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*Cover Photo: Former Metropolitan Opera star and now director, Beverly Sills awaits her turn at the rostrum during the 1982 Rebildfest.
Photo courtesy Robert Wallace.*

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President's Column

by
DBIA President
George Jacobsen



President George J. Jacobsen delivers address to prestigious Rebuild assembly, July 4, 1982. Text at left. (Photo courtesy Glen Jacobsen)

I thank the Rebuild Committee for making this rostrum available for me to bring greetings from the United States of America and from The Danish Brotherhood in America. From our 11,000 members, from the home office staff in Omaha, Nebraska, and from my fellow board members, I bring congratulations on this your 70th birthday.

You have throughout these many years kept alive the tradition of celebrating our Independence Day and you have shown to the world the respect and affection that is shared by two great nations, both free and equal. We cherish this ground and these hills which are dedicated to the freedom and independence enjoyed by both Danes and Americans. May it always serve as a gathering place where noble deeds will be remembered and where mutual respect and understanding will be kept alive forever.

This year The Danish Brotherhood in America is celebrating 100 years of service to our members. From a humble beginning in 1882 in Omaha, Nebraska, well before 12 of our 50 states joined the union, we have grown to become the largest Danish-American organization.

The rules and goals set down by our founding fathers have not changed during the past century, but our operation and eligibility requirements have. Of our 130 lodges in the United States, one in Vancouver B.C. and one in Copenhagen, many today serve as family lodges where women and children are welcome to join. In this atmosphere, the 100 year old dream of perpetuating memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America becomes more realistic and meaningful. . . .

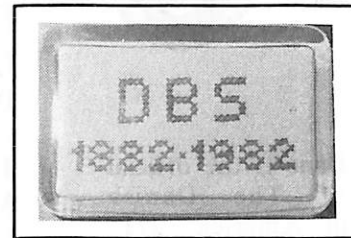
We have in the United States of America many Danish-American organizations founded for different reasons, but we all share a great pride in Denmark, the country of our birth or that of our forefathers. . . Festivals, including celebrations of Grundlovsdag on June the 5th are held in many parts of the United States and have helped to bring to the attention of the American people the fact that Denmark also has a day when the democratic rights of her people are honored and remembered. As someone who left Denmark 36 years ago, I say thank you to the country where my formative years were spent. As a naturalized American citizen now, and as an adult, it becomes more important to recall that time in one's life and to appreciate the rich heritage that Denmark has provided in abundance. . . .

Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America will begin in the National Headquarters, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 13, 1982.

Lodges with delegates wishing to serve on the nine-man committee on laws for the 1983 National Convention are reminded to have reports of election of law committee and election of delegate filed by that date.

Centennial Product



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Denmark — More Than a Fairytale



DBIA Centennial Tour participants (left to right) back row, John and Marie Nielsen, O. Fred Andersen, Henning Christensen, Emil Nielsen, Robert Bartels, Ruth Sorensen, Bue Tage Andersen. Front row, Lars Nielsen, Marion Dalley, Vera Jespersen, Brett Doyle, Nina Bartels, Aage Jespersen. Photo from Resen.

by Diane Doyle

There would be special problems with a seven-year-old boy along on a fifteen day tour of Denmark. But June 26 I was at Omaha's Eppley Airfield leaving on the DBIA's Centennial Tour with my son, Brett.

I was carrying my purse and had a travel case with toys and the camera case on a luggage cart. In my free hand I had the boarding passes. At the moment the luggage cart struck its wheels against the leg of a chair, Brett was too far ahead to notice. He kept on going down the jetway.

At the door of the plane's cabin I handed the passes to the stewardess. Brett claimed me and we were off.

When we disembarked at O'Hare in Chicago we had lunch, bought a comic book at the newsstand and walked back to the main terminal. We browsed in the shops and bought a Rubick's cube. Boarding, I ran into a problem. We were directed down a flight of stairs. My luggage cart had to be carried. The next hurdle was the plane. There was no jetway. That meant going upstairs under conditions too crowded to struggle with pulling up the cart. I took everything off and folded the cart. It wasn't until midway up the stairs I felt my knees

buckle. I caught myself and made it into the cabin.

We had seats on the aisle, directly in back of the first class area. We were settled for the eight-and-a-half-hour air trip when the SAS stewardesses and steward started serving supper. Brett could see into the first class cabin even though the curtains were drawn. The white uniformed chef serving lobster and caviar caught his eye.

It was easy for Brett to walk the narrow aisles. My parents were two sections in back of us. On his third trip, I accompanied him. My outgoing son had introduced himself to all of the passengers.

The movie started at 9 p.m., so sleep was postponed. When Brett decided to sleep, comfort was foremost. Every possible position in the seat was tried. Finally fatigue won and a very tired seven-year-old curled up on the floor.

It was 3 a.m. at home when we landed at Kastrup Airport. Brett had slept one-and-one-half hours and I an hour. Our guide, as arranged by ICTS, was at the airport to greet us and take care of luggage. It was pampering we needed.

Stimulated by arrival, Brett spotted

bicycles used by airport employees in the room behind the luggage carousels. With a quick left turn he was off to borrow one for a ride. The sign at the entry said "do not enter, employees only", in Danish. I caught up just in time to turn him around.

Our first views of Copenhagen from the bus were beautiful. Pretty flowers, bright sunlight and wonderful old buildings. The hotel looked nice. On the inside, the desk was crowded. Our rooms were not ready. Our guide led our weary group to the restaurant terrace. It was 10 a.m. The hotel would not promise rooms until noon. Brett became annoyed. He asked the clerk if our room was ready. We were given our key.

In Denmark the plumbing is different. All of the baths we encountered were completely tiled. There are drains in the bathroom floors.

Many tubs have a handshower attachment. When I opened the door during Brett's first bath the atmosphere was sauna-like, except for the water on the floor, which was cold. Another great sea battle had been waged in Denmark. When we dried off, we rested.

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Centennial Sales Incentive

by **Andy Andersen, CLU,**
Sales Director

The Sales Department announces a special incentive program for 1982 in addition to continuing the current Centennial membership program. All new and old points of the program are outlined below.

CENTENNIAL FAMILY PLAN

Any family applying for a new DBIA Family Plan and becoming a 100% DBIA family in 1982 will benefit from the low premium and receive a family portrait (maximum value \$40). The portrait will be featured in the **American Dane**.



Get a free family portrait.

To qualify, the Family Plan must provide at least \$5,000 of permanent cash value life insurance for each parent and at least \$1,000 Term to Age 25 for each child. The children's term insurance is guaranteed convertible to any plan of permanent insurance up to 5 times the original amount regardless of health conditions.

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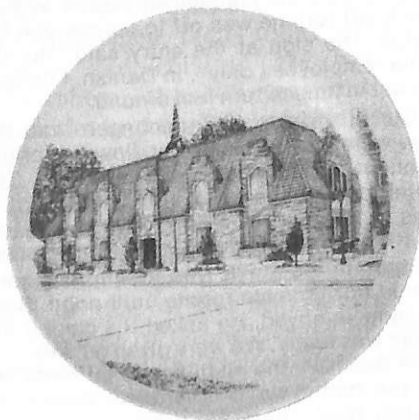
			Monthly Premium* Bank Plan
Mom (age 23)	\$ 5,000	20 Pay Life	\$ 9.00
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Children	Level Term to age 25		.68
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Cash Value and Dividends**			
Mom's policy in 20 years			\$ 6,637.90
at age 65			\$21,368.95

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Example

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Cash Value and Dividends**		
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at age 65		\$37,413.00
Age 25	\$25,000 Executive Whole Life	<u>\$ 27.03</u>
Cash Value and Dividends**		
at the end of 20 years		\$ 8,402.50
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PROTECTION



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Each sponsor of a new Danish Brotherhood member in 1982 will receive a DBIA bumper sticker with the slogan "Danes are Born Leaders, You're Following One".

Each time an application is received from the new-member sponsor, his or her name will be entered in a drawing. (No limit.)

Each current member who purchases a new life insurance policy from The Danish Brotherhood in 1982 will have his or her name entered in the same drawing.

At the conclusion of the Centennial Year, one name will be drawn at random. That lucky person will be awarded an expense paid trip to our 1983 National Convention in Philadelphia or \$500 in cash.



Win a trip to Denmark.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Earn points toward a free trip to Denmark and be the recipient of attractive awards and or savings bonds at each plateau. Accumulate points by sponsoring new members through the year (to be added to points acquired in previous years, if any).

Two points earned for each new insured member, 1 point for each new social member or increase in insurance for present member.

