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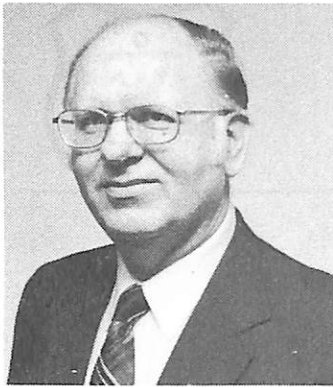


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President's Column

by
DBIA President
George Jacobsen

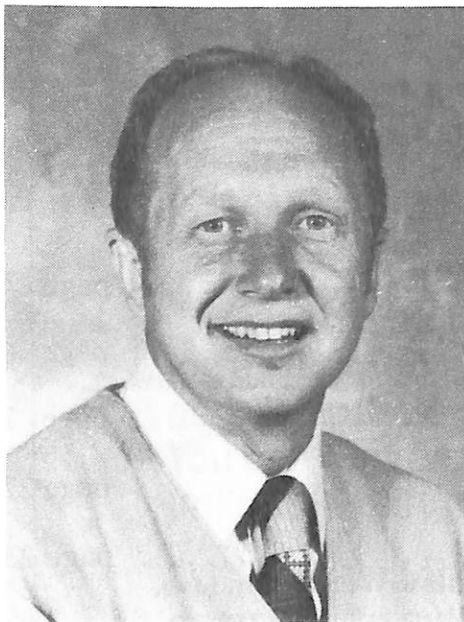
President George J. Jacobsen has graciously relinquished the space usually devoted to a President's message to permit reprinting the following article which appeared in the Eugene, Oregon, Register-Guard. His regular column will return in July.

Principal Al Nyegaard, of the Danebo Elementary School is Vice President of Centennial Lodge No. 348 in Eugene. He was assisted in the project by several Danish Brotherhood members.

A Lesson in Danish

by David Arnold

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Al Nyegaard, Vice President of Lodge 348 and Principal at Danebo Elementary.

Every morning before class, the 297 children at Danebo Elementary School in northwest Eugene roll their tongues and purse their lips on Danish. Not the pastry, but the language.

The pastry comes after the vocabulary drill.

"That was good," principal Al Nyegaard said enthusiastically into the public address system one morning as he monitored a lesson in counting from 1 to 10. "You guys sound like you just got off the boat."

Danebo — Danish for "where the Danes live" — is trying to restore some Old World traditions. For more than a month now, Denmark's language, food, customs, fashions, crafts, and folklore have been part of the daily curriculum at the school, located in the Bethel district.

These children are gaining Danish pride in more than pastries. They have been learning what the founders left behind in that small, old European homeland and what they brought with them when they immigrated to the Willamette Valley. In the classrooms, students display handmade Viking ships of cardboard, the nation's red flag with a white cross, and blue tradi-

tional caps with tassels. They learn about the Danes' contributions to the modern world: from modern furniture design to small villages the students have built of Legos, the red, white and blue plastic toy building blocks that originated in Denmark.

"It has given these kids an idea of how this community got started," says Nyegaard, the principal. "It's created an awareness of Denmark and the nation's impact on this community."

The food is proving one of the most popular ways of studying Denmark.

When the language drill was over on a recent day, for example, students began filing into an empty classroom to watch four women in bonnets, brightly colored Danish skirts and blouses covered with aprons, as they fried aebleskiver, the round fried pastry that Danes eat like popcorn.

Hanne Jensen and her mother, Karin Toftemark, jabbed deftly at dozens of the fried cakes that were shaped like oversized donut holes, while Betty Christensen and Lillian Ranch rolled still more frying balls of dough.

Toftemark's face wrinkled with a grin as she reached back to her youth to all those occasions when the aebleskiver was eaten.

"It was when you were building a house," she began as the children listened from the other side of the table, their noses not far from the batch of seven aebleskiver bubbling in the traditional cast-iron cooking pan.

"When they got to the rafters of the building, you called all the men in and gave them coffee and aebleskiver. And if they worked very hard you gave them beer instead of coffee, because they were thirsty.

"On New Year's Eve," she continued in her rich Old World accent, "we children would go around the neighborhood begging for food like you do on Halloween. Then we'd all come home and mother would give us aebleskiver and hot chocolate.

"And at Christmas, we have our big dinner on Christmas Eve, so during the next day, we ate aebleskiver for lunch.

"Of course, we always ate aebleskiver as snacks, stuffed with a little jam with powdered sugar on top. We ate them like that for breakfast, too."

As students left the cooking demonstration, each was given a copy of the aebleskiver recipe that was quickly stuffed into pockets so they could handle that more appreciated gift — a warm aebleskiver filled with strawberry jam and sprinkled with powdered sugar.

All the Danish being imported to this suburban



Folk dancing was one activity.



Crafts were included, and language.

American school comes together on Thursday - Denmark's festival day commemorating the liberation of one of the world's oldest continuous monarchies from the Nazis in 1945. The schools's cooks will serve the young Danish scholars a complete Danish lunch of fried beef patties called frikadeller, caramelized potatoes called brune kartoffler, frugt salat, and Dansk aebleskage, or applecake.

Nyegaard, whose father was born in Denmark and who recently completed 25 hours in Danish language instruction through the recently formed Danish

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**National Convention
September 28 - October 1, 1983**

TO REGISTER: Complete this form and mail with your check or money order payable to:
1983 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. Danish Sisterhood's Memorial Service
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish \$ 3.00 () \$ _____
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break \$ 1.00 () \$ _____
- 6:45 p.m. Presidents No Host Cocktail Party
- 8:00 p.m. The Danish Sisterhood's **100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY Dinner Party**..... \$14.00 () \$ _____
Entertainment by the famous Philadelphia Mummies.

THURSDAY, September 29

- 8:30 a.m. Joint Grand Opening of the
18th Danish Sisterhood's National Convention
31st Danish Brotherhood's National Convention
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish \$ 3.00 () \$ _____
- 12:00 Noon Cash Bar/Lunch
Chicken noodle soup, cold meat platter with
roast beef, turkey, ham, cheese, sliced
tomato, hardboiled egg, potato salad
and pickles. Ice cream cake roll, coffee,
tea or milk \$12.50 () \$ _____
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break \$ 1.00 () \$ _____
- 5:00 p.m. Board your deluxe motorcoach outside the
Philadelphia Hotel and
- 6:30 p.m. arrive in Atlantic City, "**Las Vegas of the East**" for an exciting evening of fun and
glitter. Upon arrival you will receive a
\$10.00 to \$15.00 cash refund plus any
food and beverage credit the Casino may
offer on the day of arrival. Free time for
a walk on the famous Atlantic City Broad-
walk, site of the Miss America Pageant.
- 12:01 a.m. Board your motorcoach for a relaxing trip
back to the hotel \$18.00 () \$ _____

Please Note: New Jersey laws require you must be on the bus in order to receive a refund. No one under age 18 is permitted in the casinos. (Casino package is subject to change without notice)

FRIDAY, September 30

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish \$ 3.00 () \$ _____
- 12:00 Noon Bus Tour through downtown
Philadelphia to **The Olde City Tavern** for
lunch, followed by a narrated tour of
Historical Philadelphia \$21.00 () \$ _____

SATURDAY, October 1

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish \$ 3.00 () \$ _____
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break \$ 1.00 () \$ _____
- 6:30 p.m. Reception - Cash Bar
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet and Dinner/Dance
Roast prime rib of beef au jus, flaming
baked Alaska, coffee or tea
- 9:00 p.m. Installation of National Officers
followed by music and dancing .. \$29.00 () \$ _____
- Souvenir Program \$ 3.00 () \$ _____
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PLAIN TALK . . . ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE

by James A. Ballew, CLU

James A. Ballew, CLU, has more than 30 years experience writing about life insurance. He has served as editor of the Fraternal Monitor, publication of the National Fraternal Congress, since 1965 and also serves as a consultant to fraternal benefit societies.

A New Look At Wives and Mothers



selves or use current income to pay someone else to do it. With reasonable life insurance coverage, choices are about the same — except for the current income part. That's no minor difference.

So, What's Reasonable?

Which brings us around to the matter of reasonable life insurance coverage for Mom. Beyond making sure that final expenses are covered, however, I can't trot out any rule of thumb to go by on this one. There are too many things to consider. We can look at some of the factors involved, though.

Basically, the more children a family has and the higher the family's income and standard of living, the more life insurance protection they need. One big item is whether or not the wife has an outside job. If she has, her income is the place to start when deciding how much life insurance she needs. How much of it should be insured depends on how much ordinarily goes to keeping the family's chin above water. Another thing to consider is how much is used strictly by her.

One surprise from the Cornell research which should be mentioned here is that "wives who work outside the home generally spend about two hours less a day on household chores than their non-working counterparts." That's not much when you think about it. So in planning reasonable life insurance coverage, the working wife's value as a homemaker should not be too quickly discounted.

This becomes more of an issue when Mom is a full-time homemaker. Planning reasonable coverage in the single-income family of four from the survey, might go something like this.

Start with base protection of \$5,000 or so to cover final expenses. Mom's economic contribution is about \$10,000 a year (that's what they'd have to pay someone else to do it). With two children in school and at other activities, it's decided to provide full protection for the first year and 50% coverage for the second and third years (\$5,000 per year). By then, the oldest child (17) may have left home and the younger one (12) will be old enough to help more around the house. How much is reasonable life insurance coverage? In this case, approximately \$25,000.

