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Cover photo: "Our gang" at Skovsøen in 1984.
Get ready for Skovsøen '85.



President's Page

**Robert E. Ibsen
National President**

Sponsored by Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, the International Language Villages introduce young people to a foreign culture at an informal lake setting in Minnesota specially designed to recreate the atmosphere of the adopted country. Through the use of passports, foreign currency and names, each villager experiences a lifestyle similar to that of Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, or Finland.

Festivities celebrating national holidays and heroes, folk dances, music, movies and plays are directed by an excellent staff, many of whom are certified instructors or natives from the foreign country. Soccer, hiking, canoeing, archery, fencing, swimming and other sports activities are conducted in the foreign language. A special International Day Festival brings all of the villagers together to share their respective cultures.

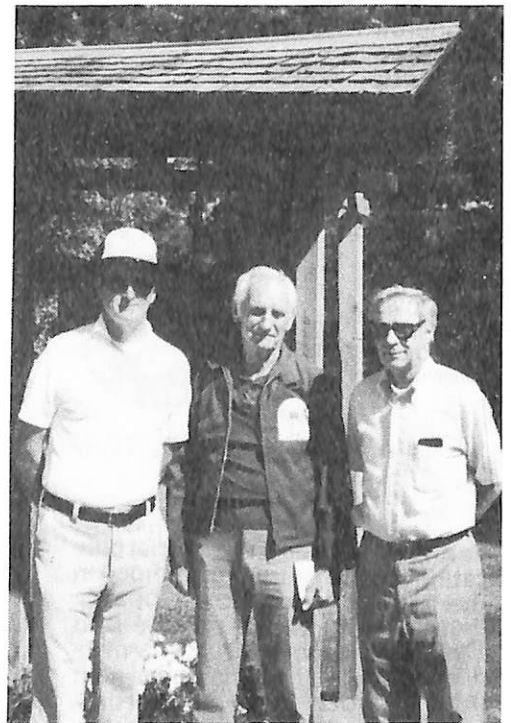
On August 17 Elaine and I were in Bemidji, Minnesota, to take part in International Day held at Skogfjorden, the Norwegian Village. There were 1,400 people at this gathering of all the Language Villages sponsored by Concordia College.

Each Village exhibited their skills in singing, dancing, crafts, and ethnic foods. The next day we were pleased to be at Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village, for the closing ceremonies.

Sixteen young people had received scholarships through DBIA with local lodge support. My granddaughter was one of them and Carrie is ready to go back next year.

I sincerely believe we have found one answer to how to serve our young members better with this two-week, all Danish, experience. I hope more of you will consider the camp for next summer.

Next, it was our pleasure to be in New Hope, Pennsylvania, over Labor Day as visitors to the General Committee of Eastern Lodges convention hosted by Bucks County Lodge 342. They did a super job and I congratulate them for their fine efforts. They are a very enthusiastic group and everything was well-organized. It was great to see our many friends from the East again. Peter Weber attended the convention representing the Board of Directors and did an excellent job. I know Ellen and Peter enjoyed themselves very much, as Elaine and I did.



Harold Jensen (center) President of Skovsøen, Inc., of Minneapolis, and Gordon Johnson (right), Honorary Consul for Denmark, also of Minneapolis, visited Skovsøen at the same time Elaine and I were there.

A Steak in Our Future . . . And a Byte More

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Membership Drive Aids Local Lodges

The Steak in Our Future . . . And a Byte More membership drive was created with the local lodge in mind. Requirements include local lodge participation in naming a chairman for the drive to keep a record of sponsors and new members initiated.

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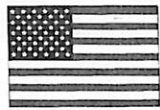
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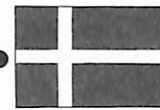
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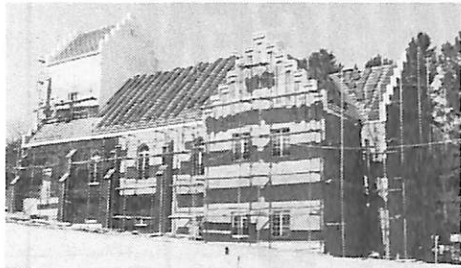


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12th Century Church Under Construction



The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church being built in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Did you know that a Danish congregation has existed in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, since the mid-1920's? In those days there was no church, so the small group of immigrants met for worship in private homes around the city. They dreamed of someday worshipping in a real Danish church.

The dream became a reality in 1937 — during the Depression. There was no money, and no jobs, yet they wanted a church and they built one. The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Vancouver on East 19th Avenue served the congregation well. Times changed and the membership decided to move and to build a new Danish Church on a three-quarters acre lot at 6010 Kincaid St. next to the Danish Senior Citizens Home in Burnaby. The new larger church will be built in the style of those built in Denmark 800 years ago.

Pews for the sanctuary of the church built in 1937 were donated by Danish congregations. It is hoped the new pews needed will be acquired in the same way. A congregation close to Vejle in Denmark has offered a small pipe organ. The library of the new church will be larger, with more books, and staffed by volunteers. The fellowship hall will accommodate folk dancing and the education of children in Danish culture, serve as a rehearsal hall for the Danish choir and many other activities.

If you are interested in helping the Vancouver congregation build the church, contact the Danish Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 24834, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5T 4E9.

Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference

The Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference was held at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon, from June 22 through June 24. The purpose of the annual conference, sponsored by the Danish American Heritage Society, is to focus on Danish heritage, give serious thought to how an interest in Danish traditions and culture might be preserved and encouraged, and to participate in a program of song, lectures, dialogue and fellowship. Anyone attending a conference will come away knowing the purpose has been more than adequately fulfilled.

The program, crowded into a 48-hour time frame, was informative, enlightening and uplifting. Yet there was time for singing and dancing and for the camaraderie of friends. Following is a brief report of what took place. A taste, perhaps, of what was so pleasing to participants. Three periods each day were devoted to learning and improving the use of the Danish language. Beginning Danish was taught by Lili Gregersen of Vancouver, Washington; Intermediate Danish was led by Ulla Stefan Johnson of Portland, Oregon; and Kaja Volbaek of Portland was the guide and critic in the reading of Danish literature.

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Axel Kildegaard, Professor of Theology, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, presented the opening address, **Knowing Our Story - History Gives Identity**. He called attention to the stories in history and literature that identify us as a people and each of us as an individual.

Inga Wiehl returned this year and with her talk, **The Path of Bliss: Three Danish Women's Road to Self Discovery**, again stirred us to reflect and marvel at the strength of the human spirit. Here is the opening statement of her moving address: "I will speak today about three Danish women who followed their paths of bliss: Elvira Madigan, Leonora Christina Ulfeldt, and Maria Grubbe. The path of bliss is the unconventional path; it invites danger because it is illuminated only by the spiritual power of the individual, unlike the path of conventionality, which is carefully marked. It is a path on the razor's edge, as the individual experiences the tension between his experiences of love and that of society's. The path does not lead to conventional happiness. In this case, one woman commits suicide; one is imprisoned for twenty-two years; one experiences total denigration. Yet it is true that all find their lives singularly worthwhile because they dared become what they potentially were." Dr. Wiehl demonstrated that in addition to being a competent scholar, she is a keen interpreter of the humanities and a talented teacher.

Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen) fascinates most everyone interested in Danish literature, and because of that has received attention at previous conferences. This year Ulla Stefan Johnson in her address: **Karen Blixen — A Gothic Life** gave us insights into the life and experiences of this gifted and intriguing person.

Fylla Kildegaard, story-teller par excellence, entertained with two stories — one a Chinese story, a wistful tale, which, most likely was new to most of us. She concluded with the well known Hans Christian Andersen story, **Big Claus and Little Claus**, which was told with a freshness and gusto few of us had ever encountered.