10 Points	You get	Appreciation Award (certificate)
25 Points	You get	Booster Award (plaque)
50 Points	You get	Meritorious Award (cup and \$50 bond)***
100 Points	You get	Distinguished Service Award (trophy and \$100 Bond)***
150 Points	You get	Centennial Award (trip to Omaha or \$150 in cash)***
200 Points	You get	Great Dane Award (trip to Denmark)***

Membership applications can be obtained from your lodge secretary or from the National Headquarters.

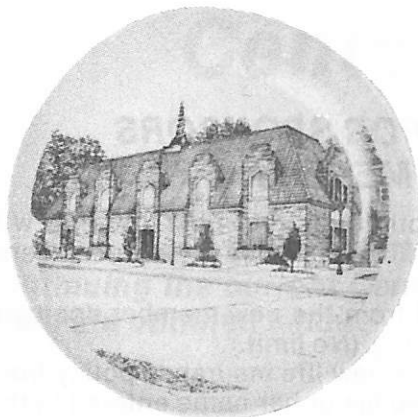
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*Other modes of premium payment include annual, semiannual and quarterly.

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Books on immigration from the Scandinavian countries should be of interest to genealogy enthusiasts. For others there are a number of novels, both new and classic, in English translation.

The catalog is free for the asking by writing to Nordic Books, Catalog 1983, P.O. Box 1941, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

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Our preliminary planning included the welcome dinner at Tivoli on the 27th. Monday, the 28th, a city sightseeing tour was scheduled with an optional castle tour to North Sealand the 29th. We thought we'd go back to Tivoli and see the Benneweis Circus the 29th.

Dinner at Tivoli was an introduction to elegant dining. Before dessert we were out exploring. The swingcarousel lifted us up and out; straight out. We returned to the restaurant in time for coffee.

Rather than attend a Tivoli concert, we agreed to walk back to the hotel. It was about a mile. With me watching the map and watching Brett, it was only a half hour until we were back in front of the Tivoli entrance. At this point, a cab was the answer.

Our first stop on the city tour in the morning was a garden area, filled with flowers and tiny houses where people live during their spare hours. I took a lot of slides. Brett used the camera for the first time. (After the slides were developed, I realized he had a good collection of pictures of Denmark's pigeons.)

Brett considered himself a voting member of the tour group. The first show of hands concerned the optional tour to North Sealand. Brett raised his hand. I reminded him of our plan to return to Tivoli. He told me I'd had my chance at Tivoli. Now he wanted castles. A decision had to be made quickly and I raised my hand, too.

In the afternoon the 28th, Grandma and Grandpa took Brett to the Copenhagen Zoo. He was especially delighted with a panda bear at the entrance, made out of Legos and attached to a bank. Money collected would be used to buy a real panda.

At 1 p.m. the next day we started the castle tour. We saw the west coast of Sealand, interesting homes, windmills and buildings. Our first castle was Kronborg at Elsinore. Brett was tired and fidgeting. I took him back to a kiosk for a slush, missing Holger Danske in the dungeon. Some of this was to be expected.

On the bus, jetlag caught Brett. When we arrived at Frederiksborg I could hardly wake him. It was my mistake to try. We spent the next hour in the restaurant where he slept.

Once rested, he never again lost his enthusiasm or interest. The following day we left Copenhagen for Roskilde and Kalundborg. On our way to Roskilde, we had coffee at a pig farm. We went through the barn filled with pigs and piglets. In the yard Brett found a snail and exercised while we had coffee.

At Roskilde we were excited by the Viking Ship Museum and Cathedral. There was an openair market in the square. The market was intended for the Danes, offering fresh fruit and vegetables. The vendors didn't speak English and I hadn't had much experience with Danish money or language. We managed to purchase a Danish apple.

That night we stayed at Dragsholm Castle. I assured Brett it would be fun. I didn't know the legend of Dragsholm says it is haunted. The tour guide related that prior to our arrival.

We were served a seven-course dinner at Dragsholm. It was late when we finished the main course. I excused myself and took Brett upstairs to bed. Grandmother came and I returned to go with the group through

the castle. When I got back, Brett was still awake. He had decided the castle was haunted and was staying alert. I suggested he dress. Dragsholm is light and open. You can walk about and see peacocks out walking, too. We discovered a pond with frogs and had enough fun to make everything all right again.

I had been concerned Brett would not adjust to a tour. I was wrong. He usually decided where he would sit to eat and with whom. He especially enjoyed morgen math with Mrs. Holmquist, his grandparents, or Mrs. Dwyer. By the second evening of our travels outside Copenhagen he was confident enough to tell me, "Mommie, everybody on this bus likes me. Except the driver, I'm not sure about him." Before the end of the trip, Brett and Henning, the driver, were friends.

The following day we had our first ferry ride from Odden K to Ebeltoft, a trip of more than an hour. There were electronic games aboard to help pass the time. It was fun, but I wasn't certain a little boy should use a slot machine.

Landing at Ebeltoft, Brett convinced me to lower myself through the narrow opening of the Old Town Hall's floor to the jail cells beneath. I wouldn't have if he hadn't disappeared ahead of me.

Next was Old Town in Aarhus. Finishing lunch ahead of the group, we encountered one of the playgrounds that are part of most Danish attractions. Brett went from the playground to feeding the ducks. We had tickets to see shops in the complex. This didn't interest Brett.

Finding others from our group were about to visit the apothecary shop, Brett responded happily to their suggestion. I experienced violent emotion.

Our next few days would be spent at the beautiful John Nielsen farm at Resen near Viborg. The Niensens had a daughter and nine-year-old boy by the name of Lars. A family from Sealand was vacationing at the Nielsen farm with a seven-year-old boy named Johni. In minutes Brett was playing badminton with Johni. Everyone understood soccer and ring toss. The more intricate play convinced Brett it's important to know the language.

July 3 we had a walking tour of Aalborg courtesy of the Aalborg Tourist Bureau and ending in a wine cellar. We listened to a concert in Aalborg Hall and attended a get-acquainted dinner.

The City and Rebild Committee presented excellent programs and dinner was sumptuous. On this evening we saw National Danish Brotherhood President George J. Jacobsen and Mrs. Jacobsen for the first time in Denmark.

We returned to the farm after the most pleasant evening of the trip. The Danes who attend the dinner really do take the initiative and get acquainted.

In the morning we were off to Rebild. We arrived in good time for the tent luncheon. One thousand reservations had been accepted. Here we met other DBIA members. At lunch we enjoyed the company of J. Werner Christensen from the U.S. Embassy, the Mayor of Aalborg and his wife and Commander Whelan of the U.S.S. Thomas Hart. We felt a great deal of pride as our National President gave his address

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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 #29, Seattle, WA — The annual Veterans Night for the Brotherhood will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 1982, at the Northwest Danish Home. The Brotherhood meeting will be an important one, as delegates will be elected for the 1983 Danish Brotherhood National Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Because of the importance of this meeting, there will be no honorary president, as has been the custom in former years. Longevity awards will be given to long standing members.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — A general membership meeting of the lodge was held on July 10. The meeting began at noon at Diamond Jims in Tacoma. The meeting agenda included a social hour and a Danish recipe demonstration of how to make President's Herring with raffle tickets for the herring, a loaf of Danish rye and a bottle of akvavit. We practiced songs between luncheon courses.

During the business meeting we held a supplemental election to the board, discussed a membership drive and heard a report on Pacific Northwest District Convention. We discussed a delegate to the 1983 National Convention and introduced new members, followed by the presentation of membership drive awards.

The program concluded with two Danish films.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Can. — In June we were glad to welcome five new brothers at our meeting, they were Hans Nielsen, Frank Swensson, Peter Kristensen, John Petersen and Jørgen Jørgensen.

Brother Poul B. Christensen reported on the first Danish Canadian Conference ever to be held in Canada organized by The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada. The theme of the conference was "Danish Canadian Priorities." Many concerns focused on the lack of Danish representation on the various multicultural advisory councils in Canada. It was felt the Danish Canadian community should strive to acquire a more pronounced profile and attain greater visibility. Each of the five Canadian regions (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and Pacific) presented a report outlining its concerns and activities. The conference was assessed by all attending as being an overwhelming success.



A soccer rematch between Seattle Lodge No. 29 and Vancouver Lodge No. 328 has been scheduled for the month of October in Seattle. Our team has been training very hard, so maybe the Seattle team will be in for a surprise this time.

Arne Møller, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

District News — Past National President Hans M. Andersen of Selma, California, was recently honored as being chosen as the subject of an interview in the **Selma Enterprise**. The occasion was recognition of the Centennial celebration of The Danish Brotherhood. The article was written by Kathy Moulthrop Porter and pre-

sented the story of The Danish Brotherhood as seen through the eyes of Past President Andersen.

Lodge #39, Oakland, CA — All our Denmark vacationers are back home again. Everyone reports a most delightful time. As usual, everyone is back weighing from 3 to 5 pounds more than when they left. You can't control weight when you eat 5 to 7 times a day with a few beers between.