Premium Priorities

For single-income families like this one, protecting the full-time homemaker's economic worth can become a matter of premium priorities. Most of their premium dollars should go toward insuring the wage

One person who has a way of getting lost in the shuffle when it comes to life insurance is Mom. While most women have some life insurance, according to a 1976 study by the American Council of Life Insurance, the average amount is less than \$8,000. Compare that to \$29,000 for men.* Considering the economic value of your average wife and mother, there are some gaps in coverage. Let's see what they are and what might be done about them.

Yardsticks

Whether they're earning incomes or are full-time homemakers, the nation's wives and mothers make a large and measurable economic contribution to their families. Cornell researchers, William Gauger and Kathryn Walker, looked at a random sample of some 1,400 families and used 1978 wage rates for a variety of jobs. Their findings:

The price tag for things like cooking, cleaning, mending, and assorted household chores comes to about \$14,000 a year for a family of four. Most of the work is done by you-know-who. According to Gauger and Walker, women do the giant's share, even when they have outside jobs. In a family of four with children between 12 and 17, a full-time homemaker contributed \$10,000 worth

of household work a year. Dad kicked in \$2,200 and the teens' share was \$1,100 each. That totals \$14,400.

In another family where the mother is employed full-time, her contribution was pared back to \$6,300 in household work a year. But, lo and behold, the contributions of Dad and the kids stayed right about where they were.

The study reports "in no type of family did the average time contributed by husband, teenager or younger child go over three hours a day. On the other hand, in no instance did the wife's average time drop below four hours a day." Putting even a finer point on it, Walker and Gauger add that their findings "do not show that husbands increase their work contribution if their wives are employed."

No wonder those life insurance figures are so skimpy. Families still haven't figured out household chores aren't just women's work. They would — in a big hurry — if anything were to happen to the chief cook and bottle washer.

Given that unfortunate turns of events, a family without reasonable life insurance coverage would be forced to do one of two things: divide up the work and do it them-

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.

1982 Top 20 Lodges

1981			1982			Gain or Loss
Lodge	Total Membership		Lodge	Total Membership		
1. 227	Detroit, Michigan	507	1. 227	Detroit, Michigan	496	-11
2. 4	Racine, Wisconsin	326	2. 14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	364	+40
3. 14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	324	3. 4	Racine, Wisconsin	315	-11
4. 1	Omaha, Nebraska	276	4. 167	Portland, Oregon	286	+23
5. 167	Portland, Oregon	263	5. 29	Seattle, Washington	255	+3
6. 34	Dwight, Illinois	260	6. 34	Dwight, Illinois	253	-7
7. 29	Seattle, Washington	252	7. 1	Omaha, Nebraska	248	-28
8. 126	Los Angeles, California	239	8. 126	Los Angeles, California	236	-3
9. 46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	196	9. 51	Ludington, Michigan	202	+6
10. 16	Minden, Nebraska	191	10. 16	Minden, Nebraska	194	+3
11. 51	Ludington, Michigan	190	11. 46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	190	-6
12. 299	Solvang, California	168	12. 299	Solvang, California	171	+3
13. 328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	153	13. 328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	168	+15
14. 341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	144	14. 325	Nassau County, New York	138	+9
15. 92	St. Charles, Illinois	143	15. 92	St. Charles, Illinois	136	-7
16. 186	Luck, Wisconsin	136	16. 341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	129	-15
17. 325	Nassau County, New York	129	17. 186	Luck, Wisconsin	122	-14
18. 49	San Francisco, California	126	18. 75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	117	-5
19. 75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	122	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	117	+1
20. 172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	121	19. 45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	115	-2
			20. 172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	114	-7

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The Northwest District Bowling Tournament was held March 26. We understand lodges from Vancouver, B.C., Enumclaw, Portland and Seattle competed. About 80 people attended the banquet after the bowling.

At our last lodge meeting, Hans Petersen, "Store Hans", informed us he bought the uniforms for the teams in the 1920s. We had a Danish soccer team at that time. The cost was about \$11.00. On the Memorial Day weekend in May, our Seattle soccer team will be journeying to Canada for a match against the Vancouver lodge.

After the meeting April 6 we observed our 95th anniversary. It

was rather informal this year. We gathered with the Sisterhood for a delicious "smørrebrød" supper, catered by "Vaersgo" Danish restaurant, with Ingeborg Kisby in charge.

Kristen Jorgensen tells us there will be an other Ethnic Heritage Fair at the Northgate Shopping Mall June 25 and 26.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — For our 80th lodge anniversary we held a champagne brunch at Norse Hall with participation of 160 people. At the brunch we also held a Two-Bit auction with all auctioned items donated. From our net profit, it was voted at a previous lodge meeting to donate 10% to charity. The lodge picked the Salvation Army. At our monthly meetings we will collect food, clothing and other usable items which we will donate



Tables were lavishly decorated with fresh flowers, red napkins and candles for brunch.



(l to r) Lise Mortensen, Sonja Jensen and Magnus Esrom worked hard for the event.



Chef Stig Hansen and Elly Batchelor, co-chairman and chairman of the 80th anniversary celebration.



Many attended wearing Danish folk costumes such as President Jens Gimbel and wife Joyce.

to the Salvation Army. If we ask our community to support us in our events, we should in our own way support our community.

Jens Gimbel, Pres.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — Saturday, May 28, the Danish Brotherhood Lodge 328 celebrates its lodge birthday. The festivities start with a punch hour. After that, dining takes place, which includes a fishtable, roast beef and vegetables plus dessert. After the dinner we will dance. Later in the evening Danish pastry and cheese-trays will be served.

On the same day the lodge's annual soccer game with the

Seattle Danes will be played at the Ronald Amunsen Centre.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — June 9 we will celebrate Queen Margrethe's anniversary with a film from Denmark.

Saturday, June 18, is our St. Hans Aften at Toftemark's Lake Creek property, dinner about 6 p.m. There will be bar-b-qued chicken for \$2.50.

Welcome to our newest members: John and Judy VanScholten.

Lois Toftemark, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our split pea soup dinner was a success. About 67 people attended. Everyone had plenty to eat and drink, and we topped it off with bingo.

The delegates to the district convention are: Erik Kofod, Anne Kofod, Carl Sorensen, Madelle F. Pedersen, and Lars Westerskov. The alternate is Frances Jacoby.

Watch out for September, it's a big event. Our 84th anniversary party and dance.

Congratulations to new members for the year this far: James Hagen, Frances Jacoby, Grace Sorensen, Mark Christoffersen, Sofie Christoffersen, Lis Rasmussen, Ula (Dixie) Sorensen, Nicholas Sorensen, Antonie Henningsen, Betty Seale and Soren Henningsen.

Margaret Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — Hayward Lodge 184 will be joining the rest of the Bay Area Danes at their annual picnic June 26 at Central Park in Fremont. It should be a lot of fun. There will be lots of games and prizes and swimming is available. Beer and soft drinks will be provided. Bring your family and friends and join the fun. There is a small lake where you can rent canoes, paddle boats, and row boats.

Reno, here we come. October 8 and 9, 1983, we will be staying at the Sundowner Hotel. Diane Mahler will be happy to take your reservation and money.

Have a happy, fun, and safe Fourth of July.

Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — In April we invited family members and friends to attend an open meeting for an evening of entertainment and dinner. The dinner was very good and the entertainment was fine. Two professional actors from Denmark presented a very good vocal and female impersonation act. Part was given in the Danish language. A good time was had by all present. On the committee were Alton Nielsen, Andy Andersen, Hans Larsen, Mogen Mortensen, and Viggo Sorensen.

Henry Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Lodge members were urged to attend the May 11 meeting in Norway Hall for a fun evening of bingo and fellowship.

In spite of the fact that locally acclimated Danes grumbled about the inclement rainy cool weather, out-of-state visitors: Andy Andersen, Omaha; Emery and Carol Petersen, Denver; Ove and Ella Christensen, Westbrook, Maine; were convinced that San Diego was an ideal place for dodging raindrops, enjoying beauty, fine recreation, friendly people, and relatively inexpensive menus in nice restaurants. How's that for "Heaven on Earth."

Art Norgaard, Sec.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — In June Inger Dix and Kate Krake will present a slide show from the Epcot Center, Orlando, FL, which they visited in March.

Grundlovsfesten is Sunday, June 5, at Rivers End Park, open at 10:00 a.m. We would like all lodge members to attend this fun-filled event.

Delegates to the California-Nevada Convention, to be held in Bakersfield on July 21, 22, 23, 1983 are Kate Krake and Inger Dix. Alternates are Karen Rowse and John Kristensen.

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Thirty-four members and guests attended our April 9 meeting. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed

playing table games. The lodge thanks Rosemary Allison, chairman of the evening's entertainment, and Crystal Nelson who helped with the refreshments.

June 11 is our trip to Solvang, July 9 is Grandma Moses Night after our regular meeting and July 17 is the annual Danish picnic at Mile Square Park.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At our April meeting, new member Steve O'Brien was initiated and welcomed by the lodge. Following the meeting, we shared in smørrebrød and were treated to slides and movies provided by Vicky Garrison, assisted by Ken Nielsen. Thank you both for providing the entertainment for Hans Christian Andersen's birthday party. (I especially enjoyed seeing Anelise Obetz' needlework of the HCA's fairytales.) Thanks to everyone who brought their items to share with the rest of us.


June 25 is the International Street Fair in San Bernadino.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — A joint meeting of the Des Moines Brotherhood and Sisterhood was held at Dania Hall April 11. The primary purpose of the meeting was to select committees to support the upcoming Iowa-Minnesota Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel, Des Moines over the Labor Day weekend. Margaret Gee, Edith Paulsen and Mary Riber served as hostesses for 39 members and 5 guests attending.