Bent Thygesen, a boat-builder from Denmark and, since coming to the USA, an anthropologist, provided an illuminating talk about Greenland.

Other very important parts of the program include group singing, nature walks, folk dancing, and a special program for children.

Next Year Will Be Better

Arthur C. Larsen, born in Dagmar, Montana, in 1909, has chosen the title, **Next Year Will Be Better**, for the book that chronicles the lives of his parents as a young immigrant couple with a growing family. The final portrait emerging is one of determination, despair and endurance.

The book does not provide us with a hero or heroine. It is not a romance and the facts are not romanticized. We are able to emphasize with a family as a unit and to understand the challenges they faced in their own time and place.

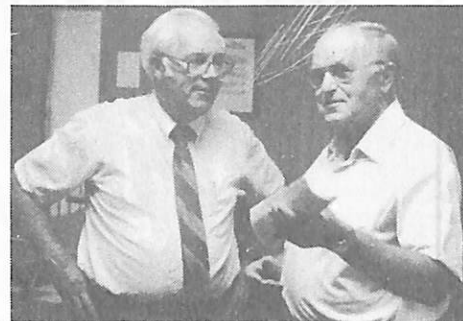
Next Year Will Be Better is available through The Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197, for \$8.95 postpaid.

New Director for Tourist Board

Tom Sodemann, director of the Danish Tourist Board in Norway, will succeed Steen Lovschal as director of the Danish Tourist Board in North America. He will be based in New York.

The Danish Tourist Board is Denmark's national tourist organization. It promotes tourism to Denmark from offices in Europe, Asia, and South America.

Grundtvig Program Pleases Dike Lodge by Lyle R. Refshauge



The Reverend Homer Larsen, left, and Ray Nissen, a Lodge 144 trustee.

The Dike Lodge 144 and Sisterhood Lodge 371 were privileged to hear Rev. Homer Larsen of the Nazareth Lutheran Church, in Cedar Falls at their August meeting.

Reverend Larsen spoke about the late N.F.S. Grundtvig, a religious leader in Denmark. Grundtvig was not so popular during his lifetime; he was, in fact, a rebel. Larsen, in reference to two authors, Dr. Ernest Nielsen and Dr. Johannes Knudsen, stated that Grundtvig did not "settle down" until he was 55 years old. Prior to that time, he was ousted from the church for awhile.

Grundtvig was born in 1783, and he was 89 when he died. During his life, the government in Denmark changed from a monarchy to a democracy, and it is certain that he had something to do with this. He was a product of an evangelistic group that swept Denmark, and who considered the State Church "too dead." Grundtvig was for a brief three-year period, a member of the Danish parliament, but quit, thinking there were more effective ways to make his mark. In 1861, King Fredrick VII elevated Grundtvig to the position of Bishop of the State Church.

Grundtvig kept preaching that a Christian must "live in the world and make his influence felt." He worked very hard at overcoming illiteracy and started folk schools. After getting people to learn to read and write, he challenged them to use these abilities, and encouraged them to talk and act on such topics as economics, politics and religion.

The Dane leader tried very hard to make Danes proud of their Danish culture and to convince them to stay close to their church. He wrote 271 hymns, including a great Penecostal hymn, "Built on the Rock, the Church Must Stand."

Grundtvig stated "Freedom without order is preferable to order without freedom." He was no friend of the bureaucrat, and had a strong opposition to rationalism-putting a little religion in a little packet, and parceling it out when needed.

Grundtvig believed that if one believes in the Apostle's creed, and lives it, that was enough.

Grand View Launches Campaign

Commitment to Excellence and Service

On September 21, faculty and staff of Grand View College, in Des Moines, Iowa, were invited to attend a dinner at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club. The purpose of the dinner was to inform the Grand View community of a three-year campaign to raise \$3.8 million for the college.

Funds raised will assist Grand View in carrying out its chosen theme of "Commitment to Excellence and Service."

Denmark and the Olympics

reprinted from Eugene, Oregon Lodge Newsletter

Three silver and three bronze medals were won by the Danes in the Olympics plus many very fine placings. The Danish participants in the Olympics did very well, even though for only the second time in the history of the Olympics they failed to bring home a gold medal.

The father of modern olympics, Baron Pierre de Canberlin said, 'It is not to win, but to take part.' The important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well, and this the Danes did!

The young canoe rower, Henning Lykke Jacobsen, who's favorite distance is 1000M, participated also in the 500M, primarily to keep in shape. He surprised everyone by coming in with a silver medal. In his favored 1000M he came up with a bronze.

In horse-dressure, Anne Grethe Jensen and her wonder horse, Marzag, showed as expected, to be very strong and took the silver medal. Anne Grethe has been said to have been offered three million dollars for Marzag, but her horse is not for sale.

After only 6 years of skeet shooting, 28-year-old Ole Ribe Rasmussen took silver behind U.S.A.'s Mathew Dryke, a professional in the army. The Danes were not rated among the ten top nations in rowing, but they surprised everyone by taking a bronze medal, behind New Zealand and U.S.A. in the 1500M four-man scull without coxswain. Coming from behind, Per Rasmussen, Michael Jensen, Erik Christiansen, and Lars Nielsen made "Dannebrog" go to the top. Also, Jette Sorensen, Birgith Hanel, and Hanne Eriksen took home a bronze in two with coxswain. A total of nine

out of ten rowers took home a medal.

The demanding Marathon (42km) had two Danish entries: Flemming Jorgensen and Allan Zachariassen. They both proved to be of world class finishing 19th and 26th. Flemming is invited to Tokyo, Japan, in December. Dorthe Rasmussen, rated 13th in the world, is also invited to Tokyo in November to compete against the world's best.

The Danish handball team was off to a great start, winning their first four games before losing to West Germany. They qualified to play the Romanians for the bronze, but lost 23-19, after a hard fought game, and wound up with a 4th place. Really not too bad!

Even though for the first time in Olympics, the Danes did not win a medal in sailing, still no apologies are necessary for the sailing events with 56-year-old Poul Elvstrom and his daughter Trine placing 4th in the "Tornado" class and the brothers Jacob and Jorgen placing 4th in the "Flying Dutchman."

Denmark ended up number 20 in medal standings. That is nothing of which to be ashamed. It is not to win but to participate. All the athletes from the 140 nations that took part fought well.

submitted by Basse

Editors note: The Danish Olympic Support Committee successfully raised \$100,000 to help bring Danish athletes to the Olympics in Los Angeles.

Nielsen Consultant for "Dream of America" Exhibit

John Mark Nielsen, assistant professor of English and member of the Board of Directors for The Danish Immigrant Museum at Dana College has been a consultant to the Danish National Museum, Copen-

hagen, in preparation of its exhibit on Danish emigration to the U.S. called "The Dream of America."

Nielsen spent the 1983-84 academic year in Denmark on a Fulbright Fellowship for teaching and research and while there was asked to serve as a consultant. He returned to Dana in August.

In addition to his involvement in preparing the exhibit Nelsen wrote the concluding essay, "In Pursuit of a Dream," for the museum's catalog, took part in a Danish television program on emigration to the U.S. and wrote a feature essay for a Danish national newspaper.

He reports that to date over 100,000 people have visited the exhibit, which includes materials from Dana College.

The exhibit closes in Copenhagen in October and opens next year in Aarhus, Denmark, before being moved to Stockholm, Sweden. It is hoped to bring the exhibit from Scandinavia to Washington, D.C., and finally to the Danish Immigrant Museum to be built in Elk Horn, IA.