State Convention is August 26, 27 and 28. We anticipate bringing home the two newly elected and installed Presidents, Aage and Tove Lundquist for 1982 and 1983. They have both been great workers in our local and state lodges.

A big reception and welcome home is planned for Friday evening September 24, 8 p.m. meetings, happy hour and refreshments to follow.

For our October 9 luncheon, you will receive a letter from Secretary Ronald Hansen. Answer all questions and return immediately. Only reservations will be honored and must be in by Tuesday, October 5. This should be a great affair and a must for all brothers and sisters of No. 39 and No. 17. Outsiders are all welcome. Price later.

Mel Oredsen, Cor.

Lodge #95, Ferndale, CA — June 20 our lodge participated in the 1982 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival for Humboldt County. Over 800 people were present to see the Danish folk dancers perform. The adult team began with "Little Man in a Fix." We had a total of 60 children dancing during the festival. Erla Chance is the leader of the children's group and gently led 40 of the youngest in the Danish dance of greeting, "Kinder Polka." Many other tradi-

tional favorites were performed for the audience.



Photo taken during the performance of "Little Man in a Fix" by (l to r) Niels and Sue Lorenzen, Frances and Sandy Sweet and Mark and Dona DeNune.



Danish folk dancers at the festival included, (l to r) Dan Barney, Lorana Sweet and Norm Tyler. Dan is president of DBIA Lodge No. 95, Ferndale.

Each year each of the nationalities involved in the festival selects a young lady to represent their group as Scandinavian Queen or a princess. This year our princess was Chris Lorenzen. Each lodge welcomes guests to the festival and the national anthems of each country are sung in native tongues. Traditional folk costumes and food complement activities. This year, the Danish lodges offered Danish pastries.

Niels Lorenzen, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We had our membership drive dinner on August 6. We showed the Centennial slide program. It was very appropriate and added to the evening. We served a Danish dinner. We have a couple of prospective members as a result of that dinner.

Our Reno trip is scheduled for October 9 and 10. The cost is \$45.00. You get a \$28.00 cash refund plus other goodies. Bingo and drinks will be provided on the bus. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible to Diane

Mohler, 39636 Bliss Ct., Fremont, CA 94538, phone 657-9753. The trip is open to members and friends of this lodge and all other lodges as well.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #255, Selma, CA — In April Selma Lodge celebrated Richard Clausen's 60 years of membership in DBIA. Our young lodge president, Brother Albert Hoegh, decorated Brother Ric with the pin and made a pleasantly appropriate presentation. The picture shows them both to be enjoying the occasion.



President Hoegh presents a 60-year pin to Ric Clausen.

President Al is 86, but what an energetic young man. He presides over every meeting, driving 35 miles from his home and back. He has time to square dance two nights per week. Ric joined Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota, on May 11, 1922. Upon coming to Selma, he immediately transferred to our lodge. Ric is past president.

Hans M. Andersen, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Wade Bornhoft wrote us a very nice letter thanking our lodge for the award of scholarship funds. Congratulations to Wade. We know he will do well. The roster of officers for the Ferndale convention was reviewed and filled.

Many members are looking forward to the Danish Days Ball on September 18.

The committee in charge of the 100th anniversary celebration certainly did a very good job. They have received high praise for the success of the party and the garden breakfast on the following morning.

Henry B. Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Its hard to realize another summer is becoming history. It was a time for several well planned and successful activities: a memorable Solvang 100 Year Birthday Party of The Danish Brotherhood in America, the St. Hans Fest, and the annual lodge picnic.

A welcome home from Denmark is extended to Alfred Vestergaard and Alma and Oskar Jensen. Our monthly meetings resumed in August and a delegate to the national convention was elected.

Axel Pedersen passed away at the age of 62 on July 3. He was a faithful member for over forty years. We understand he and his wife Esther would empty their motor lodge in San Diego to entertain out-of-town members of the district and were known for their hospitality. He was also a master cheesemaker.

September 24, 25 and 26 we will be camping at Ma-Tar-Awa. Contact Lillian Suda, 284-8018, for reservations.

October 23 and 24 is our annual yard sale at Jonna Aase's again this year, 2541 San Diego Avenue. There will be a raffle too, an afghan and a tablecloth, all handmade. It seems a long way off, but it will be here before we know it.

Art Norgaard, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — We had a Fathers' Day evening at our June meeting and all the men received the raffle tickets in honor of Fathers' Day. The winner of the air cleaner was Ken Olsen and the name drawn for the \$40.00 money door prize was Clarence Motz.

In July we nominated five for the Law Committee. We had games and 27 came to join in the fun.

For those of you who might not have heard — the "Whiz Kids" (our men's bowling team) came in 17 place in the DBIA National Tournament. Not too bad.

There were 47 in attendance at our annual picnic at Miles Square Park, including a visit from our friendly Highway Patrol. Pat and Cal Christensens' son, Richard, stopped by with his partner at the end of his patrol to sample the aebleskiver.

The meeting in November is bingo night. **Pat Cotman, Sec.**

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We had a good turn-out at Lake Perris for our all-day outing, and everybody enjoyed "doing their own thing." Some swam, some baked in the sun, others went for a boat ride, and the rest ate, "yakked," and enjoyed being among friends. Thanks to Pete and Darlene Petersen (and their son-in-law) for getting there bright and early to stake out our meeting spot, fly the Danish flag, and provide boat rides for the kids.

Our lodge will have a booth at the International Council of Friendship and Goodwill City Fair, at Perris Hill Park in San Bernardino, on August 28th.

Plans for September include a smørrebrød in conjunction with our meeting which has been slipped to the second Saturday so as not to interfere with the Labor Day weekend. We'll also have our annual Family Picnic at Cage Park on Sunday, the 26th of September.



"Brandy," granddaughter of Pete and Darlene Petersen, warms up for sack race to be held during Annual Family Picnic in September. (Photographer: Hans Terkelsen)

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Saturday, June 12, the bronze plaque listing the names of all contributors to the Albert Lea immigrant memorial was dedicated. Honorary Danish Consul Gordon A. Johnson was the speaker for the Lincoln Park program.

Consul Johnson is a third generation Danish American whose grandfather immigrated in 1875. His ancestors are examples

of the immigrants the statue and fountain commemorate. Consul Johnson's father didn't speak English until he started school in Wisconsin at age 11. He later became a successful Minneapolis attorney. He was vice consul, consul and consul general for Denmark in North and South Dakota and Minnesota, with nearly 50 years of voluntary service. Consul Gordon Johnson admits he got his job as consul through nepotism.

Johnson described his position as a volunteer acting as liaison between the Danish government and people in America who need help or information about that country. He helps with visas, work permits, inheritance, settlements and travel information.

Bob Goldman was master of ceremonies. Rev. Fred Jacobsen gave the invocation, and Elizabeth Neibuhr sang the Danish national anthem accompanied by Mrs. Fred Jacobsen. Sculptor George N. Bassett and President Phil Sorensen shared the dias with Consul Johnson.

Don Levisen, Cor.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Ray Morgan of Algona, Iowa, candidate for State Representative, and Mrs. Morgan were our guests in July. They entertained members with many beautiful slides of their visit to Denmark. A Danish exchange student had stayed in their home and her parents invited them to Denmark.

On August 9, the lodge met at the Senior Citizens Center. Silent prayer was held for Walt and Marie Pedersen. Walt, an active member, passed away July 29. A memorial was given to the lodge by Walt's family which will be used to purchase books on Danish heritage for the Humboldt Public Library, as the library is short on this type of literature.

Harlan Johnsen and Carrol Jensen gave a report on their trip to Tyler, MN. Harlan Johnsen has been elected to go to the National Convention with Marilyn Hansen as alternate.

Lucille Christensen, Carrol Jensen and Harold Jensen are delegates to district convention in Waverly.

Esther Hall and Helen Larsen had the program. Hostesses were Marie Olson, Elna Kerns and Beulah Benjamin.

Viona Pederson, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — July was an active month for the lodge. A Viking ship float was built and entered in a neighboring town's (Springville) Fourth of July celebration, and again entered the following weekend in the Anamosa celebration, another town.



Lodge members (Danish dancers) in costume aboard their handsome float.

Our St. Hans Aften was held at Karen and Paul Niensens' farm in Springville. Good food for the picnic and lots of singing while we watched the witch being burned on the bonfire. A picnic and dance was held in Whittier for members returning from Denmark visits.

Sad to report our friend Ira Karch passed away June 1 after a long illness. He left many good friends. Ira was born in Central City, Iowa.

Ulla Wall, Sec.

PHOTO CONTEST

Send your black and white or color photos by December 31, 1982.

All entries must depict **DBIA Lodge Danish Ethnic Activities** during the year.

