would never practice pharmacy, even in his native Aarhus. Instead he took a job with a Copenhagen newspaper and was sent as his first assignment to cover the second World Jamboree in Denmark. He took one more assignment from the paper, and that was to London. He left for New York, and his second career in professional Scouting.

During his tenure in Scouting, he has put together more than a score of books, either original work or revisions of previously published works. Some of those have been translated since into more than 20 languages.

"Retired" from Scouting for more than fifteen years, "The Cheerful Dane" (Quentin Reynolds' title for him) continues to write his "Green Bar Bill" column for **Boy's Life**, the official organ of the nearly 6-million member Boy Scouts of America. He's been known by that name since 1932 when he joined the staff with such notables as artist Norman Rockwell. In 1977 it was Hillcourt who was sought to write **Norman Rockwell's World of Scouting** capping the subject's sixty-six year association with the Boy Scouts.

Rockwell was accorded American Scouting's highest honor for service to boys, the Silver Buffalo, in 1938. Last year (that is, 1980), Hillcourt himself became the recipient of the award. That was sixteen years after the British Scout Association had presented him the Silver Wolf in 1964.

Hillcourt, as a professional Scouter, was not eligible to receive the Silver Buffalo earlier. It is fitting that it be presented to him upon the second printing of his 1979 completely revised **Official Boy Scout Handbook**, the definitive work for American Scouts.

This year, 1981, a new edition of his biography of Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, was released. Entitled **Baden-Powell: Two Lives of a Hero**, the book was first published in 1964. Lady Baden-Powell, widow of the founder, visited the United States frequently while continuing her husband's work. During one visit at the 6th National Jamboree, recounted former Chief Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., a Scout asked a particularly difficult historical question about "B-P" and his early life as a soldier. "Why don't you ask Bill Hillcourt," she said after a moment's hesitation, "He knows more about my husband than I do." Lady Baden-Powell had turned over to "Green Bar Bill" in 1941 all of her husband's letters, sketchbooks, diaries, and scrapbooks as research material. Bill Hillcourt had done well in 20 years of study along with two decades of meetings with the Chief Scout of the World. He met him first at the movement's World Jamboree in London.

Perhaps more than those of any man living today, the words of Bill Hillcourt have affected the young men of America. Few know of him as Vilhelm Hans Bjerregaard-Jensen or as William Hillcourt or perhaps even remember the more than 500 columns he did as "Green Bar Bill." He marked 70 years of Scouting in August 1981 fulfilling the challenge of the Chief's last message: "To make the world a better place."

**SEPTEMBER
ASSESSMENT
NUMBER 989**

is Due and Payable to the
Lodge Treasurer
October 1, 1981

And Must Be Paid Before
November 1, 1981

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

**HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.**

More Purchasing Power In Denmark

While the dollar continues to gain ground in Denmark, tourism officials all over the country, as well as government agencies, are devising more and more ways Americans can save money while vacationing in Denmark.

One very successful, budget-minded program is Danmenu, now expanded to more than 600 restaurants in the country, which offers a two-course dinner for about \$9 per person or a three course meal for around \$12 per person at any one of the participating restaurants. Danmenu has recently been expanded even further to include tourist cafeterias. Tourist cafeterias in Denmark are offering a two-course meal of good Danish home cooking for approximately \$4.75 now through December, 1982.

Decals in the windows of participating restaurants indicate which ones offer Danmenu and which ones provide tourist cafeteria menus. In addition, the Danish Tourist Board in New York has an updated list of all restaurants serving Danmenu meals.

Another program that will save Americans money in Denmark will also get them out into the lush Danish country-side for a closeup look at the Denmark beyond Copenhagen. Country inns (called "kros" in Danish) across the nation have instituted a kro check, or voucher, system of payment that allows travelers to purchase any amount of the inexpensive check and then apply them to lodging and meals as they choose at kros everywhere.

Travel agents can issue kro checks, or vacationers can purchase them in Denmark from Fyntour, Møllergade, DK-5700 Svendborg, Denmark, or Jylland Tours, Svalegaarden, Hasseris, DK-9000 Aalborg, Denmark. Travel agents in the U.S. can also book United Tours of Scandinavia's Copenhagen city package holiday.