Frank Watson was initiated into the Brotherhood. We bid him "velkommen"! President Kirsten Lundgren read a copy of a letter delivered to Victor Borge during his recent performance in Des Moines. The letter explained Lodge 15 would be celebrating its 100th anniversary during the coming Labor Day weekend. Also accompanying the letter was a present; a hat designed by Bob Ferguson, Marvin and Shawn Hart, proclaiming "100 Years, Danish Brotherhood". Mr. Borge acknowledged receipt and offered congratula-



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Fred L. Bosking	1	—Omaha	Lorayne Bosking
Norman D. Cluster	4	—Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Leo S. Hanley	14	—Kenosha	Kenneth E. Hansen
Daniel Molgaard	14	—Kenosha	Manard Larsen
Kenneth J. Monson	14	—Kenosha	Lloyd Magwitz
Bruce A. Roders	14	—Kenosha	Vincent Roders
James Vozar	14	—Kenosha	Robert Bernhardt
Hazel I. Bronson	16	—Minden	Rosa Nielsen
Ralph M. Burchell	16	—Minden	Wm. Jorgensen, Jr.
Danielle L. Nielsen	16	—Minden	Rosa Nielsen
Kristine L. Russell	32	—New Haven	Arthur W. Sorensen
Leonard T. Russell	32	—New Haven	Arthur W. Sorensen
Barbara J. Dorsett	34	—Dwight	James W. Wilkey, Jr.
Harold J. Lithgow	34	—Dwight	Raymond E. Holzhauer
Pauline K. Jensen	35	—Chicago	Henry Jepsen
Metha A. Sorensen	35	—Chicago	Henry Jepsen
Svend A. Sorensen	35	—Chicago	Henry Jepsen
Donald LeRoy	36	—Milwaukee	Albert L. Larsen
Leah L. Olsen	43	—Denver	Svend A. Sonderup
Richard Poulsen	45	—Minneapolis	Hanna Poulsen
Robert Sorensen	49	—San Francisco	Jacob C. Friedrichsen
Joe A. Bartholomy	51	—Ludington	Alvin Garcia
Thomas L. Jones	51	—Ludington	Ray A. Finholm
Eugene C. Nelson	51	—Ludington	Bruce Genia
Michael A. Samuels	51	—Ludington	Keith Koegler
Richard Samuels	51	—Ludington	Charles Peterson
Richard R. Tremel	51	—Ludington	Charles V. Peterson
Sanford C. Wendt	51	—Ludington	Theodore S. Petzak
Olga F. Hansen	56	—Kansas City	Robert J. Wallace
Edward Larsen	56	—Kansas City	Otto M. Larsen
Russell C. Carlson	71	—Penn Yan	Clarence Jensen
Michael Albeck	167	—Portland	Eugene Albeck
Otto W. Jensen	167	—Portland	Jens Gimbel
Pat R. Jensen	167	—Portland	Jens Gimbel
Kari Martinez	167	—Portland	Phyllis Packard
Dorothy E. Park	167	—Portland	Elizabeth Hungerford
Monica A. Shearer	167	—Portland	Caroline Olafsen Schlitt
Jette E. Tyler	167	—Portland	Mark Jensen
Robert M. O'Leary	183	—Troy	Richard Durivage
Everett W. Bergstrom	186	—Luck	Christian Jacobsen
AneMarie Nichley	186	—Luck	Walter Petersen
William G. Nichley	186	—Luck	Walter Petersen
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Bernice N. Petersen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Howard Hansen
Ernest D. Petersen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Howard Hansen
Ernest K. C. Petersen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Ray L. Johnson
Ellen C. Petersen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Ray Johnson
Karen M. Petersen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Ray Johnson
Merle H. Petersen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Mel Boose
Carol Sue Patterson	346	—Riverside	Alice H. Hagner
Sarah A. Bissell	600	—Omaha	Earl Jensen
Scott Alan Johnson	600	—Omaha	Francis Sweet

tions near the end of his performance. These hats, as well as patches of the same design, will be for sale at \$5.50 and \$1.00 respectively by Lodge 15 during the convention.

Arrangements have been made for a bus trip from Des Moines to Kimballton, Iowa, during their centennial celebration on June 4. "Lookout Kimballton!"

Joyce Beadle, President of the

Sisterhood, invited all to attend her pinning ceremony (she became a registered nurse) and reception on April 30. Congratulations, Joyce!

The Sisterhood announced that their annual "Champagne Brunch" will be held at Dania Hall May 15, 11 a.m.; almost all available reserved seats were spoken for before the meeting ended.

Ann Ferguson, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Celebrated its anniversary with a dinner meeting on Friday, May 6, at the Holiday Inn in Albert Lea.

President Phil Sorensen opened the meeting with a cordial welcome to members and guests. Pastor Fred Jacobsen gave the invocation. The lodge was entertained by Paul Goodnature's "Downhome Gang" with a variety of bluegrass music. There were 78 in attendance.

The LuVerne Claussen's and Jim Minear's were wished a bon voyage on their forthcoming trips to Denmark. President Sorensen announced the St. Hans Picnic is Sunday, June 26 at the Orville Hoyt residence.

Alton and Marge Neve, Cor.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — April 11 at 7:30 p.m. President Marvin Christensen called the meeting to order. Two birthdays were observed, Glen Brodale and Gudrun Anderson.

Mary Verna Nielsen reported on her trip to New Zealand. Mary had two pen pals in New Zealand she has corresponded with since she was fourteen years old. This was the first time the three pen pals had met. Mary sailed on the Queen Elizabeth II from Los Angeles and spent four weeks visiting with her pen pals and touring New Zealand. She described the beauty of the country and the differences she encountered. It was very interesting.

Carroll Jensen presented some literature on Danish heritage. One was an article in the National Geographic Magazine on **The Norman Conquest**, another was **Gods and Myths of Northern Europe**, and **The Jensen Family Genealogical History**. Progressive 500 was played. High scores were won by Fremand Nielsen and Mary Brodale.

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A lunch of Danish food was served by the refreshment committee; Anna Christensen, Mary and Glen Brodale, and Mabel Pedersen.

Edna Johnson, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — Lodge 341 met at the Danish Inn at Elk Horn for their membership dinner. 124 were present; 87 members with 37 guests. A delicious dinner was served.

President Dorothy Mortensen presided. Four members were accepted.

Neoma Steen was named to head the float committee for the Kimballton centennial and later for the Elk Horn Tivoli Festival. We were reminded to keep district convention in Des Moines in our plans.

Twenty members bowled in the Brotherhood Tournament. Helen Petersen had a 197.

Our June meeting will be in Exira on June 27 with a potluck picnic.

Ardis Petersen gave a talk on "Bedstemor's Hus" and also on "Nissemand" in Denmark.

Andy Andersen introduced Russell Moseman and Mrs. Moseman from Blair. They showed **The Danish Brotherhood Story**. Group singing was enjoyed and nine new members were signed.

Irene Boose, Cor.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Since the first of the year, several worthwhile projects have been undertaken. One is the Danish Brotherhood Radio Hour on Sundays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. *

Another very important project is a fund raiser to redecorate our lodge. Top priority will be given to the dining and bar area and then we will proceed to other rooms as money becomes available. We have already received many donations from members, most have given 10 dollars or more, but any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Something else very important to our lodge is new members. I have been asking each lodge member to obtain at least one prospective member this year. If you know

*Advertising spots available.

someone who will make a good member, and is either Danish, married to a Dane, related to a member, or a friend of a member, have him fill out a membership application, or call Al Sorensen, our lodge representative, 639-2791 and Al will contact the prospect.

On April 26, 1933, the first occupants, one elderly couple and a matron moved into "The Danish Old Peoples Home" on Milwaukee Avenue in Racine.

The Danish Home has earned a much deserved respect and recognition in the city of Racine and beyond, and it will have a purpose and mission in this community for many generations to come. The golden anniversary of the home was celebrated with a banquet on April 23, at the D.B. Hall.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — An Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Officers of the lodge regarding further remodeling of our building has been formed. This important committee will look into developing plans for the stairways, first floor, basement area and finishing touches needed on the second floor. Thanks to Chairman Vince Roders, Erik Hansen, Ray Zieth, Matt Fosbinder, and Ken Learmont for accepting this responsibility.

The Midwest Target Shoot held in Kenosha on March 26 attracted 60 shooters and 15 teams from around the District. A delicious lunch was served as awards were presented. Congratulations to Lodge 14 for winning the first place trophy this year. Wendy Bernhardt won the Young Viking title. Thanks to all the district teams who supported this event — #34 Dwight, #4 Racine, #92 St. Charles, #340 Wood Dale and #17 Chicago. Special thanks to the Seyllers who did the scoring for the event. It was encouraging to see more ladies and youngsters in the meet this time.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — One of our oldest members, John M. Hansen, passed away March 29 at the age of 90. He was born in Randers in 1892, immigrated to the U.S. before W.W.I and joined the Danish Brotherhood in 1917, being a member for 66 years.

Next March our lodge will celebrate its centennial and our president, Merle Nysten, a son-in-law of the late John M. Hansen, together with committees are looking into some kind of gala celebration. It is especially important that members attend the coming meetings, first Wednesday of each month, to help formulate plans for the festivities. We would like to see all the members that never fail to show up at our "Torsk" dinners and other special occasions, so that we may exchange ideas and solicit their advice.

W. B. Thorsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — May 9 we tentatively have Joe Josbt, a teacher at St. Mary's in Pontiac, who will have a very interesting slide presentation on the renovation of Humiston Woods in Pontiac.