Cash prizes for adult entries (age 17 and over), 1st. \$75; 2nd, \$45; 3rd, \$30.

Young Vikings, 1st place, \$50; 2nd place, \$25.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our lodge won 1st place in the Church and Ethnic Division for our Viking ship float in the 4th of July parade.



Viking Volunteers Tom Nielsen and Dan Ervin.



Blue ribbon winning float for Lodge No. 14. (Photo by Michael Penta)

This was another team effort with the satisfaction of receiving the blue ribbon. A special thanks to Tom Nelson from Otto Nelson and Sons for picking up the ship, returning it and pulling it in the

parade. Thanks also to his driver who volunteered his services — Jim Carlson. In fact, Jim has joined the lodge. Our appreciation goes to Hans Hansen Scandinavian Furniture Store in Racine who again let us use their Viking Ship.

Ninety-one golfers took part in the Midwest District Golf Outing held in Kenosha at Bristol Oaks. Teams came in from Racine, Dwight, Chicago, St. Charles and Wood Dale. It got rained out, but all had a good time.

Congratulations to Brother Andy Smith who will throw out the first ball at Kenosha Night at the Brewer's Game on July 18th. This honor is well-deserved for all Andy has done for the youth in Kenosha.

Bob Ibsen, pres.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We welcome Cal and Marietta Bennington into our lodge. Dwight has again captured 1st place at the MWD Trap Shoot in Kenosha.

Our proposed bylaws were approved. We have voted to contribute \$100 to the Midwest District Scholarship fund.

We will have a booth at Harvest Days again this year. We will serve something other than Danish sandwiches. The delegates for the MWD Convention are Bob Weller and Rick Sullivan; alternates are Keith Telford and Jim Wilkey, Jr.



1982 officers for Lodge No. 34, Dwight are, back row: Keith Telford (Trustee), Woody Petersen (Installing Officer and President of the Midwest District), Glen Bloxam (Past President), James Andreasen (Treasurer), Jim Wilkey, Jr. (Trustee), and Bill Clavey (Conductor). Front row: Reta Morrison (Trustee), Margaret Goodwin (Secretary), Bob Weller (President), and Rick Sullivan (Vice-President).



Taken in the mayor's office when 1982 was proclaimed the DBIA's Centennial year in Dwight. Left to right: Bob Weller (President), James Andreasen (Treasurer), Rick Sullivan (Vice President), and Ken Jensen (1st Trustee, M.W.D. Board).

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
7-3-82	Albert Sorensen	77	Plainview, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1925
6-27-82	Thomas Christiansen	91	St. Hans Sogn, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1909
6-26-82	Christian Petersen	82	Vejele, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1949
6-26-82	Tage O. Sorensen	62	Copenhagen, Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1954
6-7-82	Christian Marck	88	Hjorring, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1922
6-5-82	Carl F. Danielsen	81	Norre Soby, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1938
7-5-82	Viggo J. Petersen	83	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1938
7-12-82	Christian Bjorn	85	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1920
6-26-82	Nancy Marcussen	63	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1974
6-27-82	Carl E. Hansen	78	Grimstrup, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1945
6-27-82	Andrew Christensen	87	Skovby, Denmark	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1918
6-5-82	Niels Kjeldsen	81	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1975
5-24-82	Albert Hirner	74	Woodridge Township, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1972
7-1-82	Phillip Dohringer	65	Manistee, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1979
6-30-82	Edward Andersen	65	Manistee, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1972
7-1-82	Eskild Lund	80	Hjorring, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1973
5-82	Andrew Nielsen	79	Kieby, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
2-17-82	Hjalmar Kousgaard	67	Elk Horn, Iowa	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
3-15-82	Verner Thomsen	72	Fredericks Havn, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1947
5-12-82	Alexander Sorensen	76	Lynbrook, New York	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1969
6-21-82	Earl Hahn	79	St. Charles, Illinois	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1978
5-5-82	Martin Svendsen	97	Omaha, Nebraska	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1915

A sing-a-long and Name That Tune was enjoyed following our last meeting. Our singers were Dorothy Dawson, Betty Currie and Marietta Bennington. Thanks ladies.

Margaret Goodwin, Cor.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Charles Jespersen reports the anniversary party committee is working hard. There will be a raffle with Arlene Hassler in charge. Items to be raffled are a color T.V., a bell-pull, a ceramic Christmas tree, and a Danish plate. Chances cost a dollar each and are being sold at this time until our party in November.

Mrs. Hagedorn was welcomed along with other visitors on June 25. Tove and Poul Parkes of Florida were with us as was Carl Meyer. Harley Larsen spent his last meeting evening with us. He may be back again and he will always be welcome.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — The Saturday afternoon back yard picnic held July 17 turned out to be a delightful experience on a beautiful day. All enjoyed refreshments and a delicious "potluck" buffet supper. Thanks to Grace Gertz for a wonderful time.

Our next business meeting will be held 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, at International Institute, 2810 West Highland Boulevard, Milwaukee. We have scheduled a slide and tape program about Copenhagen's World War II Resistance Museum following the meeting.

There will also be a silent auction after the meeting — so if

you have "white elephant" treasures to donate — it will help make some money for the lodge treasury! Items should not be wrapped.

Al Larsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Lodge No. 1 is proud of its members who participated with vigor and enthusiasm with the local Scandinavian Dancers. Under the leadership of Poul Steffensen (Lodge 1), this group will perform in the folk dancing festival in Minneapolis during the opening ceremonies of Scandinavia Today.



Omaha's Scandinavian Dancers



Group leaders Poul and Elie Steffensen.

Ruth Herman, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Monday, July 26, we will have initiated new members as follows: Jolynn Oliver, Duane and Karen Nielsen, Jerome and Jenny Christensen, Vaughn Christensen, and Russell and Gaye Moseman.

Our picnic was well attended. Food and refreshments were plentiful. Chuck Blankenbeckler entertained us on the piano, inviting us to sing-a-long. Denmark visitors joined us singing some of the songs in Danish. The visitors were Inga Andersen and Inga Berntsen from Fyn, Denmark,

houseguests of Tage and Louella Christensen. Thanks to our committee, Shirley and Ed Jipp, Ray and Mary Weckmuller, Lorraine Petersen, Esther Olsen, Margaret Hansen and John and Helen Andreasen.

Harriet Betts, Sec.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of Lodge No. 51 was held on Wednesday, August 4th. It was attended by 13 members. A discussion was held on a few things that still have to be done to the hall and on bylaw changes. Ken Johnson was elected delegate and Keith Koegler alternate for the National Convention.

On Saturday, August 7, we had our Danish Brotherhood Family Picnic. The weather was good, the turn out could have been better. But a good time was had by everyone with plenty of good food and drink. Games and horseshoe pitching were enjoyed by young and old.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — On Sunday, April 18, 1982 Gorm Lodge celebrated the 100th year of The Danish Brotherhood in America with a banquet and dance at Tom's Country Place in Avon, Ohio. There was excellent attendance of members and friends. The ladies did an outstanding job with decorations and a history presentation of the Lodge. President Herman Ostergaard opened festivities



(l to r) President Herman Ostergaard presenting the 25-year pins to Richard Zeager, Harold Anderson and Edmund Bentzen.