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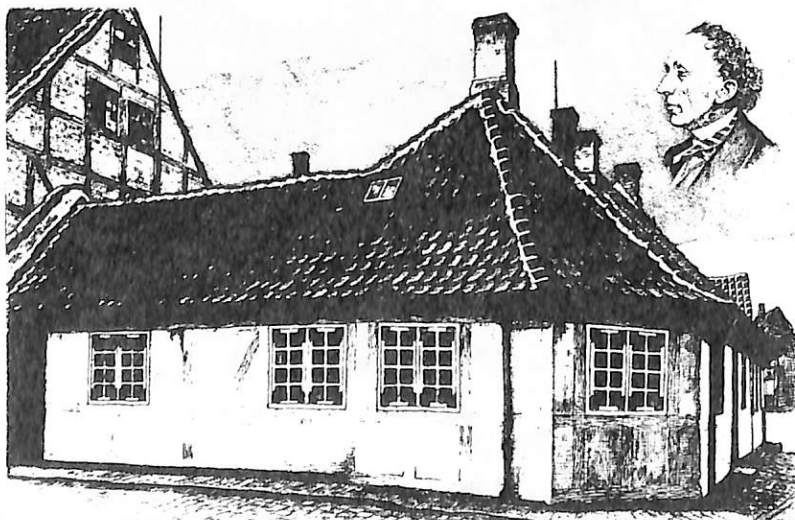
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Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

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The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

Best suggestion for the month of October has been awarded to Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, Iowa. See page 12.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — At our last meeting our moment of silence gave thoughts and thanks to Pete Pihl, who was one of the founders of our lodge. We will always have a deep respect for Pete's name, for what he did and for what he said. Pete was a Dane who made the rest of us very proud to be Danish.



Gertrud Otzen

New member Gertrud Otzen spent her growing up years in Aarhus, Denmark, where her father is the professor of the Old Testament at the University of Aarhus and her mother a nurse. She has a sister, Bodil, and a brother, Thomas. After Gertrud Otzen finished her education in Denmark, she went to Oxford where she worked for a publishing house. Speaking fluent English, she was transferred to Bristol, England, and worked for Blackwell North America on college research books.

In 1979 she was transferred to Sidney, Australia with McGraw Hill Publishing and is now the Harper and Rowe representative for the State of Oregon for all higher learning institutions in the State of Oregon. We welcome Gertrud to Lodge 167.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — At our monthly meeting in August, 45 brothers were present. Alvin Paquette, our delegate at the conference of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada held in

Calgary, gave a detailed report of his experiences and impressions of the conference. At the end of the meeting, Alvin donated a few items he had received at the conference which were then raffled off. Egon Thomsen was the lucky winner of the cowboy hat. Garry Elmberg had the good fortune to win the bottle of Akvavit snaps which he was generous enough to share with the rest of us afterwards when we had a bit to eat. Hans Jensen was the lucky recipient of the convention program.

Peter Jensen told us about the contest where we can win some nice juicy steaks by sponsoring some more people into the lodge.

Jarl Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — July 29 we had our all-Oregon picnic at Orchard Point, Fern Ridge Lodge, 10 miles west of Eugene. Junction City Lodge 268 and Eugene Lodge 348 were hosts. About 80 people participated in the potluck dinner. After the dinner there was swimming, sailing, games and bingo and visiting with people from Portland, Junction City, and Eugene lodges. Everyone had fun getting together.

The third annual brunch will be held October 21 at Daneland Mobile Home Park's beautiful recreation building. Delicious food and good company guaranteed. Plan to attend. Brunch will be served between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.

Kris Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Meeting opened with a tri-tip barbecue dinner which was delicious. The committee included Bob Petersen, Robbi Petersen, Bill Petersen, and Jack Nedegaard. Monique Fredericksen wrote to thank the lodge for a scholarship check. Letters from the convention committee for National Convention in Des Moines in 1987 on local lodge funding were read. Max Hanberg and Bill Rasmussen

were appointed to help on national membership promotion. Motion made and passed that the lodge contribute \$100 to National Convention Committee. Pablo Petersen was elected to represent The Brotherhood on the local coordinating council. The dinner committee for September is Arne Jacobsen, Frank Kristoffersen, Bent Thomsen and Bent Pedersen.

Henry Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The September 12th meeting in the Norway Hall will be a special potluck honoring Asger and Vivian Becker, and Hans and Alva Jensen. The Beckers celebrated their 50th in August and the Jensens will celebrate their 50th in September.

September 21-23 are important dates for lodge members and friends in that this is the time for the annual camping trip to Martar-Awa campgrounds. **Art Norgaard, Sec.**

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — We invited all our members and friends and their friends, to join us for our progressive dinner September 15. The dinner was hosted in two homes in the Montebello and Monterey Park area.

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Kate Krake, Pres.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #45, Minneapolis, MN — Edward Olsen, the oldest member of Lodge 45, is pictured as he celebrated his 95th birthday April 15, 1984. He has been a member of



Our oldest member, Edward Olsen.

DBIA for 74 years. Presently he resides with his daughter and son-in-law, Howard and Evelyn Johnson, in Sarasota, Florida. Edward is in good health. His good disposition and ready wit are enjoyed by family and friends.

Norma Henriksen, Sec.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — After a presentation about N.F.S. Grundtvig by the Reverend Homer Larsen, we had a period of fellowship and refreshment, served by the Sisterhood.

Our business meeting was last on the agenda, and after that, we showed the slide presentation on the membership promotion from the home office, "A Steak in Our Future and a Byte More." Vice President Don Olsen is in charge of our promotion.

We held our annual potluck picnic August 19th, in the Reinbeck Park, with about 35 members and families. It was a great day for a picnic.

Saturday, August 18th, was the Dike Watermelon Day festivities. Through the efforts of Gordon Sloth and committee, the Danish Windmill replica from Elk Horn was put into the parade on a float. It made a very presentable float, and it was fun doing it.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — Lodge 217 has had interesting meetings during the summer months.

In July Steve Nielsen gave a talk and slide show of his trip to Denmark. Carl Hansen showed a film explaining the Steak in our Future contest promoting membership. Marilyn Hansen explained what is meant by social and insured members (It behooves us to acquire some more insured members.)

In August we had six visitors from Lodge 600. Harlan Johnsen showed slides of his European trip, which included slides from Denmark, Sweden, Germany, and Paris. Delegates elected to attend the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention were Marilyn Hansen, Peggy Hansen, and Lucile Chris-

tensen. Our two district officers, Marvin Christensen and Harlan Johnsen, also attended.

Our September meeting was a potluck supper. The meeting was called to order and we all saluted the flag.

Convention delegates gave their reports. Peggy Hansen reported on the tours of the Windmill and Mermaid Park in Elk Horn and Kimballton.

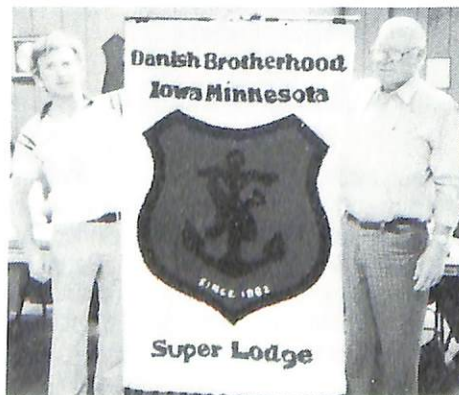
Marilyn Hansen reported on the business meeting and awards presented. Marilyn served on the "Good of the Order" committee. Cedar Rapids will host the 1985 District Convention. There are 1,110 members in the Iowa-Minnesota District. Thirty six delegates attended. \$424 was collected for the scholarship fund. Marvin Christensen and Harlan Johnsen gave reports. The winner of the scholarship award was Tanya Moody from West Branch, IA. The officers for the district are: President, Art Wall; Vice President, Kathie Sonsalla; Secretary, Deloris Ross; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; Trustees are Marvin Christensen, Herlef Pedersen and Mervin Andersen; and Conductor Ed Harris.

A motion passed to advance \$100 to the national convention committee for the convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1987.