Just read the statistics on the District Bowling Outing held in Racine April 16th. Both first place teams were from Dwight: Men - Pin Busters and Women's - Dwight Dane Danes. Mens: The Standards - 3rd; Pony Express Riders - 5th; Bad News Strikers - 6th; Herman's Hermits - 8th. Women's: The 5-Sen's - 2nd; The Leftover's - 4th. Individual prizes to boot. Out of ten 1st place trophies, Dwight brought home seven. Great bowling! A good time was had by all. The food was delicious and the dancing great. We thank Racine for doing such a good job.

The district trap shoot is June 25 sponsored by Lodge 14, Kenosha.

The district golf tournament is in Dwight, July 9.

Our chain continues to grow as we welcome new members: Thaila Koehler, Harold and Helen Lithgow and Barb Dorsett. Tim Feddersen became an adult member. Eugene and Mary Johnson were approved for membership. Following the April meeting Alan Mortensen gave a presentation on his hobby

Payment to Board Members

Section 7, Paragraph 8(b) — Payment of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4; and/or Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2 is hereby published:

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George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$269.45.

of stained glass. Thanks Alan - it was very interesting.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our May 6 meeting was held at 8:00 p.m. After, a real treat was in store! Shirley Thomsen, one of our members, is a handwriting analyst and presented the program for the evening.

Four new members were initiated in April: Pauline Jensen, Svend Sorensen, Metha Sorensen, and Marsha Godskesen.

Mary Bondegard already has 32 signed for the cruise that will take place on June 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Mary to make a reservation — 425-9147.

There have been requests from members that we have a dance evening after meetings so some who are not familiar with our Danish folk dances can learn them.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Congratulations to Hans P. Johansen, Homeland, California, who was awarded a 60-year commemorative membership pin; he joined the lodge May 1, 1923.

Thanks to all members and friends for their contributions, time and hard work which made our April 9 Torsk Dinner a success. There were many door prizes and raffle items. Following the dinner, attendees saw three movies in color — "The Little Match Girl," "Scandinavia: Unique Northern Societies," and "The Spirit of America with Charles Kuralt: Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri."

Our Danish language class convened before our April 19 business meeting. Refreshments served were make-your-own ice cream sundaes and homemade pastries. Many of our members donated items for a silent auction which was a notable success.

Following the business meeting, foreign exchange student Lene Thompsen, from Esbjerg, Denmark, presented a delightful and educational slide program "from home."

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — Lodge 186 is happy to have added five new members to its lodge since the beginning of 1983. They are Everett Bergstrom, William and AneMarie Nichley, Harold and Jennie Olson.

Uffa Jensen passed away on Easter Sunday.

Shuffleboard has been of interest to many members the past winter. They have met on Wednesday evenings. Another court was painted on the lodge floor in April. On April 20 there was a potluck picnic (indoors) with shuffleboard and cards. After the May lodge meeting, the Auberts and Espe-liens explained the game, demonstrated it and helped other members become acquainted with the game.

Lodge #344, Janesville, WI — At our April meeting tentative plans were made for our annual Steak Fry early in June.

Thanks to our National Headquarters for the slide presentation on the Museum of the Resistance Struggle of Denmark. Jens Lademann also showed some of his slides which made for a very interesting evening.

Two of our officers are on vacation in Denmark: President Robert Johnsen and Treasurer Clifford Christensen. Cliff and his daughter, Andrea, have gone to Europe to meet young Viking Erik Christensen who has been in school in Austria. We hope all of them have an enjoyable trip.

Howard E. Hansen, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our April social meeting turned out to be our March social meeting, too. The



President Flo Hansen presents Axel Skelbeck with his 60-year pin.



Those present and honored by the lodge included (back row, l. to r.) Chris Jorgensen, Chris Anderson, Chris Juhl, Frank Gundersen, (front row) Ray Jensen (far l.) and Axel Skelbeck (far l.) Lodge 1 President Florence Hansen and Nebraska District President J. Merton Kuhr are also pictured. Photos courtesy Chris Larsen.

101st anniversary of DBIA Lodge 1 was celebrated on April 15 with a banquet at the Ramada Inn.

All of our members have joined in giving special congratulations to Chris and Sylvia Juhl, Charles and Louise Johnson, as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met March 17 at the Community Action Center for a backward party. Nearly everyone attending wore something backwards. Receiving prizes were Thurza Nelson for the ladies and John Garrett for the men. Two St. Patrick's games were played. For the remainder of the evening pitch and summerset were played backward with everyone seeing your cards except yourself, which caused much laughter and excitement. A delicious lunch was served by the committee: cake with whipped cream served upside-down, ice cream, mints, coffee and tea. Lunch was served on an upside down table on top of another table. St. Patrick's colors were carried out in the cake and table arrangements. To say the least, everyone really had a good time.

Approximately 40 attended our April 12 meeting. At our business meeting, three people applied for membership and were accepted: Hazel Bronson, Danielle Nielsen and Ralph Burchell. We are always happy to have new members. Wishi Thomsen showed interesting slides and talked about the trip he and his wife, Charmaine, took last summer to Denmark and other

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Blair Lodge 206 will be hosting the state picnic this year, the date is July 17. We will be making plans for this important day.

Congratulations to Robert and Ellenora Plugge who celebrated their 40th anniversary on April 10. Thanks to our March committee: Elmer Thones, Vernon Mathiesens, Harold Magills, and Roberta Jensen for a fun evening and a delicious lunch.

Harriet Palle, Sec.

Lodge #211 Grand Island, NE — In April, the members and guests enjoyed a delicious family-style meal at Paul's Supper Club in St. Paul.

Before our May 9 meeting we had a scrumptious soup supper. Soup was made by Betty Alderman and Dorothy Thomsen. Other members brought sandwiches and Elga Boasch furnished Danish apple-cake for dessert.

A picnic is planned for June 13 at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul City Park.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — May 4 the regular meeting of Lodge 51 was held. It was well-attended with 27 members present. We initiated six new members at this meeting. Velkommen to Richard Tremi, Richard Samuels, Robert Seelhoff, Tom Jones, Eugene Nelson, and Joe Bartholomy.

April 16 we held our fourth Set-back Tournament of 1983. Thirty-two members and guests participated. Rod Schafer won the top prize, donated by Ron Petzek. Our hats off to all members who worked on these tournaments to make this new venture for a money making event.

April 17 we bowled for the National Bowling Tournament. We had five teams bowl. There was some good bowling and some that wasn't so good. The other four teams were given a lesson by the President's Team who bowled a 3053 team series.

On April 30 was the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament hosted by Lodge 227, Detroit. Ludington Lodge 51 had three men's teams and two women's teams making the trip down to

Detroit. We gave them a good battle, but fell short, as our men's teams finished second and third and one of our women's teams finished third. Detroit came through and defended their title to retain the traveling trophy. I hope they won't get too used to it, because next year it's going traveling. Old friendships were renewed and some new acquaintances made. The District was well-represented with teams from Greenville, Ludington and Detroit. Even if you didn't bowl, the dinner-dance by Detroit Lodge 227 would have been well worth the trip. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I say "thank you" Detroit Lodge 227 for a very good meal and an enjoyable day. It was a Ludington bowler who got the trophy for low game (ask Ray Finholm about it sometime). You don't get many marks with an 89 game.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

Lodge #70, Greenville, MI — The Sisters have done it again! They asked a favor - we can't refuse. They changed the date of our April meeting from Friday, April 22 to April 20. They want to entertain their national Sisterhood Officers at the spring meeting and we enjoy good food (Danish) so, we accepted, gladly.

It's getting that time of year when our self-appointed gardener gets the red and white petunias in the limelight in front of the D.B.S. Hall for a spectacular sight for us all. Wesley Kroft does a beautiful job and we enjoy it all summer.

The jackpot is still waiting for someone to claim.

Vern Minard, Cor.

JUNE ASSESSMENT NUMBER 1008

Is Due and Payable to the
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June 1, 1983

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July 1, 1983

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — At our meeting on April 8 our lodge celebrated it's 80th anniversary. About fifty people, including members and family, attended our party and we all had a good time.

Our Danish Consul, Steve Madsen, was present and had some kind words to say about our lodge.



Herman Ostergaard receives his 25-year pin.

President Herman Ostergaard was presented a 25-year pin. Brother Ostergaard was commended for his faithful service to our lodge, having been president for the past 13 years.

We were treated to a typical and very delicious Danish dinner prepared by the ladies of our lodge, for which we extend our sincere appreciation. A big thank you also goes to Leif and Jane Hansen for contributing several bottles of wine for dinner.

John Gormsen, Sec.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — One-hundred fourteen brothers and

sisters enjoyed the tasty dinner prepared at the Danish Club and served by the Sisterhood on April 13. These meals always precede the first meeting of the month, except in July and August.

George Jackson, Jeffrey Jensen and Howard Skovlund were initiated April 13. The 62 members who attended the meeting gave them a friendly welcome.

After the meeting, some of the members played cards. Almost everyone had some of the delicious homemade cookies and cakes that the sisters always prepare and serve the first meeting each month.

The Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament was hosted by our lodge on April 30. Ludington Lodge 51 made a valiant effort to take the grand trophy from the reigning champions, but the superiority of our Detroit Lodge showed we were still number one.

Later, bowlers joined other lodge members at a dinner-dance at our Danish Club. 172 people had cocktails, and then a pork and beef roast dinner with all the trimmings served family-style. After the dinner bowling trophies were awarded. We danced to the mellow music played by the "4 of a Kind" band. \$197 was collected from a raffle for the benefit of the Michigan-Ohio District Scholarship Fund.

The July issue will report on the Grundlovsfest (annual picnic) at Nankin Mills Inn on June 5.

Nels Hansen, Sec.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — April 13 we held an informal meeting with over 20 members present. Bob and Linda Johnson provided coffee and sandwiches.

