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Cover photo: The California-Nevada District Convention in August featured outstanding youth participation. Young people had their own registration table, staffed by "Big Sisters" Marcia Miller, Jennifer Elu and Joyce Miller. Photo courtesy Dorothy MacKinnon.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

Our Home Office

Have you wondered what goes on in the National Headquarters? Day by day people are busy in the office providing prompt and thoughtful service.

It starts when you walk in the door. You'll receive a cheerful greeting from National Headquarters' receptionist, Lori Meier. If you're a first time visitor, Lori will give you an informative tour of the building and answer your questions.

Along the way, you'll see our National Secretary-treasurer, Howard Christensen. If he isn't busy reviewing the financial news of the day, he might be involved in an impromptu conference with another member of the staff. It is not unusual for Howard to spend part of his day discussing proposed changes or special problems with fellow employees. Howard will have a good answer for you if you're asking about Danish Brotherhood business.

Somewhat later in your visit, you'll see Sales Director Andy Andersen, who has his office on the second floor. Andy has a secretary, Donna Sump, one of the newest DBIA employees. Andy has the responsibility of the society's insurance program. If you have questions about your coverage, you can feel free to talk to him.

When you return to the first floor, you'll visit the underwriting office, the general office and the fraternal director's office. Pam Dorau underwrites applications for Danish Brotherhood membership and issues insurance certificates. She can answer many of your questions about our insurance services.

In the general office you'll meet Office/Accounting Manager Jerome (Jerry) Christensen. Jerry is on his way to becoming our computer expert and does an admirable job with the society's accounting.

Assisting Jerry is Deloris Hansen. Deloris works for the fraternal department, too. With Sandy Masih, she manages the American Dane mailing list and performs other duties related to billing and premium income.

If you've stopped by hoping to get information on fraternal benefits, program ideas or other tips to help your lodge, a short visit with Diane Doyle, Director of Fraternal Services, will bring you up to date on what's available.

The people on the staff are worth knowing because of their interest in The Danish Brotherhood, pleasant attitudes and knowledge of the Society.

While they are not part of the official National Headquarters staff, the officers of your local lodge, committee chairmen and lodge representatives are also people worth getting to know. Their Danish Brotherhood enthusiasm and hard work deserve your support and recognition.

Not too long ago Elaine and I visited National Headquarters. We were on our way to Minden, Nebraska, and the Nebraska District Convention. We were accompanied on the trip by Midwest District Secretary-treasurer John Mollerskov, and Midwest District Sisterhood President Betty Mollerskov. It was a pleasure to visit again with Director and Mrs. Ken Pedersen. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in Minden and congratulate the host lodge for a well-organized convention.

Next weekend we were at our home district for the Midwest convention. Second Vice President Clyde Langsted represented the national Board of Directors and Director Woody and Elsa Petersen attended. Congratulations to our Lodge 17 and DSS Lodge 4 for an outstanding job.

It was gratifying to have the Midwest District form a "Focus on Youth" committee to financially support all Midwest applicants attending Skovsøen in 1985. The district and lodges have committed themselves to fund raising events to support this worthwhile youth project.

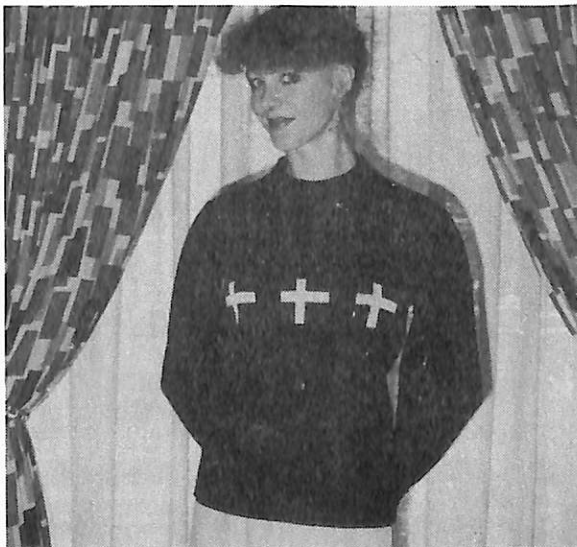
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California-Nevada Youth at Convention



Twenty performers in international costumes. Photo courtesy Dorothy MacKinnon

This article was written with the assistance of Nancy Cameron, Dorothy MacKinnon, Joyce Miller and Walter Miller. Without their help, photos and information would not have been available.