A nominating committee consisting of Peggy Hansen, Marilyn Hansen, Harlan Johnsen and Harold Jensen, was selected to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year.

Edna Johnson, Cor.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Delegate Steven Sorensen opened a joint meeting of the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention with a prayer. Several of our members attended the convention hosted by the Kimballton-Elk Horn lodge over the Labor Day weekend. Jerry Sonsalla was also a delegate from our lodge. District President Lew Opdahl appointed Steven to act as parliamentarian during the meetings of the Brotherhood. Jerry was appointed to serve on the



George Olsen (right) accepted the Super Lodge Award for Lodge 144, Dike.

Scholarship and President's Award Selection Committee. Kathy Sonsalla was elected Vice President for 1984-85. Also attending were alternates Edith Skene, Thorvald Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Sorensen, Young Vikings Tammi Sonsalla, Todd Sonsalla, and Kristen Sorensen. Our lodge newsletter was selected for the District President's Award. Jerry Sonsalla, representing Lodge 219, presented the District lodge Rug Award to George Olsen, representative from Dike Lodge 144. The tapestry is a traveling award and a lodge is not eligible two consecutive years. Congratulations to the Dike, Iowa lodge.

Our September meeting began with a report to our members from the delegates. Other members attending added comments. All felt it was a successful convention and were very pleased with the hospitality shown by Kimballton-Elk Horn. Jerry Sonsalla presented a program of movies. "Easy Way Out" dealt with the problems of drugs and drinking. A cartoon was shown for kids of all ages to enjoy.



Members enjoy a "Tasting Tea" after our meeting.

Following the meetings the members enjoyed a "Tasting Tea" of Danish foods. Among the delicious food items were: Danish ryebread, rullepoise, rødkal, Danish puff pastry, Smor boller, Danish kaffekage, aeblekage and pebbernodder. This was an excellent activity and we plan to do it again.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — 250 adults and children attended another great lodge picnic at Alford's Park. Games were played by all ages, including a softball game. Free beer, soda and coffee were furnished along with ice cream for the kids. Thanks to our baseball team for helping the lodge move things out to the park and to Bill and Tom Nelson for the use of the truck once again.

Ed Zydowsky did his usual outstanding job in steering us all to the race track again aboard two buses. Drinks were furnished on the bus. We had lunch in a private dining

room and had good seats for a fun day.

Gordy Andersen, Bob Ibsen, Harve Cecil and Vince Roders represented Lodge 14 at the Midwest District Golf Outing in Chicago sponsored in excellent fashion by No. 35. We did not win any prizes but Harve came closest to the pin and won three golf balls.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our young people who attended the Danish Language Village in Minnesota will tell us about their camp experiences in September.

October 20, 1984, at the Country Mansion Carriage House, Dwight, IL, we will host the MWD Dart Extravaganza.

Our 95th anniversary dance will be Saturday, November 10, 1984, at the VFW. Music by the Rocky Mountain Pleasure.

Margaret A. Goodwin, Sec.

1983 President's Award Social Activity

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — There were about 200 friends and members of No. 35 at our picnic on August 12. Lots of hamburgers and hot dogs were consumed along with casserole dishes and salads. The beer truck did a thriving business! The volleyball net was busy most of the time with the "younger set" and even some senior citizens. The kids played games and got prizes; others just sat around and visited with each other and bought lots of raffle tickets; and in general, it was a good old-fashioned picnic.

Our Dane for the Night at the July meeting was Martin Christensen, Jr., known to most of us as "Marty." He and his wife were in town for a week to visit his folks, Anna and Martin, Sr. Martin's wife is Dorothy and she is of Danish, Norwegian and German ancestry. They have four young people; Martin III, 31; Steven, 25; Lori, 22; and Teri, 20.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Twenty-four people attended the Corn Roast at Ozzie and Luella Christensen's, Saturday, August 18. It was a beautiful day in the southern Kettle Moraine. Games and visiting were enjoyed. Delicious corn, brats and buns and tables laden with a large variety of food and drinks! We thank the Christensen's for inviting us and for their generosity and hospitality.

We have started the eighth consecutive year of our monthly newsletter with the September 1984 issue of Danish Dimensions.

Our committee is working on plans for our Saturday, October 13, roast pork and red cabbage dinner. Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #340, Wooddale, IL — Those interested in participating in the MWD Dart Extravaganza, hosted by Lodge 34 in Dwight, IL, October 20, contact Jack Andersen (790-1217), our chairman for the event.

Our Halloween party at the Georgetown Clubhouse is November 3. Mark this date on your calendars! Raffle tickets will be available soon. Sue Andersen, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Danish Brotherhood Lodge 343 featured a narrated movie of Queen Margrethe's wedding in 1967. The film was secured by Program Co-chairperson Melda Mortensen from the Danish Consulate in Chicago.

Workers were recruited and announced for our annual aebleskiver supper to be held September 27.

Our nicest event of the year is our annual St. Martin's Goose dinner which will be held at the Waupaca Country Club on Saturday, November 10. Members and guests are urged to attend this evening of good food and entertainment in the pleasant surroundings. Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Officers met during August to schedule lodge activities for the remainder of 1984 and 1985. In August we had our annual picnic, followed by a Danish songfest on September 18. October will be an event to interest new members.

Shawn Ruppert attended Skovsøen from Lodge 1 and gave a report of his experience at the Danish Language Village at our September meeting. He had a good time and we think he's ready to go back next year.

Our Cultural Committee reports, given by Poul Steffensen, are being continued at our business meetings and seem to be attracting our members. In September we heard about Denmark's Den Gyldenblonde — a journalist with dry wit. The reports are about 5 minutes in length and cover a variety of subjects.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — Fourteen members attended Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90's celebration of their 79th birthday dinner held at the I.O.O.F. Hall Saturday, September 9.

The social hour began at 6 p.m. Mrs. Mildred Rising, a special guest, played a number of selections on the piano. From 7 to 8 p.m., members and guests enjoyed a dinner catered by Lee's Restaurant. Mrs. Marie Johnson gave the table grace.

Mrs. Gladys Sorensen, the Sisterhood Secretary, presided. Welcome was extended by Sisterhood President, Joyce Nielsen, and the response given by Brotherhood President, Donald Lehn. An interesting salute "Another Anniversary" was presented by Bertha Jensen, past Sisterhood President. The group participated in a candle lighting ceremony of individual cakes and then sang the birthday song.

Highlight of the evening was the

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
7-31-84	Andrew P. Thomsen	83	Denmark	183	Troy, New York	1923
7-19-84	George S. Andersen	81	Tela, Honduras	64	Rockford, Illinois	1936
7-4-84	Fredlev A.W. Mogensen	83	Gudhjem, Bornholm, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1924
8-9-84	Geodwin S. Hansen	76	Edmore, Michigan	163	Edmore, Michigan	1940
7-18-84	Sophus A.A. Winther	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1921
7-19-84	Markus P. Pihl	92	Bornholm, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1912
6-6-84	Ove Hans Havsholm	66	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1957
8-18-84	Vernon R. Pedersen	64	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1969
6-7-84	Ejnar Carlsen	81	Gammelby, Denmark	9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	1923
8-27-84	John P. Lamb	75	Sidney, Michigan	600	Omaha, NE	1931
2-26-84	Colleen M. Hansen	54	Kimballton, Iowa	349	Atlantic, Iowa	1983
6-27-84	Joseph J. Phillips	71	Las Vegas, Nevada	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1979
8-6-84	Myran H. Madden	74	Washington Island, Wisconsin	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1976
8-1-84	Harry O. Loft	83	Bellingham, Washington	155	Bellingham, Washington	1972
11-16-84	Christine Norgaard	82	Denmark	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1977
8-12-84	Roy S. Christensen	76	Copenhagen, Denmark	184	Hayward, California	1982

accordion music program presented by Donald (12) and Suzanne (14), children of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nohavek, who were special dinner guests also. The group concluded the program by singing "Der er et Yndigt Land" and "God Bless America." A number of Brotherhood and Sisterhood members plan to attend the Nebraska District Convention at Minden September 21, 22, and 23. **Don Lehn, Pres.**

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — Met Saturday evening, August 11, at Lincoln Park in Superior for the annual steak fry. Forty adults and six children were present.