On April 16 we held a joint dance with the Apollo Singing Society. We had a great turnout even if the weather was against us. We even made a lot of money for our clubs. Everyone had such a good time that we are thinking of having another joint dance in October.

We still plan to have a bus to Philly in September. We have had a lot of people ask about it, but we need to get more people before we commit ourselves. Please let me know by June 12 if you plan to go. The price is \$25.00 a person round-trip.

We are planning to go to Wilbur Knudsen's home in Rhode Island either the last Sunday in July or the first in August.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — At our last meeting, John Madsen was elected delegate to represent the lodge at the Eastern General Committee Convention over Labor Day weekend, hosted by the Long Island Lodge 325. Carl Ingeholm was elected alternate.

Congratulations to Ann Marie Heckman, who graduated from Vanderbilt University May 13th and Susan Madsen, who graduated May 6 from nursing school.

John Madsen, Cor.

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Report.

Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
1-10-83	Holger J. Madsen	91	Denmark	183	Troy, NY	1938
1-19-82	Evelyn Petersen	65	Deer Park, WI	186	Luck, WI	1978
2-3-83	Peter A. Sorensen	76	Schenectady, NY	190	Schenectady, NY	1926
3-1-83	Eli Rasmussen	74	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, CA	1962
3-31-83	Viggo Jacobsen	94	Haslev, Soro Amt, Denmark	219	Clear Lake, IA	1937
4-9-83	Joseph Muller	81	Rockford, IL	64	Rockford, IL	1921
4-8-83	Einer Mickelsen	72	Tolstrup, Denmark	73	Alden, MN	1930
3-17-83	Leo Christiansen	73	Aalborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1949
9-12-75	Elvin Johnsen	76	New Denmark, WI	600	Omaha, NE	1926
4-3-83	Uffa C. Jensen	80	Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1940
5-1-83	Carl S. Jensen	99	Holstebro, Denmark	35	Chicago, IL	1920
4-24-83	William A. Mathiasen	91	Denmark	299	Solvang, CA	1920
5-3-83	Emil J. K. Larsen	82	Odense, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, FL	1924
4-23-83	Rodber P. Shaw	69	Nelson, NE	161	Ruskin, NE	1978
9-82	Jerry Sostak	70	Carlock, SD	263	Askov, MN	1977
4-14-83	Maren Schmidt	95	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, FL	1976

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — March and April meetings were fairly well-attended and the dinners were savored by those who came. We were glad to welcome back Norm Hanson, who came back in March and President Peter Nielsen in April. They said it wasn't as bad in Florida as we had been led to believe by the newspapers. We expect to see our other brothers who wintered in Florida at our May 4 meeting.

It is not too early to think about attending our National Convention in Philadelphia. Just think, the first day will be devoted to the 100th anniversary of the Sisterhood. Four fun-filled days in Philadelphia, September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 1983.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — About 35 members attended our April meeting. Once again we had the pleasure of welcoming Ejlif Kjems from Lodge 90, this time accompanied by his wife Anna.

The meeting opened with a minute of silence for our oldest member, Stinne Schmidt, who died April 14, 1983, after celebrating her 95th birthday. Hans Schmidt, her husband, donated \$50 to Cimbria in her memory. We are thankful for this donation.

Coffee and cake were served after a short business meeting.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — Covered dish dinner was served on May 13. Money collected will go to the Scholarship Fund.

Spring is here so we will celebrate with a Spring Dance and elect a May Queen. While you are enjoying your supper, we will entertain you with music of H. C. Lumbye.

Don't forget our picnic August 7 in Grove Street Park, Garden City, or the Scandinavian Festival July 23 in Eisenhower Park.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Lodge 56 celebrated its 91st anniversary with a catered dinner attended by 42 people. Lisa Riggs, Elk Horn representative for the

Danish Immigrant Museum Committee and manager of the Danish Mill Corporation at Elk Horn, visited Lodge 56 to tell the members about the museum project. Lisa explained how the committee met in Elk Horn and decided on locating the museum there.



(l to r) Lisa Riggs, Danish Museum representative for Elk Horn, IA; Elcar Nielsen, Danish Consul (and Lodge 56 member); Otto Larsen, secretary; and Mike Riggs, celebrate the 91st anniversary of Lodge 56.



(l to r) Mogens Andersen, Erik Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. Al Nielsen enjoyed the evening with us.

Lisa also presented a slide program on the history of Elk Horn and Kimballton and told us about the Danish National Museum project to exhibit artifacts relating to Danish-American immigrants in Denmark and other countries. Members were asked to search out articles they or their immigrant family members had brought to America. A Danish museum also plans an exhibit at Elk Horn-Kimballton when the museum is opened.

Lodge 56 members are very excited about the museum project and anxious to support it and the Danish exhibit. Forms for listing articles to be loaned to the exhibit were passed out. The lodge will also distribute press releases to local news sources.

Lodge 56 members plan to visit Elk Horn-Kimballton during the Kimballton Centennial and Tivoli-fest this summer.

Robert Wallace, Cor.

A Lesson, Continued from page 4



Students at Danebo Elementary learn about Peberboder.

Brotherhood, says the students and teachers like learning about Denmark.

"Most of the students aren't Danish but we've discovered a number who say, 'My grandfather was born in Denmark,'" he says.

"And we have students who write thank-you letters to guests who've made presentations and in the letters they say, 'Boy, I'd sure like to go to Denmark someday.'"

Help in this intensive Dansk education has come from the Eugene Public Library, which offered books; the Royal Consulate of Denmark in Los Angeles, which lent 25 films; University of Oregon and Harris Elementary School dance groups that entertained with Danish folk dancing; Norman Christensen, who revealed the secrets of his Christensen's Danish Pastries shop in Eugene, and many parents and neighbors who came to show slides and talk about their heritage.

Teachers have told the students about famous Danes such as storyteller Hans Christian Andersen, physicist Niels Bohr, Wagnerian tenor Lauritz Melchior and philosopher Soren Kierkegaard.

The lessons, which are expected to continue at an intense level for the rest of the school year, have taken root, too.

In the hallways many children greet each other with the customary "God dag," or "Morgen." When they see their tall principal strolling down the hallway — "We call him our Great Dane," jokes one of the teachers — the bravest of the students greet him with an amiable, "Jeg elske dig" (I love you).

New Look, Continued from page 6

earner. Once this is done, however, other needs — including reasonable coverage for Mom — should be considered. In two-income families, premiums can be apportioned out of each income.

A Bigger Slice of the Pie

The American Council of Life Insurance statistics and the Cornell study show something is wrong with the way most people go about insuring wives and mothers. Ample needs, little coverage.

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*1980 Life Insurance Fact Book, published by the American Council of Life Insurance

1983 Creative Writing Contest

Topic remains unrestricted. Entrants may be members or related to members. All work must be submitted in accordance with the following rules:

Contest Rules:

1. All work must be original; preferably typewritten, double-spaced and accompanied by a title page, giving title of work, name and return address of entrant, your lodge number or relative's, group and category. This information should not appear on manuscript.
2. Include a snapshot of the author.
3. Entries must be postmarked by August 30, 1983.
4. No more than one prize per entrant per category.
5. First and second prizes awarded in categories with 10 entries or more; first prize only in categories with 9 or fewer entries.

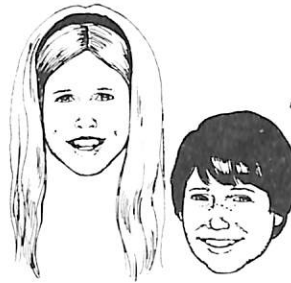
Cash prizes in all categories will be: **1st prize, \$45, framed certificate and publication in the American Dane magazine; 2nd place, \$20 and certificate.**

Categories

Group I, ages 12-18 Group II, ages 19 & up
Poetry and Fiction Poetry and Fiction

Send entries to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131

Essay Contest For Young Danish Americans



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When does it leave? June 25, 1983, 12 noon
From where does it leave? Minneapolis, Minnesota.

When does it return? You must make that decision, but must make it in advance.

Who is the flight coordinator? Verna (Olsen) Nielsen, 6625 Emerson Avenue, S., Minneapolis, MN 55423; phone (612) 866-5132.

How much does it cost? Adults - \$669; children 2-11 - \$446; children under 2, held, \$66.90.

Where do I get information? Write to the Danish American Center, 4200 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55416; or contact Mrs. Verna Nielsen directly. Enclose a self-addressed envelope for full particulars.

Land Tour: 16 days — Denmark, Sweden and Norway, \$800 per person.

T-Shirt Fun

Danish Brotherhood T-shirts, white cotton/polyester blend printed in Danish red. Designs include "Danes Have More Fun," "Viking Power" and, "Mor Dig Godt!", which in Danish means, "Have a Good Time."

Adult shirts \$6.00, sizes: small, medium, large or extra large.

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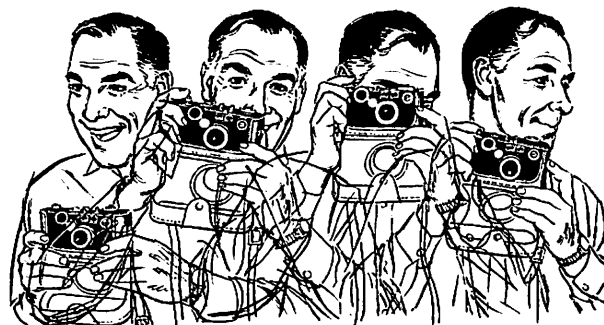
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Write to Skovsøen, Danish American Center, 4200 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 for further information.