Our young people are our most important asset. To continue our fraternal organization we need them. To have them with us, we need to offer special programs and purposes.

We have to develop programs with a certain amount of professionalism. The California-Nevada District, determined to have a youth program, three years ago established a Youth Committee. The Youth Committee worked with lodges in the district to encourage each to appoint its own youth chairman.

District convention in 1983 again emphasized the importance of youth involvement. Host lodges for the 1984 district convention were in Petaluma, California. Walter Miller was vice president of the Brotherhood's district board and Lillie Miller was vice president of the Sisterhood's district board. They returned to Petaluma at the close of the 1983 convention with a mission for their lodges. Their cooperative effort saw the mission through to a positive conclusion.

Young people of Petaluma and members of both lodges accepted the challenge with enthusiasm. Petaluma's own young Danish Americans and their families gave two aebleskiver breakfasts to raise money for a skit. They paid for the material for their costumes and other expenses. The result was a brilliant pageant for delegates and guests at the 1984 convention.

Opening Night



Three of the littlest, Megan O'Keefe (Ireland), Ben Brooks (Germany), and Kelly O'Keefe (Denmark). (Photo courtesy Dorothy MacKinnon)

Thursday evening, August 23, 20 children walked into the Veteran's Memorial auditorium, each carrying the flag

of the nation they represented. The theme for the convention was "It's a Small World." The youngsters were led by a Danish Soldier in uniform, Kris Dilbeck. They sang "It's a Small World." United States and Danish flags were presented.

The Danske Pole dance followed. Each young adult in the dance represented a lodge in the district. The intertwining of the red and white ribbons of the pole depicted the lodges working together. This same group later brought the house down with their special version of "There is Nothin' Like a Dane."

Eight pre-teen dancers displayed their Danish folk dance talent. Solos were performed by vocalists Tami Guenzi and Mary Gail Fauser.

Teens prepared their own special performance. A delightful play they called "Toyland," with toys coming to life during the wee hours of the night.

Professional performers Jack Lee and Ron Walters concluded the show. Petaluma is fortunate to have so much talent among its members, their children, and in the community.

Danish Heritage Day



Youth, Big Sisters and sponsors at Kastania Ranch, home of Danish Soldiers Park. (Photo courtesy Dorothy MacKinnon)

By Friday morning thirteen children from throughout the district ranging in age from 5-13, enjoyed planned events as their parents worked away at the business meetings.

Petaluma teens acted as "big sisters" to compliment adult supervision. They journeyed to nearby Danish Soldiers Park, Kastania Ranch.

At the park they were welcomed by a "Danmark" sign, an authentic Danish Guard House from the gardens of King Christian X's castle, a carved wooden statue of a Danish soldier from the 1864 war and a Danish mailbox. Structures in the park were of Danish design and storks sat on nests in the chimneys of the buildings.

After raising the United States and Danish flags and playing a few get-acquainted games, the outdoor stage provided a perfect location for sampling Danish dances and gymnastics.



In class at Kastania Ranch. (Photo courtesy Dorothy MacKinnon)

Soon it was lunch time and then off to class. During class each child located on a map of Denmark the town or towns from which their families immigrated. After some Danish language, games and songs, the children enjoyed volleyball, baseball and snacks.