A business meeting was held. Elected to represent the lodge at the Nebraska District Convention in Minden, September 21, 22 and 23, were delegates: Kenneth Jensby, Kenneth Pedersen, LaVerne Erickson and Harley Jensen. Alternates are: Grace Thomsen, Shirley Jensby, Ella Boyles, and Loetta Pedersen.

The group voted to contribute \$1 per member to the Fraternal Fund and \$100 to the Superior Swimming Pool Fund.

Ella Boyles will serve as chairman for the national membership contest.

Committee for the evening included: LaVerne and Grace Erickson, Kenneth and Loetta Pedersen, Cecil and Fern Miller and Dorothy Washington. **Lois Lewis, Sec.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Morris Palle, Harriet Palle, and Bonnie Kuhr are our delegates to the Nebraska District Convention. Alternate delegates are: Myrtle Nelson, Robert Jorgensen, and Evelyn Jorgensen. Our own Anita Johnson was the recipient of the Aksarben "Good Neighbor Award" for the State of Nebraska. Congratulations, Anita!

Happy anniversary to us. September, 1984, marks the tenth anniversary of the re-organization of the Blair Lodge. We are celebrating on September 24 by having a dinner and membership event at Dana College.

Our lodge decided to co-sponsor a float for Dana's 1984 Homecoming, which marks the ending of their centennial year. We will be co-sponsors with the Dana Folk Dancers and possibly the Danish Club.

Jerry Christensen, Pres.

**1983 President's Award
Best District**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

District News

This has been an active year for the Michigan-Ohio District.

Starting in the spring with the District Bowling Tournament held in Ludington, Michigan, activities followed in this order:

New Members

Name	Lodge		Sponsor
	No.	Location	
Peter H. Wildenberg	14	Kenosha, WI	Al Peckneck
Else Andersen	33	Tacoma, WA	Herluf Andersen
Jens J.S. Sorensen	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	George Ferdinandsen
Robert A. Bye	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	George Ferdinandsen
Harold C. Simms	49	San Francisco, CA	Ejnar Christensen
Jack L. Smith	51	Ludington, MI	Mike Bray
Randy L. Ray	51	Ludington, MI	Mike Bray
Frederick W. Dove	51	Ludington, MI	Ron Sutulo
Doris M. Compton	89	Superior, WI	Howard Christensen
William W. Compton	89	Superior, WI	Howard Christensen
Norma F. Bremer	167	Portland, OR	Inger Clarke
Michael Bennetzen	211	Grand Island, NE	Gaylen Bennetzen
Gator Bennetzen	211	Grand Island, NE	Gaylen Bennetzen
Gerald W. Phillips	261	Fowler, CO	Warren Switzer
Ryan P. Thomas	263	Askov, MN	Byron W. Petersen
Ethel L. Peterson	341	Elk Horn-Kimballton	Herbert Rattenborg
Missy L. Culbertson	600	Omaha, NE	Gaylen Bennetzen
Jay H. Petersen	600	Omaha, NE	Vera Petersen

District Convention in Greenville, Michigan; District Baseball outing in Detroit, Michigan; District picnic hosted by the Muskegon, Michigan lodge; and, in September, back to Ludington for the District fishing derby.

For those of us who were able to attend all or any of these activities we had a good time each and every time.

There was a lot of effort expended by the members of these lodges to make these events a success. A big thank you is sent to each one of you for going out of your way to entertain us and doing your part in keeping the Michigan-Ohio District the solid district that it is. **Bob Sorensen, Sec.**



Never too young or too old for an ear of roasted sweet corn as Shae Oszust helps prove.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — On the 5th of September lodge 51 held their regular business meeting, with 23 members attending. We wish to welcome Jack Smith and Fred Dove who were initiated at this meeting into The Danish Brotherhood in America.

On Friday, August 24, we held our annual Widow's night. Widows of deceased members are treated to a corn and hot dog roast. Six widows and 68 members and guests enjoyed a very good meal of corn on the cob, hot dogs, tomatoes, cucumbers, and favorite beverages. Each of the widows was presented a long stemmed rose and all of the ladies had a chance on a mum plant given as a door prize. Our thanks to the committee. Bill Krause and John Oszust cooked four bushels of sweet corn. Don Bentz and Ken Johnson roasted 25 pounds of hot dogs. Lars Christoffersen and Keith Koegler took care of the tomatoes and cucumbers and Sherry Johnson poured the coffee.



(left to right) Mrs. Gust Keson and Mrs. Roger Walker. Two of our guests August 24.

16 prizes were given. This is something the bingo committee puts on every other month. All of the workers said that the patients of Oakview really enjoy playing bingo. The workers for this bingo were Alf Larsen, Al Garcia, Ed Geil, and Arnie Koegler. **Keith Koegler, Pres.**

Payments to Board Members

SEPTEMBER 1984
Robert E. Ibsen, \$262.00.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — Our lodge held its annual picnic August 12. Henry Peterson again offered his grounds and facilities, for which we are very appreciative. Thank you Henry.

We are also very thankful to Brother Harold Hansen and family for setting up tables, supplying beautiful flowers and delicious melons.

About 40 members and families were present. We all enjoyed the good fellowship and time together.

We were, however, saddened by the absence of Brother Ove Jensen and wife Agnes. Ove is seriously ill and is in the intensive care unit at Lakewood Hospital. Our best wishes go to Ove and his family.

John Gormsen, Sec.

1983 President's Award Civic Activity

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Our August 8 meeting was light in attendance with no new members initiated. August 22 we enjoyed a social evening.

A questionnaire has been sent to all Lodge 227 members. Please take time to fill it out and bring it to the next meeting or send to Nels Hansen, Allen Park, MI 48101.

The election of officers for the coming year will be held Wednesday, November 14, 1984.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL DISTRICT NEWS



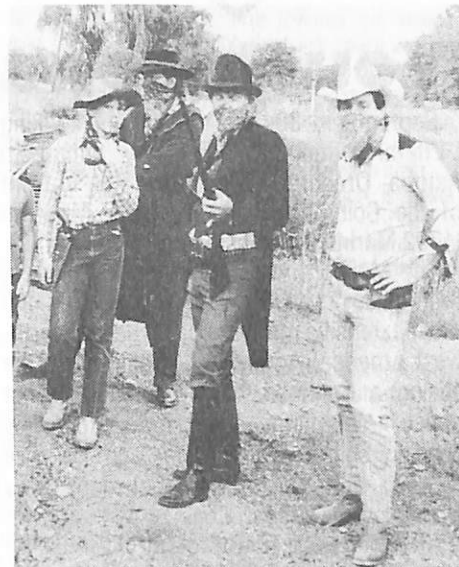
Two Past National Presidents, George J. Jacobsen and George Godthaab (center), the National President, Robert Ibsen (left), and First Vice President Peter Weber (right), attended the GCEL convention.



GCEL President for 1984, Geert Pedersen (right) presents awards to National Past President George Godthaab (center) and National Past President George J. Jacobsen (left), for their support in establishing Bucks Co. Lodge 342.



First Vice President Peter Weber (right), installs GCEL Vice President Carl Spencer, President Kenneth Lunde and Past President Geert Pedersen.



Delegates and guests enjoyed a steam-train ride through historic Bucks County, although attacked by these trainrobbers.