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Niels Lillethorup	1	—Omaha	Charles Johnson
Harvey C. Tredup	14	—Kenosha	Charles E. Krogh
Charles W. Hawkins	14	—Kenosha	Charles W. Thompson
Mark D. Jensen	14	—Kenosha	Daniel E. Jensen
James E. LaMasters	14	—Kenosha	Alan V. Frederick
Herbert A. Kastman	14	—Kenosha	William L. Kastman
Robert Erickson	14	—Kenosha	Terrance Girts
James E. Carlson, Sr.	14	—Kenosha	Terrance Girts
Harvey J. Andersen	15	—Des Moines	Ferry J. Christiansen
Valborg Christiansen	15	—Des Moines	Ferry J. Christiansen
Virgil E. Wagoner	33	—Tacoma	Maren Rasmussen
Inge L. Christensen	33	—Tacoma	Elmer Christensen
Esther Hunter	33	—Tacoma	Knud B. Hunter
Clavin S. Bennington	34	—Dwight	Betty Currie
Marietta J. Bennington	34	—Dwight	Betty Currie
Leila M. Patchett	34	—Dwight	Betty Currie
Warren D. George	43	—Denver	Svend A. Sonderup
Nels B. Petersen	46	—Perth Amboy	Chris Brems
George W. McIlwain	56	—Kansas City	R. J. Wallace
Alice B. Benson	56	—Kansas City	Otto M. Larsen
Paul W. Sharrow	70	—Greenville	Paul Worden
Orval J. Hansen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Hilda M. Hansen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Arthur M. Sorensen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Olga A. Sorensen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Zenita V. Jacobsen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Ellen L. Nielsen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Thorvald C. Jacobsen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Sven C. Borresen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Donna R. Borresen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Mary L. Hansen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Jens H. Hansen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Therkel Jorgensen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Eva M. Larsen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Gene R. Nielsen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Paul Borresen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Carl Pilegaard	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
Deanna Knudsen	121	—Tyler	Jens Nielsen
James F. Hagen	126	—Los Angeles	Dagny Larsen
Liselotte Scheu	167	—Portland	Mark Jensen
Eric Scheu	167	—Portland	Mark Jensen
Caroline Schlitt	167	—Portland	Buch Jensen
Charles P. Buffett	167	—Portland	Mark Jensen
Irvin A. Christensen	186	—Luck	Irwin W. Edling
Phyllis I. Christensen	186	—Luck	Irwin W. Edling
Wilmont H. Giles	186	—Luck	Clifford Aubert
Angeline C. Giles	186	—Luck	Clifford Aubert
Robert C. Kreipke	227	—Detroit	William M. Kreipke
Wilfred Brunk	227	—Detroit	A. Schou
Craig S. Jensen	242	—Erie	Henry Jensen
George Jorgen-Falkesgaard	299	—Solvang	Rick Johnson
Doris A. Jepsen Davis	323	—Alhambra	Beatrice A. Jepsen
Joyce A. England	340	—Wooddale	Barbara L. Hinrichsen
Viola I. Paulsen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Lucile G. Goeken
Guilford P. Paulsen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Robert L. Goeken
Harry Kristensen	600	—Omaha	Andy Andersen
Lisa K. Schlaag	600	—Omaha	Andy Andersen
Jacqueline Erickson	600	—Omaha	Andy Andersen

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bidding everyone welcome. Ed Bentzen as M.C. gave an outline of The Danish Brotherhood's history from its beginning up to the present. H. Stephen Madsen, our Danish consul and new member, spoke on his duties as our consul and on Danish traditions in general. The entire project was a great success. We can only say thank you to all the members who worked so hard.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — We welcome our new Brother, Wilford Brunk, who was initiated in July. Many more will surely follow once the fall season begins.

Our lodge's annual golf tournament was held July 25 and Robert (Bob) Sorensen was the winner of the "Traveling Trophy."

Remember our anniversary dinner dance, September 27 (Saturday) — plans for a good time are now underway.

Dinner meetings start again on Wednesday, September 8, and our new bowling season on Monday, September 13, at Drakeshire Lanes, Farmington. New bowlers welcome; so join us, won't you?

Many of our members visited Denmark this summer — it's always good to get firsthand reports on how they enjoyed it there.

Brother Sven Johnson celebrated his 90th birthday August 3 and we wish him many more.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — August 1 we had a picnic at Wilbur Knudsen's home in Rhode Island. Our members were again asked to bring sneakers to swim in (also a bathing suit).

Convention plans are coming along very well. Our Liberty Bell boat ride is Saturday and the convention banquet is Sunday evening.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — At our 65th anniversary dinner dance, President George J. Jacobsen of The Danish Brotherhood in America, presented Brother Niels Jensen of Hartford Lodge No. 314 with his 60-year membership pin.



The photo shows John Christensen, a 55-year member, presenting Brother Niels to President Jacobsen. To the far left is Aage Jespersen, master of ceremonies for the evening and a 40-year member of our lodge.

Waldo Elliott, Pres.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Hilsen fra Kansas City. We do have the ethnic festival upon us now. Lodge No. 56 plans to serve Danish pastry and have several Danish items for sale, including several DBIA promotional items. Gerda Wallace will have Rosemaling (folk art) items for sale. Proceeds will go to the civic and social programs throughout the year designed to promote an appreciation for Danish heritage.

Ruth Larsen is Committee Chairman for the Festival booth; she is working hard to make the DBIA Lodge 56 booth an even larger success this year.

Robert Wallace, Cor.

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to the 7,000 people visiting the Rebild hills. One dark cloud hung over the activities. This was a real dark cloud, not a figure of speech. Rain stopped and started during the program.

I was wet and we walked back up the trail shortly before the festivity ended. We stopped at the Lincoln Log Cabin Museum and looked at The Danish Brotherhood display. It was the first time we had seen the brightly colored panels and photographs on exhibition.

Further up, the pleasant central area of the park was crowded with sailors from the U.S.S. Thomas Hart. As I sat watching the children play, I overheard the conversation of one young sailor and two Danish girls. He was feeling very much at home.

When all of our friends found their way back out of the hills and shops at Rebild, we headed for the Scheelsminde in Aalborg, our hotel for the night.

Brett and I were to attend a dinner in the evening with the others. With a dance after, the program would last far too late. The Scheelsminde was located in a nice residential section of Aalborg.

We walked three blocks when we spotted a gas station with a store attached. We

carried back chips, orange juice, milk, Pepsi, yogurt, and a one-layer, chocolate-frosted marzipan cake. For dessert we had strawberry sundaes.

We were the rested members of the group the next morning. The others had praise for the night before. My parents would take a train today to the north coast of Jutland. We would see them again at Kastrup Airport on July 10.

Our first visit on July 5 was to Hede Hjerl. It was at Hede Hjerl the rock collection was started. This was accomplished with the help of the two Mr. Andersens, Mr. Jespersen and Mr. Nielsen, who assisted with the identification of flint rocks as used in the stone age. When we left the bus that night the strap stretched on the case with cars and toys. We had quite a few small rocks. A large rock weighing two or three pounds had been collected. Moreover, they were genuine souvenirs. Brett checked the case before we left so they weren't forgotten.

On July 7, through the kindness of the group voting for it, we traveled to Legoland. We panned for gold in Legorado, ate ice cream and pølsler, and rode a caterpillar. We saw displays of spacecraft made from Legos, as well as castles, villages and an airport.

In Svendborg on Funen that evening we walked with Aage and Vera Jespersen and Ardyce Dwyer to the harbor. On the way, we stopped to hear Danish bagpipers play. It seemed incongruous to us all to find pipers in Denmark.

At the docks, we looked into the water and saw jellyfish. A pink sea anemone was visible. We'd see the jellyfish again when we took the ferry to Lolland.

From Svendborg we traveled to Odense to the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen. Everyday there were three or four stops. We saw Jellinge, Dybbøl, and everything within reach with historical significance. Tomorrow would be our last full day. Our only stop enroute to Copenhagen was Knuthenborg Safari Park. Our flint rock collection would grow again before we left and customs officials would pretend not to notice.

Our final evening in Copenhagen, we walked from the D'Angleterre to a Burger King to satisfy the urgent need for a hamburger. The shops were open a little later. One more opportunity to see what was offered. Usually they closed promptly at 5 p.m. We had canceled our previous reservations for the Benneweis Circus and this was our last chance.

Once aware we were going to the circus, Brett took over. As we walked out the hotel door, he saw the cab and hailed it. The surprised driver stopped. We were glad to have made this last-minute decision.

The next morning we were on our way home. Brett already knows when he'll return to Denmark. Since he was seven for the first trip, he thinks he should be fourteen for the next, and twenty-one for the one to follow that. He expects it will always be a trip we'll make together.

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Albert Nielsen (left) and Jens Nielsen (right) join in congratulating Carl T. Hansen on his Certificate of Merit.



Iowa-Minnesota District Treasurer Harlan Johnsen congratulates member Thorvald Jacobsen.

1982 SOLVANG DANISH DAYS

Solvang, California, will renew its ties with the Old World Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, when its townspeople stage their colorful Danish Days celebration.

The aroma of piping hot aebleskiver and coffee will fill the morning air. The celebration will unfold each day with the raising of the national banners of America and Denmark at 8 a.m.

Providing continuous entertainment throughout the celebration will be the colorful Village Folk Dancers, the Village Band atop a horse drawn Carlsberg beer wagon, and the Solvang Singers.

Due to appear on the stage of Parking Lot 2 will be the Santa Ynez Valley Kindergym, Danish Rhythmic Gymnastic Group, San Diego International Folk Dancers, Fresno Danish Dancers, the Viking Square Dancers and the Central Coast Cloggers.

Entertaining at various intervals in the Solvang Park will be Pilgrimage, including clowns, jugglers, mimes and dancers and long-time celebration participant Susan Goff who will present a Hans Christian Story Hour.

Scheduled Saturday and Sunday will be the Santa Ynez Valle Youth Theater production of "The Hobbit," a musical fantasy by J. R. R. Tolkien.

On the program each day, too, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in

the former library room of the Veterans Memorial Building will be the showing of short feature Danish films. There will be no admission charge.

Taking the spotlight Saturday at 3 p.m. will be a street parade featuring a theme of "Daydreams of Denmark", directed by the Santa Ynez Valley Lions Club.