They had their own awards program, too. Ove Kargard received the award for "Friendliest Dane," Carrie Coons was "Sweetest Dane," "Best Danish Dancer" went to Robert Mahler; with Brook Nelsen as "Best Danish Gymnast." Flag lowering ended the program and the children left happy with red and white helium-filled balloons attached to their wrists. They were taken back to meet their parents at the convention site.

California History

Saturday morning the kids took off for a slow ride through old Petaluma seeing the locations of early immigrant homes, churches and meeting places. Then off to Petaluma's Old Adobe State Park. The park ranger guided them through early states of life in a California rancho under Mexican rule. After snacks in the picnic area, the children explored the buildings, yard and animals on the site. They returned to convention headquarters as meetings adjourned.

Evening Events

All the young people were invited to attend all other functions during the three-day convention. Most of them attended Friday's International Night. They wore costumes of many nationalities and even experimented with a Danish dance they practiced during the day at Kastania Ranch.

How Did the Program Develop?

Given a directive by the previous convention — try to interest children of delegates to attend in 1984 — Petaluma had no guidelines from previous experience so made their own.

1. Their object was to reach children in the six to sixteen year age group. They would provide programs for the youngsters during the hours of regular business meetings.

2. They published announcements in both the American Dane and the Sisterhood News. (All such announcements went without response.)

3. They included news about the program in their convention bulletins. (Again, no response.)

4. At the end of August the tide turned. Calls to Lillie and

Walt Miller showed interest. They sent a special letter to the children they heard would be attending.

5. The week before the convention opened, more calls came in. Adults were hesitant to pay full price to bring their children, especially as they may have several youngsters for whom tickets would be purchased. (The Petaluma committee had not been able to get reduced prices from their caterer.)

Understanding the value of the program, youngsters were registered for many events at full price.

Did the Children Like the Program?

The youngsters were very responsive to the Danish heritage program at Kastania Ranch. They had a **good** time.

The Saturday morning tour of immigrant homes and buildings in Petaluma was less interesting to the youngsters. But the ranger at the Old Adobe Park was outstanding and presented an interesting tour. The young people had snacks and free time to explore.



Kris Delbeck of Petaluma in Danish Soldier's costume, enjoys a chat during a convention evening. (Photo courtesy L. S. DeLaurant)

Schedule

Danish Heritage Day Friday, August 24th

9 a.m. . . . Youth meet at the Veteran Memorial
Introduction of leaders and helpers
Name tags given out

Drive to the Old Soldiers Park (A motorhome for transportation)

9:30 Get-acquainted time
Appoint Big Sisters and Brothers
Introduce Larry Benson, President of the Danish Soldiers Park — Larry will guide us through the park and tell us rules of the park

Get-acquainted game
Flag raising ceremony and history of the park

10:30 . . . Snack time
Danish gymnastic lesson
Danish folk dance lesson

Noon . . . Lunch

1:00 Heritage Class: Ancestors, Customs and Language

1:45 Snack time

2:00 Game

3:00 Free time

Return to Veterans Memorial Building

This is just an outline, need not be followed to the minute.

GAMES — Baseball, Volleyball, Word game

These are the young people who took part in the program from outside Petaluma. If you're interested for 1985 and you know them, why not find out how they feel about the experience.

Stephanie Bietz, Ferndale; Carrie Coons, Bakersfield; Christian Coons, Bakersfield; Jennifer Erickson, Harbor City; Ove Kargard, Solvang; Erika Lesku, Fortuna; Robert Mahler, Pittsburg; Stuart Mahler, Jr., Pittsburg; Wendy Mathiasen, Encino; Christian McDonald, Bakersfield; Birgitte McDonald, Bakersfield; Brooke Nelsen, Bakersfield; and Ib Norby, Modesto.

Resources for Danish culture program available through the National Headquarters, as well as additional specific details of the California-Nevada program.

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1985, will be considered beginning February 15, 1985. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1985 will be considered by the Committee for the 1985 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$250.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$2,000.00.

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

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

Grand View Campaign

Grand View College officials have announced that a \$3.8 million national funding campaign, COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE, will be conducted over the next three years.