Photos courtesy Niels Malmquist.

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — We thank Wilbur and Francis Knudsen for sharing their summer home in Rhode Island for a day. It was good to see many of our friends from Lodge 102 in Providence.

We had guests from Iowa at our August meeting, Kyle and Beth Edmonds, grandchildren of Norman and Gladys Edmonds.

September 14 we will have a short business meeting to discuss with delegate Chris Simonsen the GCEL convention.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Our June meeting was held outdoors on a Saturday and featured an early evening repast of Danish sandwiches and Frikadeller. President Eric's uncle, Henrik Bruun, visiting from Denmark, was chef for the latter and he was highly complimented.

At our July meeting the surprise refreshments were aebleskiver trimmings. For this, we thank Mrs. Charles Christensen, mother of Past President Carl Christensen. For many it brought back memories of the days when they were routine and a treat for all.

In August we held our annual picnic at the Home — a potluck supper. Approximately 100 attended. It was a successful day with Bill Brose, chairman, and his committee, Eric Brown, Harold Hansen, George Ferdinandsen, J. Kjersgaard and Gordon Petersen, assisting. Artist J.O.P. Pedersen donated a sketch. The proceeds from that, together with John Kjersgaard's generosity with his good fortune, swelled the Scholarship Fund by a sizable amount.

On September 3, Labor Day, John Pedersen and Carl Pedersen will be active with others at the Liberty Park Festival and our delegates will be in Pennsylvania.

Jens C. Jessen, Sec.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Our 85th anniversary is coming up October 20. A good time will be had by all. Order your tickets from Carl Ingeholm, 8 Wisteria Terrace, Morristown, N.J. 07960, tel: 538-2621.

Another GCEL convention has now passed into history. It was very enjoyable. The weather was beautiful, the meetings interesting, good food and pleasant company. Next convention will be in Barre, VT. The new officers are: President, Kenneth Lunde, Barre, Vt.; Vice President, Carl Spencer, Penn Yan, NY; Secretary, W. Elliot, Hartford, CT; Treasurer, Norman Hansen, Schenectady, NY; and Donald Heckman, Newark, NJ. We were honored with visitors from the National Board, two past presidents, the national president, and the first vice president.

John Madsen, Cor.

1983 President's Award Best Newsletter

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — At the June meeting we had the biggest smørrebrød table this year! The kitchen committee did a fantastic job! Bobbie and Flemming Hinrichsen donated a royal treat for all 46 people — Dansk Torskerogn with Remolade and citron. "Eat your heart out" if you weren't there!

Be on the look-out for information on our annual Christmas party which will be held in December.

Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — For our July project, Brothers Alfred Lunde, Kenneth Lunde, Thomas Mekkelsen, Francis Taft, and Ricky Taft put together a Viking Ship for our local Heritage Festival Parade. Ricky painted the serpent's head while we assembled the ship. We followed plans received from the Home Office and it came out beautiful. Harry Mikkelsen, Edith Mikkelsen, Kenneth Lunde and I applied the final decorations with the help of Harold Thygesen. Brother



Our VIKING float.

Mikkelsen used his Scout to pull the ship while Tom Mekkelsen rode in the ship. The float was well-received all along the parade route. We named our ship, "VIKING."



(left to right) Imogene Thygesen, Marie Thygesen, and Ann Fox.

In August, our annual picnic was held at Allis State Park on August 12 with 48 persons present. It was nice to visit with so many. Kenney and Freda Lunde came the farthest. They live in Ocala, Florida. The oldest person present was Marie Thygesen, who is 101 years old. She will be 102 on November 18, 1984. Her sister, Ann Fox, is a mere 93-years old, was also present. They were both born in Denmark. Marie is the mother of President Harold Thygesen; Past President Ejnar Thygesen, Sr.; and Hazel Sole and Imogene Thygesen. It was a pleasure to have them present. Everyone had a good time. At a short meeting it was voted unanimously to hold the Eastern Lodges Convention for 1985 in Barre, Vermont, and our delegates were instructed to notify the Eastern Lodges of our decision. **Thomas C. Mekkelsen, Sec.**

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — Saturday, October 20, Lodge 116, Newark, N.J., will be celebrating its 85th anniversary. A dinner/dance will be held at the Town and Campus, 1040 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each, and may be ordered from Carl Ingeholm, 8 Wisteria Terrace, Morristown, N.J. 07960 or call (201) 538-2621.

Lodge 325 has its 58th annual dinner/dance Saturday, November 3, at 8 p.m. at the Baldwin Harbor Yacht Club, 357 South Main Street, Freeport. Tickets are \$15 per person. Contact Hans Pedersen, 186 Central Avenue, Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563 or call (516) 599-3758. **Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — We began the new season with plenty of activity underway! As of this writing we are in the midst of the GCEL convention, and hope to report a tremendous success next month.

We also began the new season by adding several new members to our group!

Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.



Youth News

September 30 is the Young Viking "Efterar Udflugt" and family outing to Astoria, Oregon. We will assemble in front of the Columbia River Maritime Museum (1792 Marine Drive) between 11 and 11:30.

The Museum will provide us a volunteer tour guide at 11:30 a.m. to show us the most extensive maritime collection in North-west America. Among the exhibits we'll be seeing a Columbia River steamboat pilot house; submarine periscopes to view passing ships; scale model and life size vessels; and relics from the many ship wrecks on the Oregon Coast.

After our excursion through the museum we will proceed to Fort Stevens State Park for "Efterar Udflugt" (Autumn Picnic).

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — **Kirsten hempel and Erik Koefoed are presently trying to contact other young Danish Brotherhood members (16 and up) who might be interested in getting together and planning activities (such as a bowling team) for this age group. Contact Kirsten (259-9384) or Erik (609-694-0269).**

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA

A full view of the Viking Ship float made by our Young Vikings and entered in the Fourth of July parade.



What Will People Say?

A Danish Fairytale

by

Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there lived a kindly man named Erik and his young son.

It so happened that whenever Erik asked his son to do something, the boy would reply, "But father, what will people say?"

And so, the boy never did anything.

This went on all the time, until one day Erik decided to show his son that you can't please everyone.

The next morning, as they set out for the marketplace, Erik got on his cow and told his son to follow him on foot.

After an hour or so, they passed three men in Roldskov.

"For shame," said one. "Making the boy run behind while you ride on top of this fine animal. Have you no heart?"

In less than a second, Erik jumped down and put his son on the cow's back and walked behind them.

"Soon, they came to a small stream where a woman was washing clothes. She sadly shook her head.

"This is no way to gain respect," she said, wringing out a cloth. "No son should ride while the father follows. How can you teach him good manners?"

Hearing this, Erik quickly got onto the cow with his son and they went on their way.

Moments later, they met a goatherd coming toward them.

"What is the matter with the both of you?" he asked. "Have you no pity for the poor cow who must carry you both? Get off of him at once!"

Quicker than you can wink an eye, Erik removed his son and himself from the cow and walked side by side.

It wasn't long before they came upon some soldiers. Instantly, one of them came forward and said, "How can you be so cruel? Your cow is weak and tired. Either carry him or give him to us for proper care!"

Without saying a word, Erik and his son lifted the cow onto their shoulders. The front hoofs rested on Erik and the hind hoofs on the son.

They walked slowly to the marketplace.

At last, they were there.

The cow, by this time, had slipped from the son's shoulders and was draped over Erik's back.

It was quite a sight to see.

A crowd gathered.

Everyone looked at them and shouted.

"You're mad!" yelled one woman.

"You should both be punished," cried someone else.

"Leave our village and never return," said another.

Erik looked at his young son, but said nothing.

It wasn't necessary.

The boy knew that this was the result of worrying what other people would say.