1983 Photo Contest



Win Cash Prizes

Send your black and white or color photos by December 31, 1983

Danish Brotherhood in America
3717 Harney Street, P.O. Box 31748
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All entries must depict
DBIA Lodge Danish Ethnic Activities
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Cash prizes for adult entries (age 17 & over)
1st \$75; 2nd \$45; 3rd \$30
Young Vikings, 1st \$50; 2nd \$25

De Danske Hjem

by Margaret Saart



Danes' Home, Waupaca, Wisconsin (Photo by Peg Strauss McCarty)

“Our Danish lodge has expressed interest in the Danes Home and would like very much to hold our meetings there. We are unable to purchase the building or even rent it in its present condition. . . There is hope someone would purchase the building and restore it to its original state and use it accordingly. If this should happen, I'm sure some of our members would assist in the care of it. . . .”

Leonard Yorkson, President
DBIA Lodge No. 343
Waupaca, WI

In the small, central Wisconsin city of Waupaca, up at the north end of Main Street sits a building that was once the cultural and civic center of the community. The old building stands on the corner of Main Street where it curves around to the right and crosses the river.

The building is an architectural gem of its period, but like a once famous actress, it has faded a bit with age. The lines are still good and the basic integrity of the building is still intact. It is definitely worth preservation and restoration. The building referred to is De Danske Hjem or the Danes Home and it's on the National Register of Historic Places. How the Danes' Home came to be built and its purpose are an integral part of Waupaca's history.

By the winter of 1866-67 the Wisconsin Central Railroad had completed the route to Ashland, Wisconsin. Many of the men who worked on the line were idle. Their number was increased by young men idled by lack of work on local farms during the winter months.

The only place for the young men to congregate for an evening of amusement and companionship was local bars. Members of the community conjectured about what could be done to provide these young men with a more suitable place to gather.

Three gentlemen from Waupaca, Lars Larson, William Bendixen, and Nels Larson, and a gentleman from the small community of Farmington outside of Waupaca, A. P. Anderson, circulated a pledge with a petition. As soon as a sufficient number signed the pledge (the magic number turned out to be twelve) they rented a room. Each signer of the pledge paid fifty cents and the Danes' Home was born.

Every member was to furnish what books they could in both Danish and English. This formed the nucleus for a library and reading room. The secretary of the new society corresponded with six Scandinavian newspapers published in the United States and the papers were furnished to the Society for the cost of the postage to bring them to Waupaca. The room rented was in a wooded building owned by O. O. Olson and the first meeting was held on January 6, 1877.

A constitution and bylaws were adopted and the name, The Danes' Home, formally adopted. The bylaws provided all males born of Danish parents, 18 years of age or older, able to speak or read the Danish language, be eligible for membership. Gambling and intoxicating beverages were strictly forbidden.

The early history of the Society is nomadic. Their first location was burned out. The second was upstairs at the F. Peterson building; the third over the old post office on the south side of the present Courthouse.

While there, they were burned out again. The next location was over Matt Jensen's market where they remained until November 14, 1882.

On that date they moved into the old courthouse, which had been moved to one side of the square to make room for the new one. The building was purchased for \$275. A lot on which to place the building was bought on the corner of Granite and Main. The lot was purchased from a Mr. Demarest for \$600. With improvements, the total bill for their new home came to \$1300.

Money was raised by subscription to the members of non-interest bearing notes of \$10 repayable at the pleasure of the Society. Within 4 to 5 years the debt had been discharged, there was money in the treasury and 560 volumes in the library.

The building bought for \$275 and remodeled for the Society's needs, served the organization until 1894 when it was sold and moved to the west end of the Water Street bridge. There it served for a time as a second hand furniture store.

The present building was constructed in 1894. The architect was William Waters of Oshkosh; drafting was done by Peter Jensen of Oshkosh, formerly of

Waupaca. The building was completed for a cost of \$7000.

Construction of the building began in August of 1894 and the building was turned over complete to the Society by the contractor on November 22 of the same year. That 's a record many modern contractors would find hard to match.

From a description which appeared in the Waupaca Republican December 7, 1894, we learn the "main entrance from the sidewalk opens through three doors to a vestibule where there are two doors (which) lead to the assembly hall, ladies' parlor, smoking room, cloak room, and ticket office...at the rear a wide stairway leads to the dancing hall and lecture room...Here is a fine hall, from 15 to 20 sets can dance with ease on this floor. In case of lecture or entertainment there is room for 300 chairs and 200 can easily be seated in the gallery above, which occupies three sides of the building."

The paper goes on to describe the lighting and notes the fact a man named Ekstrom did the painting and decorating. Martin Peterson did the plumbing.

Dedication ceremonies took place on Thursday evening, November 29, 1894. The following account of the festivities is again from the Waupaca Republican:

"The new Danes' Home dedicated with speeches, music and dancing, and a good time.

"About 400 people attended the dedication of the new Danes' Home building last night. The building was brilliantly illuminated with electric lights and profusely decorated with festoons of evergreens, flowers and flags; and all present enjoyed the exercise of dedication, the dance, the music, the social and the supper. President Fisher made a happy address of welcome. Mayor Nelson responded, congratulating the Society upon their successful work and completion of this magnificent building dedicated to the literary,

social, and fraternal uses. H. H. Suhs and S. A. Connell each followed with appropriate remarks. Then the Ideal Orchestra opened with the "Grand March" which was led by Mr. J. Ekstrom and his sister, Augusta, after which nearly everyone present joined in the festivities of the evening. Lack of space and time this week precludes a more extended notice. The Republican can truly say it was a success and next week we will give a more worthy write up of the building, the Society and the dedication."

At the time of the dedication, the Society had 106 members in good standing. Many of their descendants live in Waupaca today. The building is especially noteworthy, according to the State Historical Society, because it is the work of architect William Waters. Mr. Waters was a highly respected architect of his day and not much of his work is still extant.

For about twenty-five years after the dedication, until 1920 when the Palace Theater was built, the Danes' Home contained the only public hall in the city. It was known as the Danes' Home Opera House for many years. The room was also used by the Waupaca Howitzer Company of the National Guard for a drill room.

Currently, the Danes Home is owned by a group of Waupaca businessmen. They have made a few necessary repairs to keep the building from falling into serious disrepair.

People from the state have come up and said that the building could be used as it once was - for a restaurant, ballroom, auditorium and so on. The building codes in existence at the time the building was erected, or the first one enacted (which was 1914) would apply. Since the building is on the National Register, there are certain tax advantages in a project of this kind. Even so, the local businessmen have not been able to find a buyer or investor for the Danes' Home. The building would make a wonderful Civic Center for the small city.

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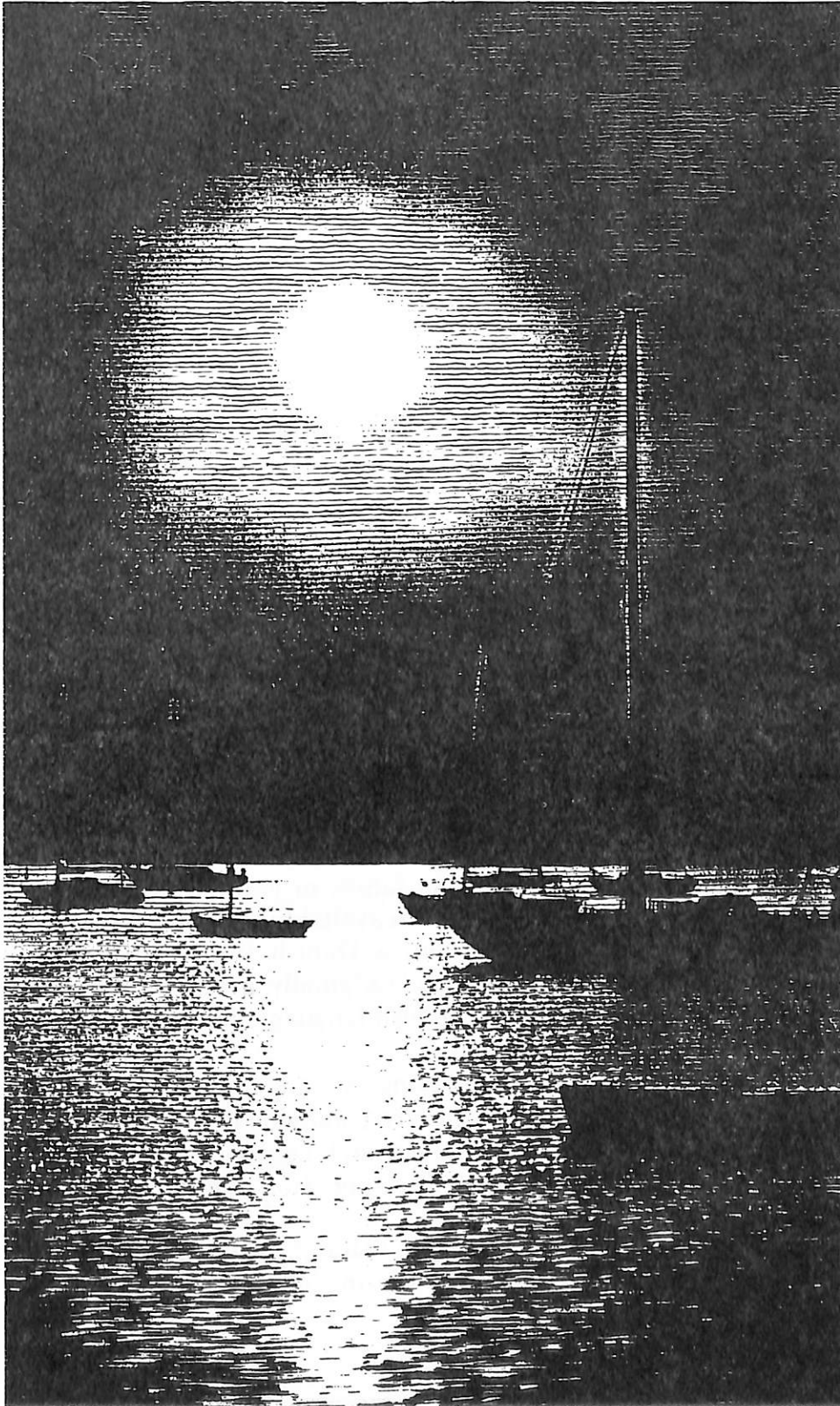


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The National Convention Committee on Laws met at the National Headquarters during March. It was our pleasure to have them as guests in the office. We hope they enjoyed their brief stay in Omaha.