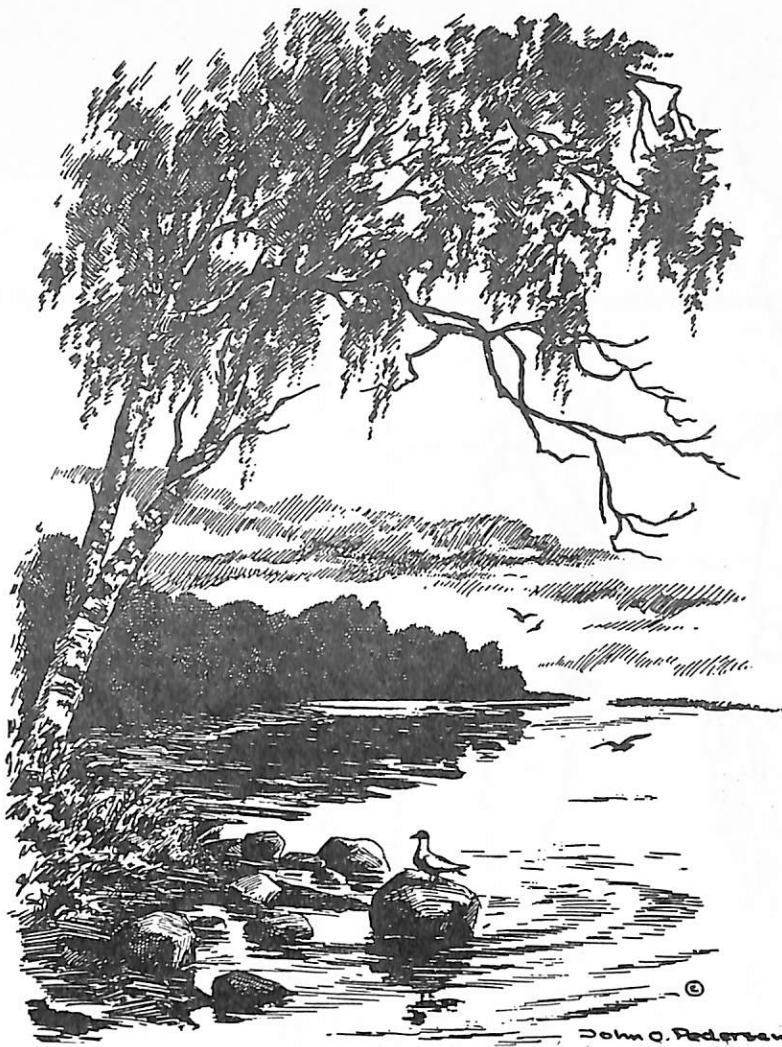
SAS Sets New Low Winter Tour Fares

Scandinavian Airlines System has announced its lowest transatlantic round-trip fares in almost two decades - as low as \$565 between Chicago and Copenhagen - for the period from October 1, 1981, through April 30, 1982, subject to government approval.

The new SAS Viking Holiday fare is a seven to twenty-one day winter group inclusive tour fare, offered in combination with land arrangements of only \$140 for the minimum seven days and \$20 for each day thereafter.

The Viking Holiday fare is \$135 less than the winter season individual minifare between Chicago and Copenhagen. The \$565 Viking Holiday fare applies to roundtrip travel for groups of ten or more from Chicago to Copenhagen, Oslo and Gothenburg.

Ground packages offer six nights of hotel accommodations, breakfasts, sightseeing and some dinners, depending on the class of accommodation, within the minimum of \$140 per person, double occupancy.



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.

Danish Brotherhood Centennial Plate



Designed by Bing & Grøndahl for The Danish Brotherhood, this plate fits well into your collection. Only 550 plates were made. Orders will be filled as long as possible, first come - first served.