The Hedge

by
Barbara Cherne

Eva is looking out a second-story window overlooking the backyard, the fading grass, the dense hedge which encloses the yard like a palisade. The window is like a watchtower with its sentry's view of the bus stop, the conjunction of two streets, and the sweeping descent of one of them towards the lake.

She can see only a thin triangle of blue water from where she stands, but it is enough to recreate the whole lake, its collar of fir trees on the distant shore, its Baltic clarity. In late October, the color of the lake has diminished to a metallic winter grey. The bright glow of the chestnut trees, sheltering the bus stop, reminds her of autumn bonfires in the countryside, here and in Jutland; she imagines her soul, her spirit, being consumed in a last plaintive blaze before the onset of winter.

She feels guilty standing there with so much to do, while the children sleep. She would like to lie down herself, or read, or have someone to talk to. In her high brick house behind the hedge, she sees herself as a prisoner, confined by the Danish obsession with privacy. Invisible behind our hedges, behind newspapers, behind our inhibitions. If Martin went away for a week, she thinks, if I were alone with the children and something happened, no one would know. She recalls stories in the newspaper about elderly men and women found alone, sick, dying — sometimes already dead. Alone a week before anyone noticed.

The next day, coming home from the dairy with both children in the carriage — Johannes has fallen asleep, but Marianne is wide awake, her round cheeks flushed from the cold — Eva sees a woman coming towards her on the other side of the street. The woman is walking slowly, holding two small children by the hand, one on each side of her; the children are the same size, twins, Eva thinks, identical in their red knitted hats, their blue windbreakers and corduroy pants.

Eva slows down to avoid passing the woman, to see where she is going. The woman is talking to one of the twins and does not notice Eva. Eva stops in front of her own house and leans forward as if she were reaching into the carriage.

"Mommy!" Marianne says, drawing out the vowel. "Mommy!" Still leaning forward, Eva feels a cold gust of wind from the lake, an overture to winter. The woman pauses and turns at the entrance to the house opposite. Just before turning, she glances across the street at Eva, their eyes register each other for a moment before both of them look away apologetically.

Eva wheels the carriage through the gap in the hedge, up the walk, into the house. In the entryway, she lifts Marianne out, takes off her jacket and shoes, and helps her find her slippers. She takes milk, bread and cheese out of her shopping bag and carries them into the kitchen, comes back and lifts up her sleeping son and carries him upstairs. When she comes down again, she finds Marianne asleep on the sofa.

Eva's mother calls early in the morning, from Jutland. Now Eva can talk, details tumbling out, the saga of the children's development, the same things she tells Martin at dinner, after the children are in bed; he is interested and willing to listen, but despite his willingness, uncomprehending. What she tells him is too intangible and unpredictable for his methodical engineer's mind, although she is grateful that he is

there, listening, however imperfectly. When she thinks of her mother — divorced when Eva was two, with five children to support — she doesn't remember hearing her complain. On the phone, her own feelings of restlessness, of isolation are not revealed.

Later in the morning, Eva bundles the children into the carriage and walks north towards the woods, walks for two hours through the fallen beech and oak leaves, coming home when the children are irritable and hungry.

Turning onto her street, she sees the woman again, on the other side, and they look at each other directly, longer this time, as if they already knew each other.

"Good day," Eva says — that much is polite, permissible, expected.

"Good day," the woman replies. Her twins stare boldly, unselfconsciously, at Eva and Marianne and Johannes. A breeze from the lake lifts their pale blonde off their foreheads; Eva is aware of a great distance between them, a distance she is unable to cross.

The children nap. Eva listens to the afternoon stillness, broken only by the growling of the suburban bus coming up the hill, its sound long preceding its arrival under the chestnut trees. Eva imagines herself getting on the bus and riding it to Virum station, where she takes the train to downtown Copenhagen and walks down Strøget, past Georg Jensen and Illums, browses into the needlework shops, stops afterward for coffee, a demitasse of mocha java, uninterrupted.

After the bus has gone, Eva goes down into the basement, takes the diapers out of the washing machine and hangs them up to dry.

"Is something wrong?" Martin asks at dinner. The two of them are sitting at a small table in the kitchen, eating yellow pea soup and ryebread and drinking beer. A single candle flickers in its brass holder.

Eva is made hesitant by a twinge of futility, a suspicion that he doesn't really want to hear. "Nothing," she replies. Then she adds, laying out her complaint awkwardly, the tangled design of her life, "Staying home with the kids. I'm going crazy."

He doesn't know how to respond: although his eyes look puzzled, he doesn't encourage her, doesn't ask questions. This both disappoints and encourages her, stubbornly, to continue.

"It's hard to explain," she says, wishing she hadn't phrased it that way, so uncertainly. For a moment, she doubts it herself, thinking of her mother, of his. "I feel isolated. I don't have anyone to talk to until you come home. I get restless being alone with them all day."

"You go out," he says. "You do errands." His incomprehension of her meaning, of her life, hangs between them like an invisible barrier. "My mother was alone on the farm with my father and us two boys. She never complained. She was more isolated than you are."

"Your mother," Eva snaps, "was subservient to your father and now she waits on your brother. It's a shame to see a grown man waiting for his mother to make his breakfast, to bring his coffee to him, as if she doesn't have just as much to do as he does."

Martin's face develops a glazed, impassive look: he doesn't want to hear more. Anything personal, any expression of emotion threatening to become uncontained frightens him.

In silence, they finish their meal.

Afterwards, Martin goes down to the basement to look at his collection of Neolithic artifacts discovered, over the years, near his mother's farm in Jutland.

Eva is awakened by the sound of the door closing downstairs: Martin returning from the bakery with warm, morning-fresh bread and the morning *Berlinske*. She pictures him going into the kitchen and putting the kettle on, the water boiling just as she comes downstairs to turn it off and pour the hot water over the dust-fine grains of coffee.

This morning her body feels heavy and unwilling, and she wonders if she's getting sick; reluctance tightens every muscle, she wants to stay in bed, to dream more, to be left in peace. Yet when Johannes calls her, a moment later, from the room across the hall, and she goes in to pick him up, kissing him, calling him her marzipan boy, her little treasure, imbibing his sleepy warmth, the vulnerability of his plump cheeks, she feels this to be one of the most satisfying moments in her life.

An hour later, as Martin leaves, she watches him from the kitchen and remembers the mornings before children, the apartment near Amalienborg, leaving together and meeting after work for a glass of wine at Hvide's Vinstue. Four years of this she remembers, also the growing urgency, the pressure to start a family.

On the way to the park, both children are alert and expectant as Eva wheels them in the crisp morning air, along a street little changed from the beginning of the century when Virum was a day's journey from Copenhagen by carriage. Rowan and maple line the street, glittering with gold, scarlet, burgundy; slender, almost leafless birches cover the banks and double in the black, motionless water of the swamp.