Among needs to be met by the campaign will be a new radio/television building for the Communication Department, expanded library holdings, additional computer equipment, increased scholarship funds, and money for program development. Presently, Grand View offers 18 four-year programs and is considering offering additional degrees at the baccalaureate level.

The decision to conduct a major campaign was made by the Grand View Board of Directors last February after a feasibility study by Howard Braren Associates, Inc., of Davenport showed a strong feeling of confidence in the college throughout all areas of its constituency. The study showed that Des Moines and Polk County business leaders and alumni nationwide felt the college was an important educational and cultural resource. They expressed positive attitudes about the direction of Grand View College, its educational program, its leadership, its fiscal soundness, and its service to youth.

The focus of the campaign will be on the Des Moines and Central Iowa business community for the remainder of 1984 and on Des Moines-area alumni and other friends of the college during the first half of 1985. Alumni across the nation will be contacted during the remainder of the three-year campaign.

Chairpersons for the Commitment to Excellence and Service drive are J. Robert and Norma Hudson, Waukee; Erling V. and Rose Jensen, Des Moines; Daniel J. and Ann Krumm, Newton; and Robert W. and Dorothy Larson, Albia.

Icelandic Error

by Chet Gottfried

This letter is something of a reply to K. Jungersen's article in the September issue — "Foundation for Democracy." Although I'm in sympathy with much of what he says, Jungersen presents a too romantic view of Iceland's history which doesn't do the country justice. The following quote comes from **Birth of a Nation** by N. Njardvik, published in Iceland by Iceland Review.

"It is a fairly common notion in older books about ancient Iceland, that the new settlers were great heroes of distinguished birth. It has even been said, that they formed the flower of the Norse people, and that this explains why Icelandic and Norwegian culture differed. But this idea has scarcely any basis in reality. The settlers were probably common farmers, especially those who had scant means of subsistence in Norway, along with younger sons who had not inherited paternal estates, or freed slaves who had no future prospects in Norway. The men known as settlers were simply the leading figures in each district, and formed only a small part of the new immigrants...

"It has often been asserted that Iceland was settled by Norse chieftains who could not endure Harald Finehair's tyranny, and sought their freedom elsewhere. According to this view the settlement of Iceland has often been set in the context of the dream of freedom and equality for all in opposition to monarchical oppression. This romantic attitude is not just a gross simplification of the problem; it must also be seen as entirely wrong in many respects, even though Harald Finehair did play a certain part in the affair.

"The settlement of Iceland was a logical step in a general expansion and migration of people in the North during the Viking Age..." (1973, pp. 17-19)

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Copenhagen on Tape

Denmarks Walk-n-Talk Tape Tours International has just released Copenhagen's first guided walking tour on tape.

The cassette tape in English is for tourists, business people, congress participants, etc., who will now be able to explore on their own, with expert guidance and at their own pace, whenever their schedule permits.

"Let's walk in Copenhagen — The Old Town," starts at Town Hall Square and leads the traveler, step by historical step, to where it all happened. History comes to life due to the personalized and exciting narration and the dramatic sound effects.

The tape contains a wealth of information, historical and modern, much of it surprising even to many native Copenhageners. It tells of the warrior-bishop Absalon, who founded Copenhagen in 1167, about the builder King Christian IV, episodes from the Lutheran Reformation, from the Great Fires, the bombardment by the British Navy, . . . in short, about eight centuries of history of kings, czars and prostitutes, bishops and traitors, public floggings and executions, up to present day's more peaceful tourist attractions.

The tape is a knowledgeable and entertaining companion during the tour. It can also be used as the soundtrack for film or photo shows back home and to relive the experience in years to come. Portable tape recorders may be rented a few steps from Town Hall Square at Tuxen Foto, Vester Voldgade 14. The suggested retail price of the tape is Dkr 98.80, including a highlighted map of the tour, and it is available at leading hotels, souvenir kiosks and directly from Walk 'n' Talk Tape Tours Int'l., Skt. Thomas Alle 6, 4tv, DK-1824 Copenhagen V.