Returning for the second year to Danish Days will be the Wind Ensemble of the Air Force Band of the Golden West from March AFB with concerts Saturday and Sunday.

All celebration participants are invited to join in a gala Danish Grand Ball and Festive Feast Saturday night. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and a deluxe Danish smorgasbord at 6:30. Music for the ball, which will feature a theme of "Danes Go West", will be by the Agin Brothers. The ball and feast are presented jointly by the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges of Solvang.

For the third year in a row, the entertainment segment of Danish Days will be enhanced by a trio of performances by the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts as part of its summer season in repertory.

Scheduled Friday evening is "Carousel" by Rodgers and Hammerstein and on tap Saturday is Randy Myler's "Hank Williams — King of Country Music". The Theaterfest production on Sunday is the musical "Mame."

The Unbreakable Broom

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time in a small village lived an old and tailor and his three sons.

Their names were Bardo, Knud and Jens.

One day, the old man called his children together.

"My sons," he said. "I have worked hard. Now I wish to spend my days fishing. I am giving the shop to you."

Bardo stepped forward. "Thank you, good father. We hope that we can live up to your teachings."

The old man smiled. "How splendid it will be to see my sons working together."

Knud picked up some cloth. "I can design the garments," he said, excitedly.

"I will cut the patterns," added Jens, happily.

"And I will sew the pieces of cloth," said Bardo, eagerly.

"Good," said the old man, nodding. "You have made my heart glad."

A moment later, there was a knock on the door.

Bardo opened it.

A messenger handed the old man a letter. "I have some news from the Princess," he said.

Then he bowed and left.

The old man opened the letter and read it aloud:

"In three days I am getting married. A prize of 600 krone will go to the tailor who makes the most beautiful dress in Denmark."

"Our fortune will be made," said Knud.

"We will become known throughout the land," said Jens.

"Everyone will buy our finery," rejoiced Bardo. "Let's get busy and make the dress. We don't have much time."

The old man stepped forward. "I am going to the marketplace to buy more cloth. I will return tomorrow. Good luck, my sons. I know that you will do well together."

And he left.

As Knud picked up some paper and a quill, he thought, "I should win the prize since I will make the pattern."

He quickly drew some sketches.

"Show us what you have drawn," said Jens.

Knud hid the paper behind his back.

"No," he replied. "Not unless you all agree that I win the prize."

"That's not fair," said Jens. "If anyone should win the prize it is me because I will cut the pattern with great precision."

"Wait," said Bardo. "I will sew the fine white linen with delicate stitches so the prize should go to me!"

The brothers argued all day into the night and the next morning.

When the old man returned, he heard angry voices coming from the house.

Quickly, he went inside.

"What is the trouble?" he asked, confused.

Enraged, the sons told him how they felt about each deserving the prize.

The old man sadly shook his head. "As of this moment, I do not even see the beginning of a dress, yet you all expect to be rewarded."

The sons looked ashamed, but said nothing.

The old man fetched a broom from the doorway and removed three twigs.

"Bardo," he said, "can you break this twig?"

"Of course, good father," he said.

And he did.

"What about you, Jens," said the old man.

"Can you break a twig, too?"

"Easily," replied Jens.

And he did.

"Can you do the same, Knud?" asked the old man.

"Certainly," replied Knud, "but what does this prove?"

The old man smiled. "You will soon know."

The sons looked at each other puzzled.

"Now, said the old man as he picked up the broom. "Break the twigs that are bound together."

Each son took a turn, but no one could do it.

The old man held the broken twigs in his hand.

"Surely you can see that it seems easier to stand alone," he said kindly, "but like these bound twigs, working together brings strength."

The sons looked at each other and nodded.

"We have wasted precious time being greedy," said Knud. "Now it's too late, good father."

"Nonsense," said the old man. "Knud, place the pattern on the table so that Jens can cut the cloth so that Bardo can sew it. Together you will make a fine gown."

Quickly, they began to make the dress.

They worked into the night until the gown was finished.

When the princess saw the dress she was very pleased, but she liked another gown better and awarded the 600 kroner to someone else.

"I know that you are disappointed," said the old man, "but together you have made a very fine gown. You will see that in time others will buy the garments you make."

The next day people came to the shop.

One of them was a cousin of the Princess.

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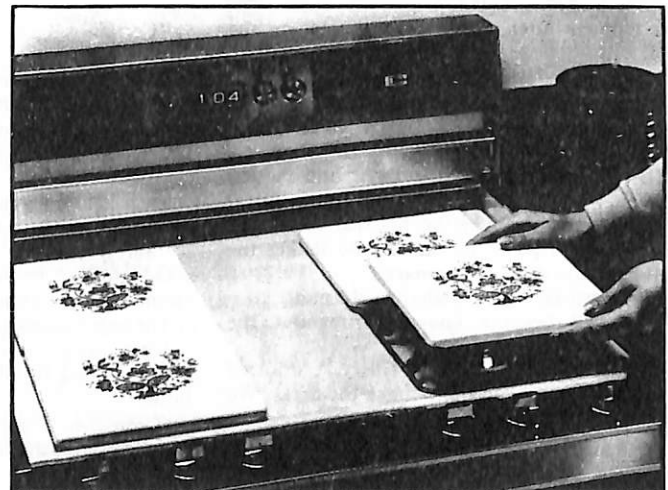
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Marie Christensen (top right) in 1905 with sisters Helga and Ellen and brother Volgarth.



Marie Christensen Kinnear at the age of 85.

On November 30, 1904, she arrived at Ellis Island. For Marie Christensen a new age had begun, both literally and metaphorically. It was her birthday, the first day of her eighth year; and it was the first day of her life in America. No other day had seemed quite so promising as this one. The Danish sailors on deck kidded her about her birthday. Where was their hot chocolate they asked? Didn't she know it was a Danish custom? But Denmark was to her back now. Before her she saw a huge sea-green arm and the torch it lifted. The Statue of Liberty even then was already the green color that weathered bronze becomes. For a while it had seemed as though she would never behold that sight.

It had been a long two weeks getting there. In the discomfort of third class were her mother, her brother, and her two sisters, one of whom was just a two-year old baby. Her mother had had an especially difficult time: her arm had swelled so badly in a severe reaction to the vaccination that there had been talk of amputation. She survived that only to become desperately seasick. They had all been sick, except the baby. A nice man had walked the baby on deck while the rest of them remained below, ill and vomiting.

That was over now. Here she was, almost within shouting distance of America. She followed the Hudson River to the shore. The late autumn wind whipped the river into white caps, a forewarning to those who would nonetheless try to swim those waters to America's shores. Most of them would drown. The water is too turbulent to swim

successfully even the bare eighth of a mile which separates Ellis Island from the New Jersey shore.

Over there, to her left, she could see Ellis Island coming into view. As the ship drew closer, the solid outline of the Immigration Station emerged. It stood like a vast Victorian castle, — or hospital, — or prison. And which would it be to her? Would she be welcomed at that castle? Would she be sent back to Denmark? Would her family stay together? If her thoughts were a bit happier on this day, she still had fourteen others in which to think about those questions. She would have to stay at Ellis Island for two weeks, and for two weeks she would watch Ellis Island earn its nickname of "The Isle of Tears."

During its forty years of operation as an immigration center, from 1890 to 1930, Ellis Island admitted sixteen million immigrants to the United States. Well over a million, however, were denied entrance and sent back to their homeland. Of these deportees, three thousand committed suicide rather than return. Some of them tried — and failed — to swim to freedom. Thousands more were separated irrevocably from their families when those who had gone ahead to ready the way were not able to locate their families at Ellis Island, or to be located themselves. This was the situation which greeted Marie Christensen. Her father had gone to America two years before them to establish a home and make enough money to send for them. Like many other Danes, he traveled to the Midwest

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where he settled in Akron, Ohio, the Christensen's destination after they left Ellis Island. They would send a telegram to the father who would then wire them money for train fare. But the telegram was never sent, and Marie and her family lingered at Ellis Island far longer than the average immigrant who stayed but a single day.

At first, of course, they had only the highest hopes as they disembarked on the island, leaving the first and second class passengers behind on the ship. Not all immigrants entering the United States by way of New York had to stop at Ellis Island. Typically, it was only the passengers in third-class and steerage who were required to do so. The wealthier first and second-class passengers stayed put while inspectors boarded the boat and administered a cursory medical check before sending them directly to New York. For the rest who had to pass through Ellis Island first, the inspection was much more thorough and rigid.