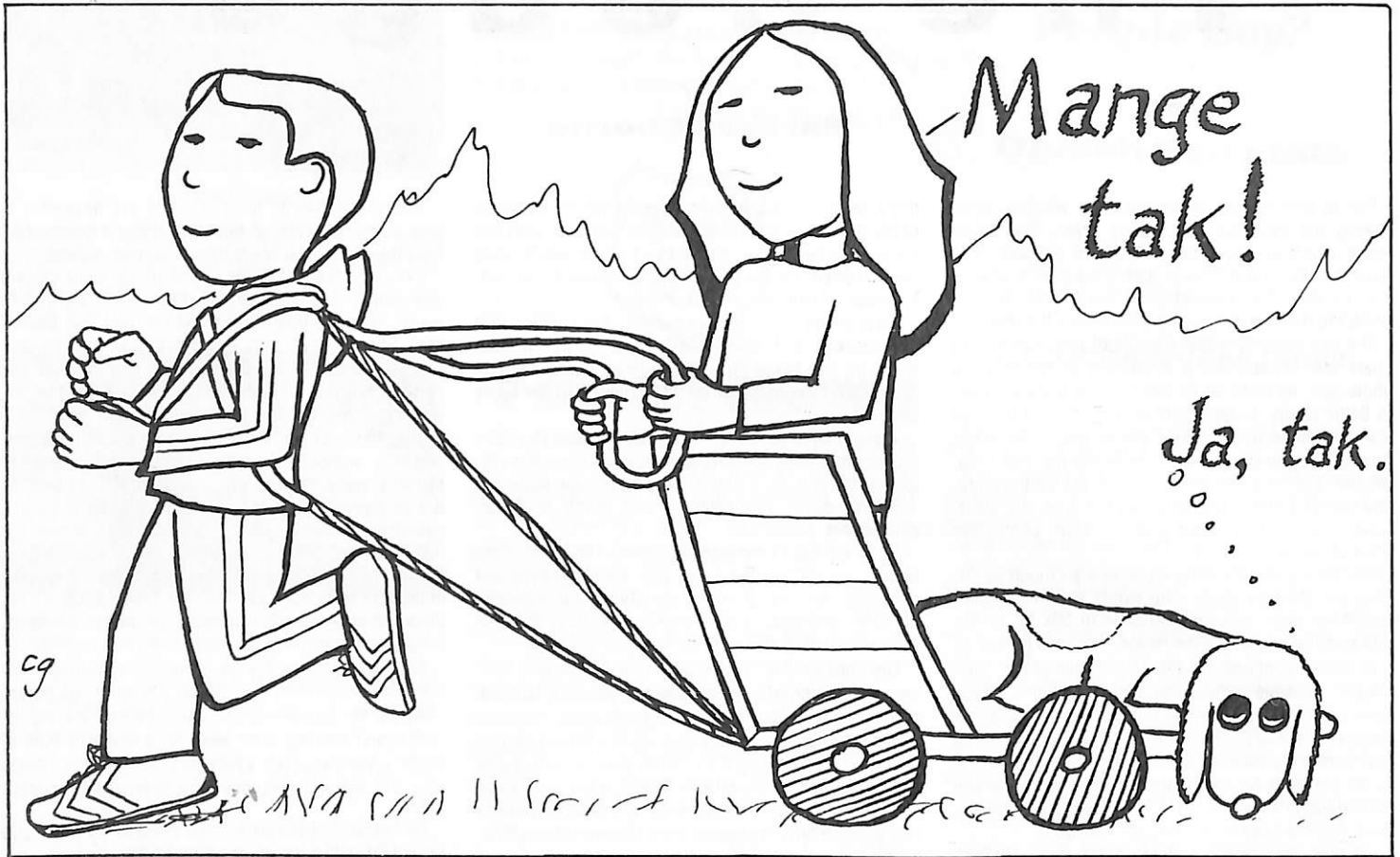
At the end of the street, Eva comes to a broad sidewalk, shops, the church's stepped yellow brick tower; then out onto Fredericksdalvej, which leads to the center of Virum. Just before she reaches the center, she passes an apartment building of beige brick, identical to hundreds of others built after the war. At a first floor window with forsythia curtains, ruffled and parted, a man's face is watching the passing cars, and the bus shelter where people are waiting, and Eva herself with the two children.

As she passes, the man raises a bottle of beer, in an awkward salute, and takes a drink. A widower, Eva thinks, the bright curtains a legacy of his late wife's, the apartment now slowly disappearing under layers of brown and grey, ashes, cigar smoke, empty bottles. She searches for some pity in her heart, tries and fails, finds only disgust and a disquieting sense of identification.

On the way home, Eva stops to buy coffee — the fragrance in the coffee store is warm and intoxicating — and at the bakery to buy milk and ryebread. Succumbing to the seductive sweetness, the new-baked warmth, she also buys pastry. As if someone were coming for coffee, she thinks, pushing the tired, cranky children past the church again, the birch-edged swamp, the old turf-roofed summer houses. She anticipates the afternoon ahead, the children asleep, her hour of freedom.

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Hans and Grete



Grete, joined by friend Spot, enjoys a chariot ride which is Hans-powered. Grete gives Hans many thanks (mange tak) and Spot agrees, yes thanks (Ja, tak).

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Grandma's Kitchen

Hønssekødsuppe

(Chicken Soup with Rice)



by Dagmar Jensen

- 1 cup rice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup seedless raisins

Cook rice until soft in 4 cups freshly boiling water to which salt has been added. When rice is nearly done, fold in raisins carefully. Pour in individual molds, or one large mold, cool. When ready to serve, unmold. Each person has the choice of eating his rice as a side dish or adding it to his hot soup.

This together with the dumpling meat balls and broth makes a very delicious Danish banquet soup.

Good advice:

Sausages will not spit during frying if they are first boiled for two minutes. Drain thoroughly and fry as usual or better still, cook in the oven.

Simmer meat trimmings and celery tops and 1-2 bouillon cubes to make a good soup stock.

After peeling onions, if celery salt is rubbed over the hands before washing, the odor will disappear.

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LODGE NO. 126, LOS ANGELES, CA

The following items were supplied for us by the former secretary of Lodge No. 126, Margaret Jensen. She tells us about an incentive they use to get more of their members to meetings and about their November turkey shoots.

Margaret wrote, "We have an Entertainment Committee consisting of five people. They try to think of ways to keep our members active in meetings as well as social activities. All members who attended at least six meetings from January to October were given a free dinner at the lodge hall. The reason we say October is because that is the month of our big fish dinner and bingo party. Everybody looks forward to that.

"I have a special attendance sheet. . . . So far we have 13 to attend 7 or 8 meetings and 9 to attend 4 or 5 meetings. We find it has improved attendance on our regular meeting nights.

"It was just a thought to try to give members something to look forward to, other than just being present. Plus it gives the officers a chance to be more involved in what goes on at the meetings. We feel like it is helping because we are all taking turns bringing in treat for after the meetings. Before one person had to be responsible for that.

"In fact it is working so well, we will probably do the same thing next year.

"We feel we have gained several regular members to attend meetings. I guess the real reason is so the members will know that the meetings are as important as the socials. Because without a meeting there would not be a social to go to."

November, Turkey Shoot

"In the olden days, people went out and shot their turkey for their dinner. Well, we can't do that any more, so we play bingo and win small prizes for just regular bingo. Then for the blackouts we win a \$10 certificate to help buy the turkey at the supermarket. We usually have about \$100 in certificates.

"Everybody pays \$3 to get in and they get 2 bingo cards. They can buy more cards for fifty cents each. There is always coffee and Danish pastry for a break in the middle of our evening.

"Everyone seems to enjoy trying to win their money certificates to help buy their turkey."

Many thanks to Margaret and to Lodge No. 126 for submitting these ideas.

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When the hour arrives, she sinks into the armchair in the living room, her thoughts drifting like the last golden beech leaves outside. **Kristin Lavransdatter**, a book she is reading, living, even dreaming, lies on a table nearby, next to a pair of overalls waiting to be sewn, and a sweater she's crocheting for Marianne. Suddenly, these possibilities appear foreign to her, artifacts from someone else's life.

Eva walks over the bookcase looking for a book by her favorite poet. Tove Ditlevsen; not finding it, she goes into the entryway and listens, by the stairs, to the children's sleeping silence. Then she walks out the front door and crosses the street.

On the other side she stops, immobilized by embarrassment and shyness; shivering, too, because she's gone out, without a coat. She finds herself unable to go forward or turn back, and she senses the other woman looking down at her from an upstairs window. She looks up and sees no one, the windows are empty eyes reflecting blue sky and shreds of cloud. She sees instead the old man looking out at her between the ruffled forsythia curtains. Trembling in the cold wind, she continues slowly up the front walk and knocks on the door.

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