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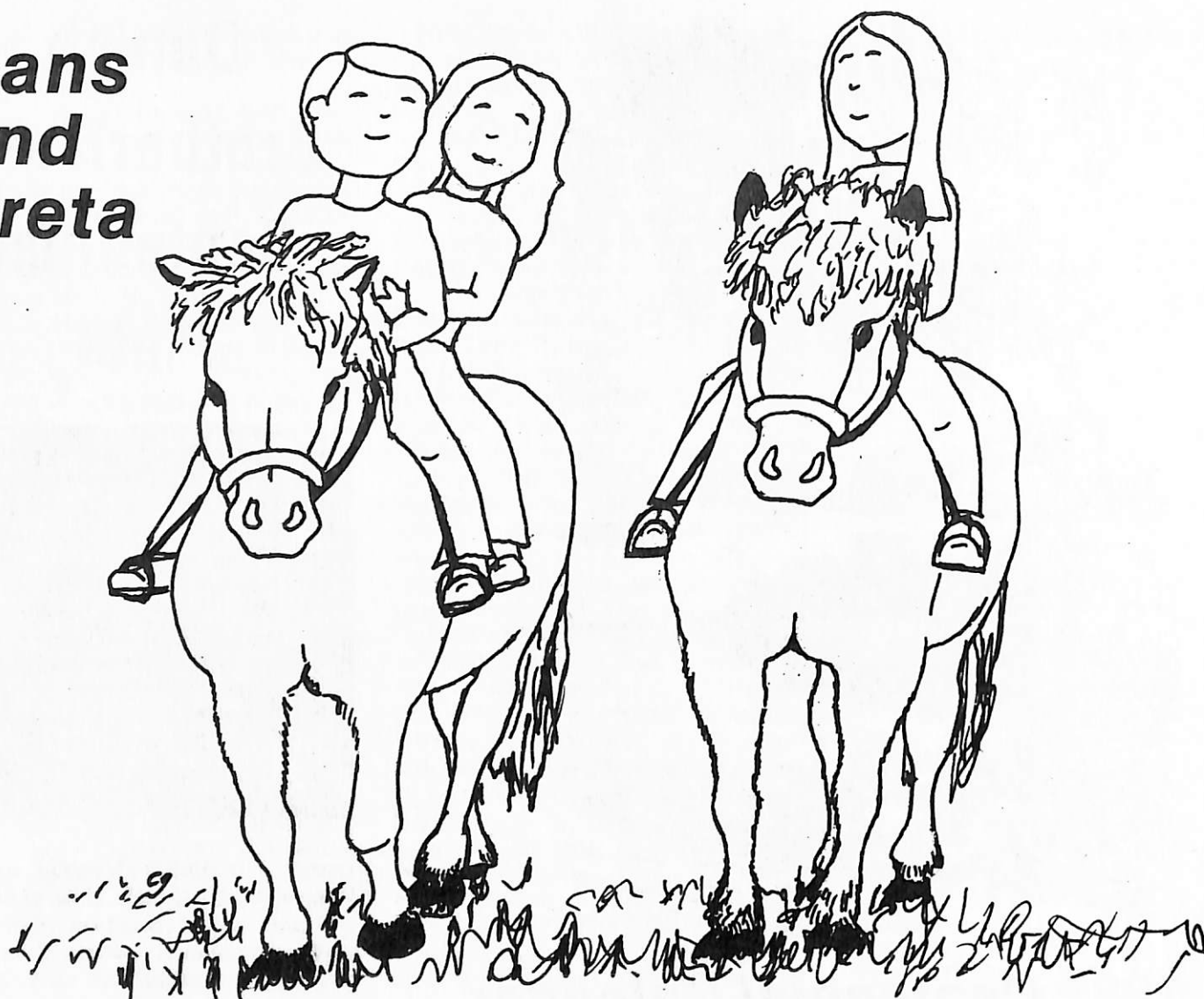
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Hans and Greta



Cousin Emma has brought Hans and Greta to Faarup Sommerland for a ride on Icelandic ponies.

Color our picture, clip it out and send to — The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. You might win a LEGO building kit. Include: 1. your name, 2. your return address, 3. your date of birth, and 4. our colored picture.

You need not be a DBIA member to enter. Four LEGO toy kits awarded in four age groups each month (age 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-12).

September winners: Chris Petersen, Andrew Czarnecki, Flemming Bertelsen, and Jodi Gronborg.

DANISH CREAM

- 1 cup whipping cream, unwhipped
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 - 10 oz. packages of sweetened frozen raspberries or strawberries, defrosted

Combine the unwhipped whipping cream with the sugar and gelatin in the saucepan. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly until all the gelatin and sugar dissolve. Do not let boil. Remove the pan from the heat and cool for 15 minutes. Add the sour cream and vanilla. Stir

Grandma's Kitchen

until well blended. Cover and put in the refrigerator until you are ready to serve. Spoon the cream into 6 small bowls. Top with the defrosted berries and juice.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

District conventions are important to The Danish Brotherhood. Lodges represented by delegates to these conventions have input into district programs for the following year. It also gives a district the opportunity to recognize lodges who have given a little extra time and effort during the year to the advancement of their lodge. In addition to the President's Awards Program which can be utilized by any district, several districts have their own formula for making this recognition. The rules for the Iowa-Minnesota District's "Super Lodge Rug Award" will be interesting to districts looking for incentive ideas.

SUPER LODGE AWARD

Kathy Sonsalla, Trustee for the Iowa-Minnesota District and member of Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, IA, sent us this information. "I am enclosing the Super Lodge Rug Award rules for you to look at. It was initiated by the Des Moines Lodge at their convention a few years ago. John Sherman was the one who had it made . . . It seems to be a successful program. Kimballton-Elk Horn, Humboldt and Cedar Rapids have won this award." We are pleased to add that at the 1981 convention, the award went to Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines.