While Marie and others crowded into the huge hall which made up the entire first floor and which functioned as the baggage area, doctors were stationed at the top of the stairway. Amidst the confusion of people pushing and orders being shouted in several different languages, none of them their own, they were able to claim their baggage. As they moved slowly in the line that climbed the stairs, doctors were watching them for any sign of medical problems: a limp, breathlessness which might indicate a heart problem, open sores, an obvious sign of mental impairment such as mongoloidism — anything that might be suspect. When such a person was spotted, the doctors marked their lapel with colored chalk. Officials at a further point would detain them upon seeing the mark. Marie passed by the doctors without them stopping her to write on her lapel. She had passed the first medical inspection. She was spared the next one, but her mother was not.

Marie held the baby as her mother stood in line in front of a small room. She was waiting in line for the most dreaded of the inspections, and the screams which came from the room every now and then only increased that dread. When it was her mother's turn the man administering the test, supposedly a doctor but sometimes just a technician, picked up an instrument which looked like a buttonhook. Since he used this same instrument on all the people, he dipped the buttonhook into a pan of disinfectant before slipping it under her mother's eyelid and pulling it out and up. Marie could hear her mother scream. But when her mother reappeared, there was no chalk mark on her coat. They had passed the second medical test. The doctor inside had been checking for evidence of trachoma, a contagious eye disease to which Italians were particularly prone.

The next situation Marie encountered was a man firing questions at them. How old were they? How had they paid for their passage? Were they anarchists? How many fingers was he holding up? There was only one problem with these questions: they were asked in a language that none of them understood. Marie's mother explained this to the man, but he couldn't understand Danish. In fact, no official on the island could speak Danish. Nor were any of the signs written in Danish, although several different languages were represented: German, Italian, Greek, and Spanish among them. There were not even any Danish passengers. They were quite alone.

With this impasse before him, the official had to rely on his own judgment. There were really no sign of mental impairment despite their inability to understand him. No, they were not idiots or imbeciles, and he couldn't reject them on those grounds. And they didn't look like anarchists or contracted laborers, both of which were illegal. No worry of prostitution either. He motioned for Marie and her family to pass, their lapels still free from any disqualifying marks.

At the final interrogation point they were not so lucky. Here officials were checking to see that the passengers carried a sufficient amount of money. Before they had left Denmark, Marie's grandmother had wanted to give her daughter some money, but her mother had refused for fear it would be lost or stolen. In fact, her purse was stolen on the voyage over, so the decision had been a wise one. Now, though, she had no money to show the officials; she and her family would not be allowed to leave Ellis Island until they did have some. However, this delay did not unduly worry them since they expected their father to wire them enough money as soon as he received their telegram. Or so they thought.

If their Danish background had worked against them earlier, it would eventually work for them. With their golden hair and fair skin, they contrasted with the darker-skinned Eastern and Southern Europeans around them. At that time the United States was concerned about receiving too large an influx of these darker-skinned immigrants; the test for trachoma, for instance, helped offset this problem. Fortunately for the Christensens, the officials were predisposed in their favor. Marie can remember an incident in which all the people except them were herded into a roped line. It seemed their Scandinavian looks had earned them a slightly more benevolent treatment. The contrast made by their appearance helped to attract attention to their plight. This is in itself quite amazing since the Immigration Station was processing 30,000 people per week. It seemed inevitable that a single family would be swallowed up and forgotten in the masses of people.

Every day, when she was not tending the baby, Marie would sit in a huge hall waiting for their name to be called. Officials stationed in corner balconies shouted names of those who were cleared for final processing and transportation to New York. But their name was never called.

Eventually the Ellis Island officials noticed them and contacted the Danish Consulate in New York. A Danish consular official was brought to Ellis Island where Marie's mother could finally explain her situation. The telegram was sent immediately; in two days they had their money in hand and were leaving Ellis Island bound for Ohio.

Now, 77 years later, Marie Christensen — now known as Marie Kinnear — is an 85 year old widow living in Columbus, Ohio. Her ability to recollect so clearly experiences that happened over seven decades ago is remarkable. Among those memories certain pictures remain especially vivid: a woman standing naked in the bathroom, picking lice off her body; her mother's screams from the medical room; a guard kicking an immigrant; a sick baby spewing diarrhea over everyone in the mess hall; and the frail chugboat which finally, two weeks after her eighth birthday, carried her to American shores.

Martin Spanberg The Dane Who Wouldn't Give Up

by Robert H. Redding

Captain Martin Spanberg was hot tempered. He was also tough, aggressive and a Dane. He had been in the Russian navy for fifteen years by late summer, 1739. He, and his superior, Commander Vitus Bering, another Dane, had shared the responsibilities of the Great Northern Expedition since its inception in 1735. Sponsored by the Russian government, two of the main objectives of the expedition were (1) to explore the North Pacific Ocean to the east. The purpose was to find the west coast of America. Bering did just that in 1741. (See the June, 1978, issue of *The American Dane Magazine*). The second main objective was to open a sea route to Japan. Spanberg undertook that task, and he was successful. But he had problems.

Setting sail from Okhotsk, a port on the Siberian coast, Spanberg set a southward course in May, 1739. He commanded the *Archangel Michael*, a full-rigged sailing vessel. There were two more ships in the expedition. One was the *Hope*, under Lt. William Walton. The other was the *St. Gabriel*, under Lt. Alexander Schelting.

From the first, weather hounded the little flotilla. Storms lashed the vessels. When it wasn't storming there was thick fog. Poor visibility made crashing on the rocky shore of a Kurile Island a real threat. Captain Spanberg had been that far south before, however. He had, in fact, already charted some of the islands, and knew the danger. He proceeded with caution, and slipped among the islands with the touch of a man who knows his way around.

But Spanberg wasn't happy. He had been instructed by the Admiralty in St. Petersburg, to locate and chart Gamaland. Gamaland was a figment dreamed up by cartographers of the day. If land was in such and such a latitude, they reasoned, thinking of the Kuriles, then a continent should be nearby! Spanberg knew such reasoning was wrong, but orders were orders, and he wasted valuable time trying to find the non-existent Gamaland.

Disgusted, his temper blowing frequently, Spanberg gave the search his best effort, then closed the matter forever. There had been, as he knew very well, no continent named Gamaland.

That duty faithfully discharged, he continued south. At the 37th parallel, he reached Nipon, as Japan was then called. There were people and villages on shore. Both those on shore and those on the *Archangel Michael*, watched each other with curiosity. But Spanberg was cautious. Aware that the natives could prove hostile, he ordered his lieutenants Walton and Schelting to stand by. Close by. There was strength in numbers. Yet, in spite of his orders, Spanberg awoke one morning to find Lt. Walton and the *Hope* gone. The famous hot temper let go in full fury. Walton had disobeyed a direct order, and by heaven Walton would pay the price!

The next day after Walton's disappearance, eighty war canoes surrounded both Spanberg and Schelting. The captain quietly made certain that his cannons were ready, but he signaled Schelting not to fire, unless actual hostility was shown. He made a grim mental note that Walton would be punished as a deserter.

Fortunately, the Nipponese fleet of war canoes was not hostile. Though language proved a barrier, peace was established, gifts exchanged. Even so, Captain Spanberg took no chances. He allowed only water parties ashore, and those were under heavy guard.

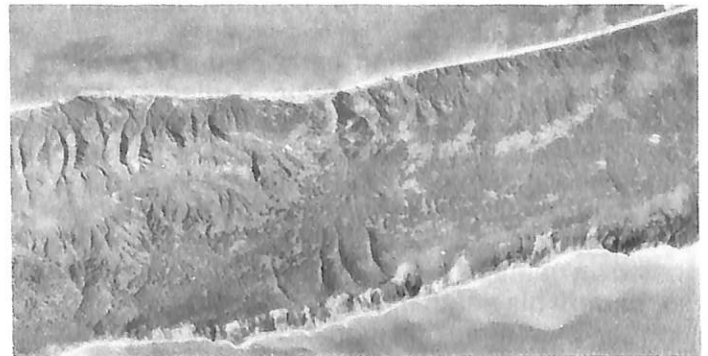
At length, satisfied that he had indeed opened a route to Japan, Spanberg sailed for Okhotsk. It was August, and fall storms screeched down out of the arctic. It was heavy going. Food ran low, and scurvy struck. Many men died, including the squadron physician. Spanberg himself fell ill, but nosed the *Archangel Michael* into home port on August 29th. It had been a triumphant voyage, but there was unpleasantness awaiting the intrepid Dane.

Lt. Walton, returning independently, disputed his captain's claim of having reached Japan. The lieutenant, fearing punishment for desertion, joined forces with one Gregori Pissarjev. Pissarjev was governor of Okhotsk, and a one-time general in the army. He was a force to be reckoned with, and he disliked all foreigners. In order to bring discredit on Spanberg, he did join with the foreigner Walton, who was English, and wrote letters to St. Petersburg. The pair went so far as to say that Spanberg hadn't been to Japan at all, but to Korea. He had overshot the target.