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AN OLD SEA DOG



by
Gayle Sondergard Kasper

Hyde Street Pier was nearly deserted when the sun began its descent into San Francisco Bay. White sailboats dotted the turquoise water. Overhead, pearl-gray clouds streaked the paler hue of the sky.

I saw him sitting there alone, the old seafarer, lost in thought. He leaned against the pilings, looking lonely as a sea gull. His broad shoulders were stooped with age. He clutched a worn, double-breasted overcoat around him to protect himself from the coarse March winds.

An abrupt gust of wind blew his cap off, ruffling his shock of white hair. I dashed after the cap, retrieving it just before it sailed into the bay. When I returned it to him, I saw his weathered face, deeply etched from years of sun and wind. His full white beard and mustache lent an air of dignity to his panhandler appearance. He put on the black short-billed cap surveying me with azure blue eyes.

"Thank you, miss."

"You're welcome. That's quite a wind today."

"This is mild, miss. I've seen some real blows in my day," he said and wistfully looked out to sea again, dismissing me. I started to walk away, then stopped. I had just toured the beautifully restored, historic ships moored at the pier and was fascinated by these sturdy vessels, built and sailed by Danish men of the sea. I had to know if he had been one of these daring men.

"Sir, did you ever sail on these ships?"

"Not these ones, miss, but many like 'em. I was at home on the sea for many years." Now he looked like that sea had tossed him on shore, bereft and homeless.

"Captain Ole Nielsen," he said, holding out his leathery hand to me.

"Ellen Kerr, I'm a visitor to your city, here on business but I escaped to do some sightseeing."

He hesitated as if wondering whether to continue our conversation, then he pointed to the ship at the edge of the pier. "I sailed a three-masted schooner like her through many a storm. Started as a lad. Niels Pedersen commanded this here schooner. He took his young bride along, a lovely girl about your age, she

was. Ran into bad weather with a load of lumber once. Almost lost ship and crew."

I could only imagine the peril and excitement of life on board this 150-foot, wooden-hulled ship with her three masts piercing the sky, her weary seams splitting from a full cargo.

"Now this one over here is an ocean-going tug," Ole went on, pointing to a squat but mighty vessel. "She worked the bay, also helped during the building of the Panama Canal. She'd sit low in the water and could tow in a schooner loaded with redwood with ease."

We sauntered toward the end of the pier. He was totally absorbed in his tales, reminiscing as much as he was informing. He seemed proud to have been a part of the seafaring history of the West Coast.

"Captain Hansen sailed this steam schooner. He was a Dane, like me. Most of us were in those days. Built a special cabin for his family and took them along."

"Yes, I saw it. It looked like cramped quarters."

The cabin was compact with every inch utilized, the galley... a kitchen in miniature, the sleeping quarters... spartan with narrow bunks.

"Well, gotta be going. It'll be dark soon," Ole said abruptly.

"Yes, yes it will," I replied, sorry he was at the end of his narrative.

He looked longingly out to sea as if bidding her goodby. My heart ached for him. I would never think of San Francisco without remembering him, his salty dog appearance, his youthful eyes in his age-worn face. As he took his leave I pressed a twenty dollar bill into his hand, hoping with it he'd find a soft bed to lay his bent body for the night. He looked puzzled momentarily, then shuffled down the pier without a word. I watched him cross the park toward Beach Street.

Unable to let him go, as a mother her child off to school on his first day, I followed him. He walked haltingly up Beach toward Polk Street before starting

toward one of the hi-rise condominiums facing the bay, where he went inside. Was he a janitor with a warm furnace room to bed down in? I got to the door of the building just as he stepped into the elevator marked Penthouse. The lobby was plush, all marble and glass. A doorman in red livery tipped his cap to me.

"Where, where is he going?" I stammered.

"Captain Nielsen? He lives here... owns the building."

"He does? Why that old pirate!"

"Ma'am?"

"I gave him a twenty dollar handout and he took it!"

The doorman guffawed. "Ole?" And guffawed again.

My face turned red. I smarted from embarrassment. With all the pride I could muster I asked him to call a cab for me, as it was now dark. After an unbearable wait the cab arrived and still bristling, I stepped inside.

"Hotel Raphael, driver," the doorman said and snapped the cab door shut. I did not return his wave.

The next morning I vowed to put the incident out of my mind. I planned a full morning sightseeing before my afternoon business appointment. I'd start with Chinatown but no more panhandlers. I'd observe the sights and let the natives live undisturbed in their own habitat.

When I reached the lobby, the bellcaptain hailed me, "Miss Kerr, a gentlemen here to see you."

A tall slender man, fair with handsome features, stood beside him. His blond hair was streaked golden-brown. He held a dozen red roses.

"I'm Erik Nielsen and these are for you," he said simply.

I took the card that was attached and read, "Thanks for caring about an old sea dog. Ole."

"Grandfather wanted you to have this also," he added, handing me a twenty dollar bill.

"Ole is your grandfather?"

"Yes, he didn't mean to deceive you, really. He was just confused by your gesture. He's in his eighties

now, but every day he goes down to the pier to look at the sea and dream of the old days."

"Tell me more about your grandfather," I said as I steered him to a quieter section of the lobby.

"Well, he's quite a person. He was a deep water sailor and came to this country from Odense in Denmark. He and his partner went into the salt-salmon business in the 20's with three fishing boats and soon built it into a fleet. Grandfather didn't care much for the business aspect of the company so at every opportunity he set out to sea in one of his ships, hauling salmon alongside his men. His son, my father, sailed with him many times. Then, the year I was born, my father was washed overboard in a storm and never found."

"I'm so sorry," I murmured, moving with pity for the sadness they had suffered.

"My father never saw me. It nearly killed Grandfather. Grandmother died soon after. He and his partner sold the business then and Grandfather bought waterfront property, the site his condominium is on for one. I handle his properties and run the company now, but he still keeps a hand in."

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That was four years ago. From my window overlooking the bay, I watch Ole walking toward the pier. A small boy walks proudly beside him, clutching his hand. The small boy is our son, Erik's and mine. Erik joins me at the window. We see our son tug at his great-grandfather's sleeve, hurrying him to the sea.

"Looks like Grandfather found a first mate," Erik laughs and squeezes my hand. I squeeze back and we watch until the pair disappears from our view.

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1 Which is a major risk factor to heart attack?

- a High blood pressure.
- b Cigarette smoking.
- c High levels of cholesterol and fat in the blood.
- d Diabetes.
- e All of the above.

2 Which additional factor may contribute to your risk of heart attack?

- a Obesity.
- b Family history of heart disease.
- c Lack of regular exercise.
- d All of the above.

3 Which health risks are most controllable by the individual?

- a Risks related to your behavior and habits.
- b Inherited traits.
- c Problems in your environment, such as air pollution, highway conditions.
- d Conditions that require care from hospitals, doctors and other health professionals.

4 If you feel uncomfortable pressure, shortness of breath or pain in the center of your chest lasting 2 minutes or more:

- a Drive yourself to a hospital immediately.
- b Wait an hour, it may be heart-burn or indigestion.
- c Call an emergency rescue service.
- d Leave a message with your doctor's answering service.

5 Which foods add to cholesterol in the blood?

- a Polyunsaturated vegetable oils and margarine.
- b Low-fat milk and yogurt.
- c Egg yolks, butter and cheese.
- d Fish and poultry.

6 A stroke happens when oxygen-rich blood is cut off on its way to the brain. Warning signals of stroke include:

- a Temporary dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
- b Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls.
- c Sudden, temporary weakness or numbness on one side of the body.
- d Temporary loss of speech.
- e All of the above.

7 Anyone starting a program of regular exercise for cardiovascular fitness should:

- a Go "all out" from the start.
- b Constantly push to increase the intensity of activity.
- c Pick activities which are rhythmic and repetitive. Start slowly.
- d Always stand still or lie down immediately after exercising.

8 Hypertension means:

- a Being nervous and high-strung.
- b Feeling very tense.
- c Having blood pressure that stays higher than normal.
- d All of the above.

9 Untreated, high blood pressure can cause which problem?

- a Stroke.
- b Heart attack.
- c Kidney failure.
- d All of the above.

10 If you have high blood pressure, you will need to:

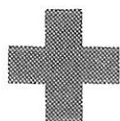
- a Take medications as prescribed.
- b Get your blood pressure checked regularly.
- c Decrease amount of sodium (salt) you eat.
- d Lose weight if overweight.
- e All of the above.