Rules: Each year at the district convention the

Super Lodge Rug will be awarded by the district board of officers to the lodge that has earned the most points during the previous year. Points are awarded as follows: one point for each regular meeting held; three points for each program given at a regular meeting; three points for each special event; three points for each project, three points for having at least five members in each five age groups, ranging from age 0-66 and up; one point for each new member acquired during the year; one point for each 100% insurance family each year; and one point for each 10% of the lodge membership preregistered and attending the district convention.

The winning lodge shall be ineligible to participate in the contest the following year. The rules are subject to review at each district convention for the following year's contest.

The "Super Rug" is actually a very attractive hooked rug with a bright white background and containing a red and black DBIA logo as the central decorative theme. An award any lodge is happy to display.



IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

Learning or re-learning to speak Danish is fun for the whole family. And it is a wonderful activity for the individual lodges, too.

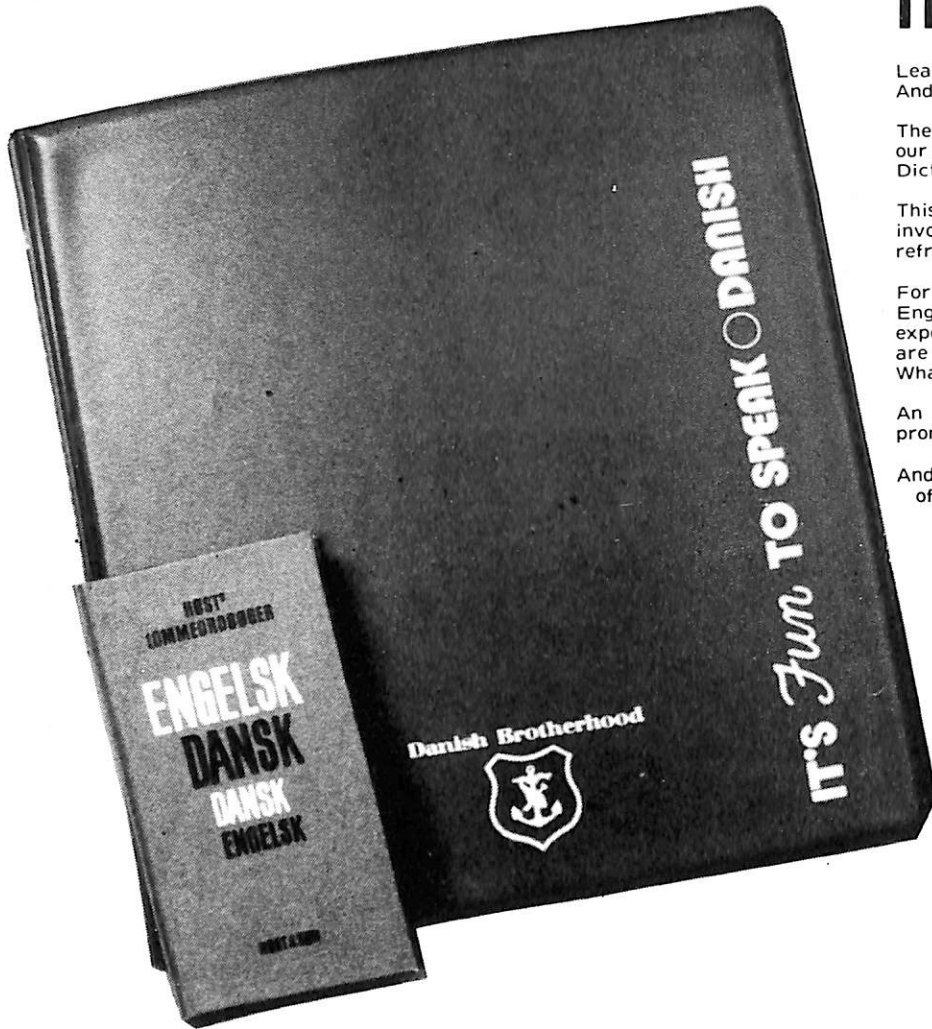
These five full-length cassette tapes fit any standard tape player, and our kits also include a read-along script as well as an English/Danish Dictionary all packaged in a handsome red travel or storage album.

This is a fantastic way for second or third generation Danes to become involved in our Danish heritage. And these tapes are perfect as a refresher course if you're planning a trip to Denmark.

For the convenience of beginners, young or old, both Danish and English are used in the five tapes. The tapes were developed by experts and educators to make the learning process fun. The cassettes are titled: (1) How To Speak Danish; (2) Putting Words Together; (3) What Did I Say?; (4) As We Say In Danish; (5) Sing It, Say It.

An easy, enjoyable way to build a useful vocabulary, learn pronunciations, and hear old Danish sayings and songs.

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Proud to be a Dane?

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