Members of influence in the Russian Admiralty, were jealous of Spanberg and Bering. Both men, though long in Russian service, were still regarded as outsiders. It was considered an affront to Russian ability that foreigners had been assigned such important missions. Spanberg was summoned to St. Petersburg to stand trial for incompetence. Bering, with powerful friends in government, was not recalled.

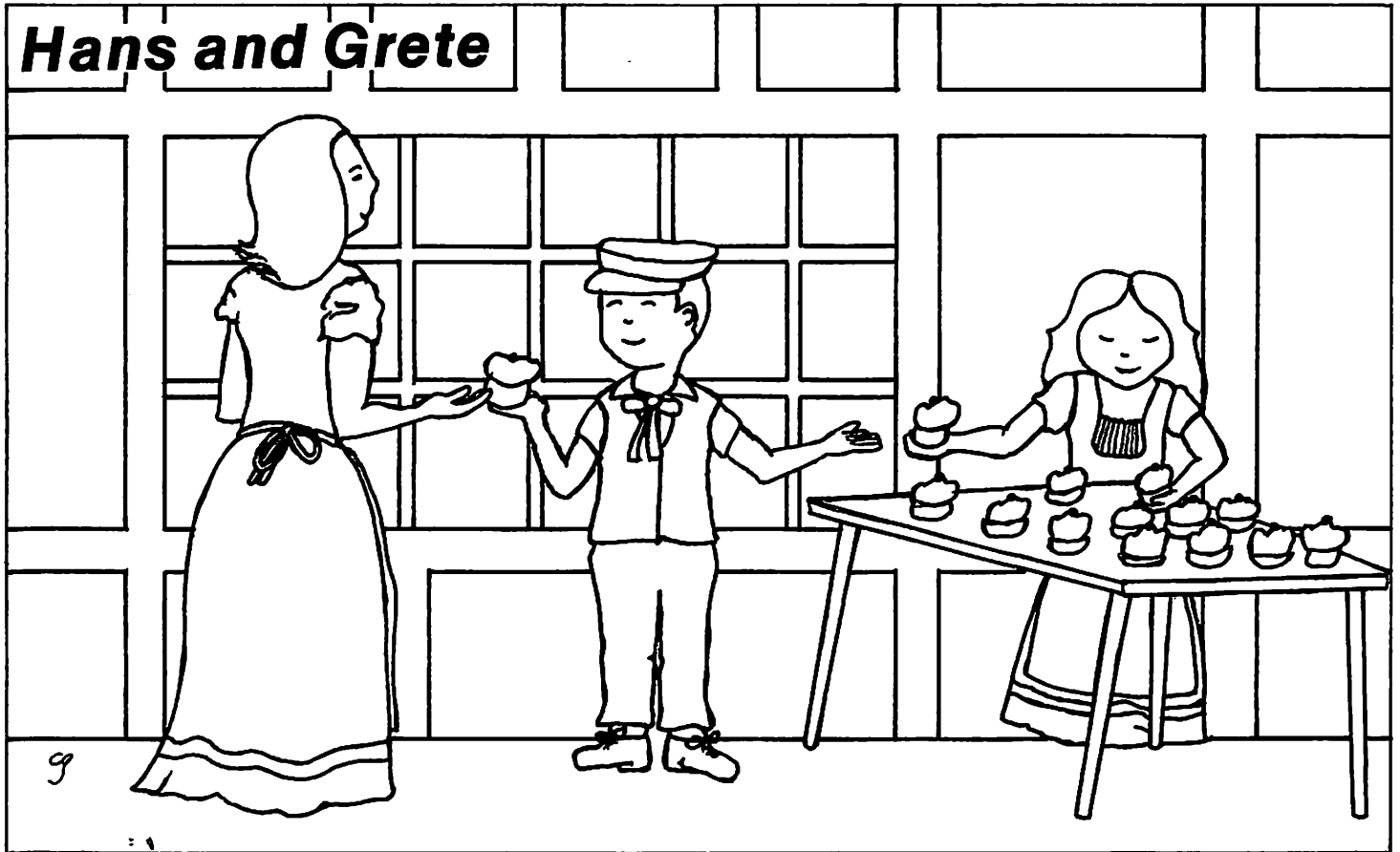
The trial was a farce. Spanberg could prove by his log, and the testimony of his officers, that he had been where he said he had been. He was exonerated, and returned to his command.

History doesn't reveal what the hot tempered Dane said to Walton after the trial. It can be speculated, however, that Walton didn't escape



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Captain Spanberg continued to serve the Russians. A lesser man would have quit, and retired to a more peaceful life. Not Spanberg. He thrived, and made **three more** trips to Japan, the last one in 1742.

When he returned to St. Petersburg for the last time, he was given command of a war ship. In spite of the fact that he'd stood trial for incompetency, Spanberg was a superb commander, and the Admiralty knew it.

Yet, when the warship foundered and sank in a hurricane, he was once again hauled before the courts. He was sentenced to death this time, but his sentence was revoked. He was given another ship, and raised to captain of the first rank!

A determined man, a bulldog for tenacity, Martin Spanberg never gave up. He beat the Russians at their own game in their own country, and served with honor until his death in 1761.

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN

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After high school graduation, Howard served in the United States Army. Later he attended Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, where he received his B.S. in Business Administration with a major in accounting. He also met Joyce Hansen at Dana. He and Joyce were married in 1958 and have four children: Cynde (21), Nancy (20), Tom (18) and Sue (15). Cynde is a pre-med student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and Nancy attends Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska. Howard also earned his masters in economics at the University in Lincoln.

For Howard, work experience has included four years with the Nebraska State Insurance Department as a casualty supervisor. He and his family moved to Omaha in 1966 from Lincoln when he became assistant secretary-treasurer for The Danish Brotherhood in America.

When Secretary-treasurer Axel Skelbeck retired in 1970, Howard was appointed to that position. He has since supervised all the activities of the National Headquarters under the auspices of the National Board of Directors.



Howard Christensen

You won't see the trophies on display at home or in his office, but he has done very well in local golf tournaments. He was a member of the Army's golf team during his service in Hawaii. Other sports interests include hunting and he can provide competition on the handball court, too.

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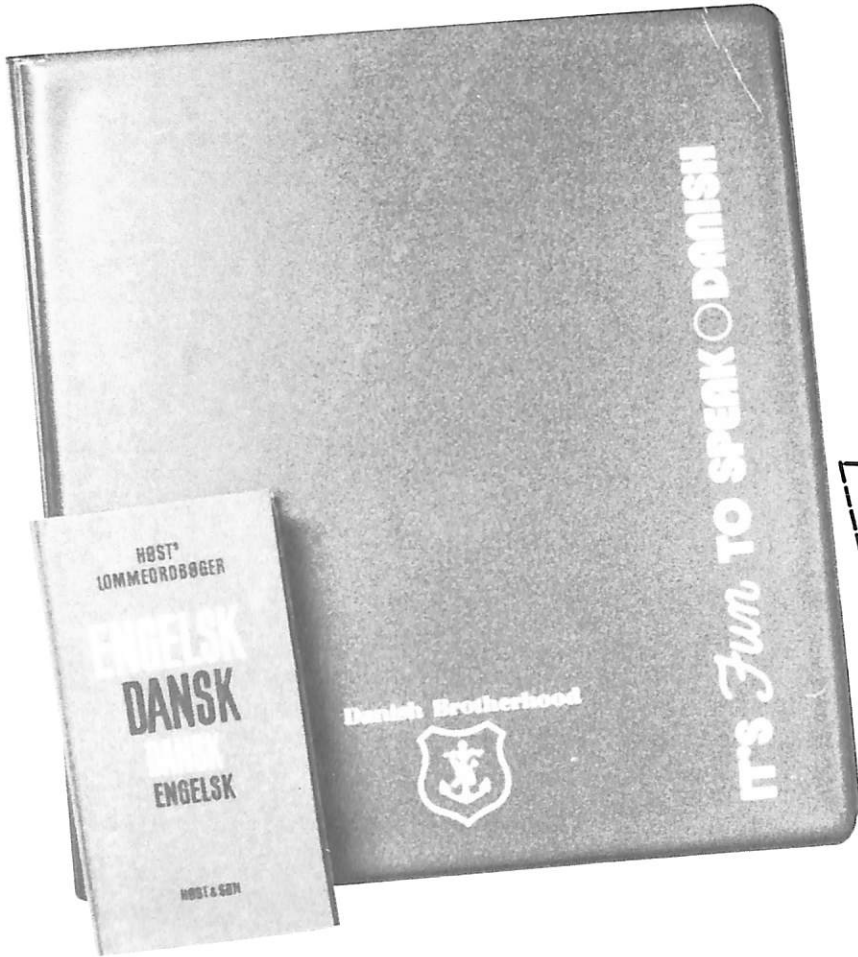
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