Ambassador Helps Dana Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Dana College alumni returned to the campus October 5-7 for a homecoming weekend celebrating the college's 100th birthday.

Also at Dana to help celebrate was the Danish Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Eigel Jorgensen. Jorgensen spoke at a Saturday evening "Salute to Paul Neve." Neve recently retired as professor emeritus of music after 41 years of service to the college. Jorgensen will also cut Dana's birthday cake at a reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Neve.

Also on the Homecoming schedule was Saturday breakfast, called "Aebleskiver and Autographs," with Dr. Peter Petersen, author of Dana's centennial history, "A Place Called Dana."

Dana's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas"

Dana College's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" this year is set for December 2.

New events include "An Elizabethan Christmas," in addition to popular activities repeated from other years, among them Danish, German, French and Spanish Christmas rooms, performances by the Dana Folk Dancers, the Santa Lucia ceremony, "Let's Make It Danish," a band and choir concert, and noon and evening smorgasbords.

Everything is free, except for the smorgasbord. For a Sights and Sounds brochure with a smorgasbord reservation form, write to: Public Relations Office, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

Truman Exhibit at Dana

"Harry S. Truman: A Centennial Remembrance" will be on display at Dana College from November 23 through December 15 and from January 7-10.

The exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of Truman's birth has been prepared by the Truman Library. It comes to Dana with the assistance of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

The exhibit includes photographs, documents, cartoons, and other graphics illustrating the issues, personal and private, that shaped Truman's life.

Viewing hours in the C. A. Dane-LIFE Library are from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.

Founder's Granddaughter Dies

Marguerite (Peg) Vida was laid to rest on September 13 at the age of 71. Mrs. Vida was interred at Riverside Park Cemetery in Spokane, Washington. Marguerite was the granddaughter of William F. Wind, a founder and first president of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

SAS Practices Creative Listening



Ray W. Hagen, SAS Marketing Director

More than two years after the introduction of SAS First Business Class service Scandinavian Airlines is still fine-tuning the amenities offered business travelers.

Speaking at a New York press conference, Ray W. Hagen, Marketing Manager for Scandinavian Airlines/North America, reported that in response to inflight surveys and suggestions included in unsolicited passenger comments, there will be several changes in the fall/winter lineup of SAS products and services. "When your aim is to make the best even better, it makes sense to listen to what your frequent flyers tell you.

"While we're concentrating our marketing efforts on attracting the business market, we have not forgotten our vacation markets," said Hagen. This fall/winter season will afford the widest selection in the history of SAS in North America. . . ."

Squibb Gallery Hosts First U.S. Exhibition of all- Danish Paintings



"Close-up from Alice's Wonderland," an oil by Bent Karl Jacobsen.

"Contemporary Danish Painting An Exhibition," the first display of all-Danish paintings in the United States, will be at The Squibb Gallery November 10 through December 9.

A preview reception is scheduled for Friday, November 9, to benefit the American Diabetes Association. The Danish Minister of Cultural Affairs, Mimi Stilling Jacobsen, will officially open the exhibition, and several members of the Danish diplomatic corps in the U.S. will attend. Poul Janus Ipsen, one of the artists, also will be present.

The collection features the work of thirteen artists, universally recognized as today's leading Danish painters. Each is represented by three works.

In the exhibition catalog foreword, Dr. Bente Scavenius, art historian and critic in Copenhagen, writes, "The main characteristic of Danish art is the light — the same Nordic light immortalized by our artists around the turn of the century."

Dr. Scavenius reports, too, that expressionism has thrived in Denmark. As to why expressive paintings are so essentially Danish, she explains, "It is their mystical and violent elements, and their quest for new ways that are reflected in a somewhat haphazard painting technique."