ANSWERS:

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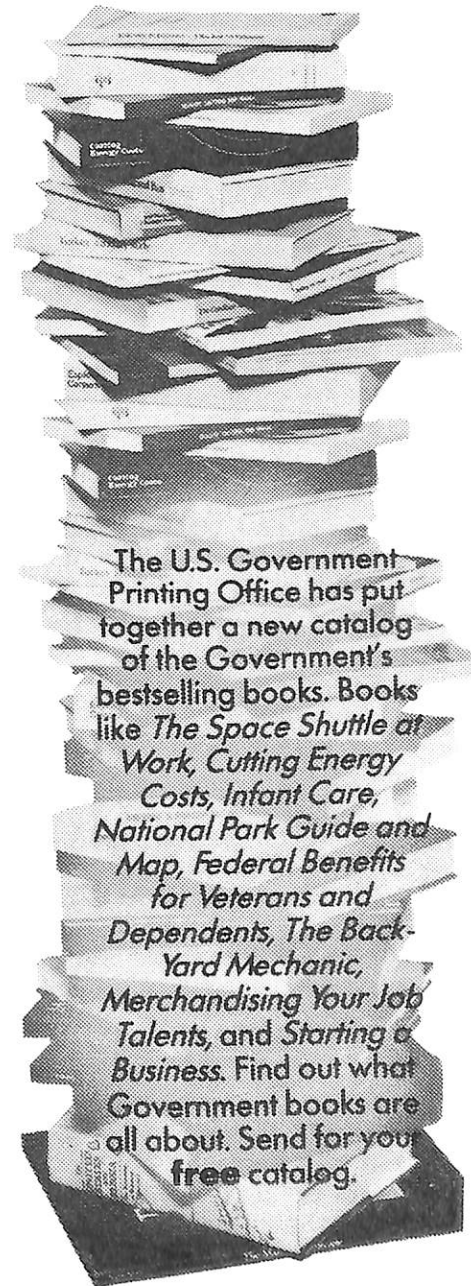
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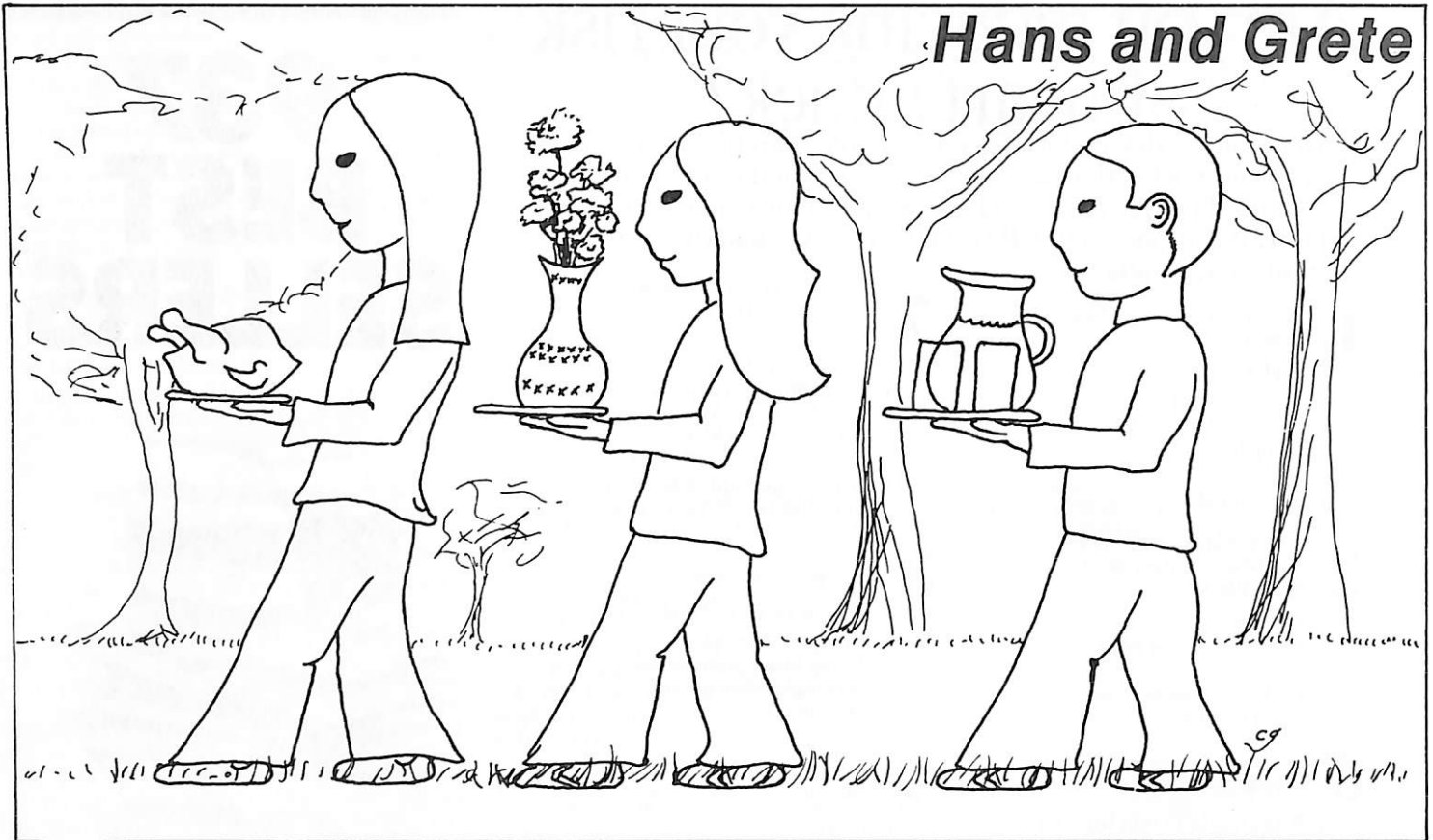
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In the May issue, we described how Kathy Sonsalla of Webster City, Iowa, has worked with schools and church groups to teach young people Danish culture and traditions. Her experiences have been very rewarding for Kathy and important to her children, Todd and Tammi. Let's see this month how she worked with Head Start teacher Linda Toering with a two-day program for children aged 4-5.

DANISH FOR CHILDREN



Head Start students Brady and Shane try the aebleskiver.

"The first day, Wednesday, would be learning the Danish Christmas traditions and Danish words and the second day, Friday, would be spent learning about foods and a dance. Mrs. Toering borrowed some of my books about Denmark and some "Faces of Denmark" posters I had made so she could give the children an introduction to another country and their people before I came. I wore my Danish costume and the children were very interested in that type of clothing, although I explained this was something they wore many years ago and children in Denmark would dress much as they were for school today. I again brought items to show. We talked about the Danish words and they learned words for boy, girl, welcome, thank you, mother and father. Mrs. Toering put these words on the blackboard and they practiced them between my visits.

"During their activity time they learned to make two Danish heart ornaments to put on their Christmas tree. Following activity time, the children demonstrated singing Christmas carols the



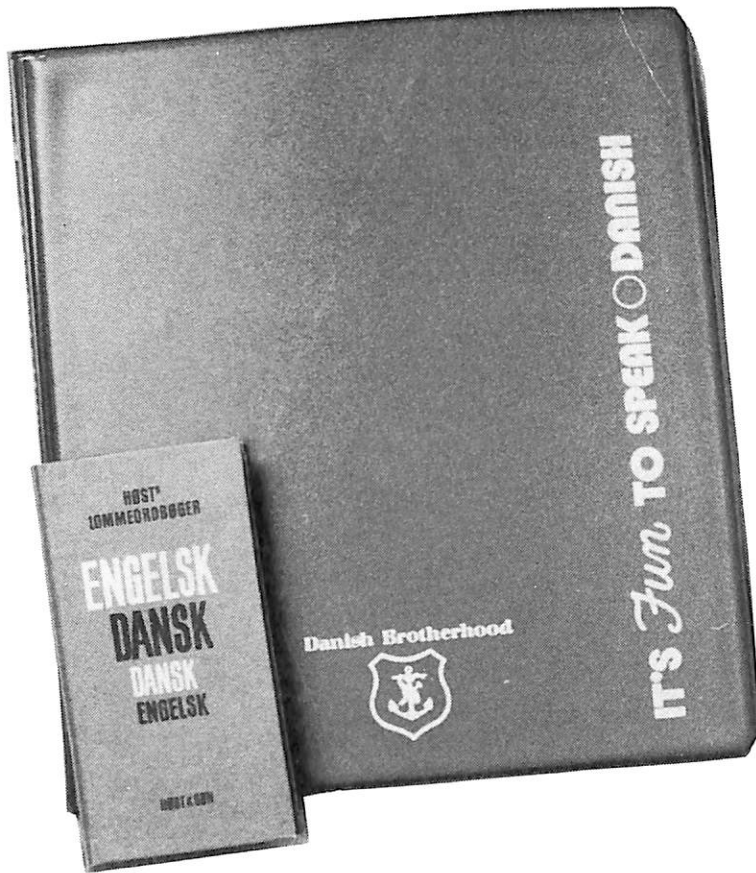
Shannon points to her heart ornament.

"American Way" and then the Christmas tree was put in the center of the room and the "Danish Way" of singing and dancing around the Christmas tree was done.

"On my second visit I made aebleskiver for the children for breakfast. Following breakfast, Mrs. Toering called the children to sit on their carpet by using the Danish words for boys and girls. Each group knew when it was their turn. We examined the Danish flag and the American flag and the differences between them. They learned to do the Danish Shoemaker and then again danced and sang around the Christmas tree filled with the ornaments they made. For a special treat, each had some Peppernødder from a bright red tin with hearts that had been a gift to me from my father's cousin in Denmark. As I prepared to leave, all the children said, "Tak."

"Earlier in the year, my son Todd and I danced the Danish Shoemaker for a group of Brownies and then taught them how to do it. (That took courage for a 10-year-old boy.)

"December also included making Danish foods with Tammi for a 4-H Christmas party. International foods were served by the committee and we each explained where the foods were from and told some traditions. Tammi is demonstrating Danish foods for her 4-H club. In the past, she has made displays for the county fair featuring a Danish food (receiving blue ribbons)."



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