Besides Ipsen, who will attend the opening, other artists in the collection are Egill Jacobsen — of the famous COBRA movement, Tom Kroejer, Arne Haugen Soerensen, Svend Wiig-Hansen — a leader in expressionism, Wilhelm Freddie — well-known surrealist, Preben Hornung, Bent Karl Jacobsen, Frithioff Johansen, Hans Henrik Lerfeldt, Kai Lindemann, Richard Mortensen — also of COBRA and Hans Voight Steffensen.

Selections from The Squibb Gallery exhibition also will be shown at the American Scandinavian Foundation in New York City January 15 to February 15.

The Squibb Gallery is located in Squibb Corporation, on Route 206 three miles south of Princeton, New Jersey. Gallery hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 9:00 p.m. Thursday. The gallery is open on weekends from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Exhibitions are free of charge.

Askov - en by i Minnesota (Askov - A Village in Minnesota)

review by Otto Hoiberg

This interesting and informative book by Else Mogensen, written in the Danish language, gives evidence of substantial archival research by the author, as well as all-out cooperation by contemporary "Askovites." It traces the development of the Askov (originally "Partridge") community from the earliest promotional efforts through the rigorous pioneering years during which a virtual wilderness, scoured by the devastating "Hinckley fire" in 1894, was converted into a viable agricultural community.

Early settlers in Askov faced obstacles which would have discouraged less hardy and determined souls: trees, stumps, brushwood, swamps, and the ever-present rocks! Clearing this land required back-breaking labor of a magnitude encountered in perhaps no other Danish-American settlement in the United States. Despite the hardships — perhaps in part because of them — a strong spirit of fellowship and cooperation was generated which has endured unto the present day.

The author's use of source materials is distinctive. In a remarkably well-integrated manner, she has woven descriptive letters and documents from original and later authoritative sources into the entire narrative. Another noteworthy feature is found in the numerous illustrations. The photos are of generally superb quality and portray a wide variety of topics ranging from the early "corduroy road" (used to traverse swampland) to excellent portraits of their beloved country doctor, Palmer Nathaniel Fenger, and former Governor Hjalmar Petersen.

The only improvement which suggests itself for the book might have been a brief postscript with a few photographs of Askov as it exists today. **Askov — A Village in Minnesota** represents an important contribution to the growing body of immigrant literature concerning Danish-Americans. It is to be hoped that in due time an English version will be forthcoming, to reach the broader readership in the United States which it truly deserves.

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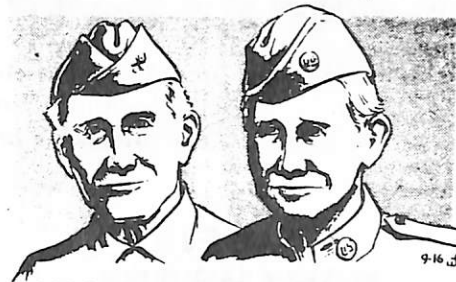
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approached, and I could see the rider was a young woman. Merciful God! I thought, *la belle dame sans merci!* Was she as beautiful as she seemed, or did my mind simply insist that under these circumstances she had to be? Long blond hair flowed back from under the cap. I've always known that Morgan le Fay was dark; thus my temptress was obviously another, probably a neighborhood nymph of some kind. No doubt she had a fairy cave nearby; no doubt she would entice me to it. Could I resist her? Did I want to? But the young lady rode past with no more than a smile. Oh well, if there were worthier knights-errant about. . . .

It was nearly dark when a few minutes later I scrambled through the samplings up an embankment and onto a dirt road running east and west. I turned west of course and discerned through the trees on my left a large open area. Well out there, and still some distance ahead, I could see light on a surface of some kind. Was it a pile of logs, or a shed? Perhaps it would provide some clue to my whereabouts. And so I made my way into the clearing and toward that spot of light.

Believe It or Not!



LOUIS and ENGWARD NIELSEN

twin brothers of Milwaukie, Oregon, who served in World War I, helped organize and are still active members of the American Legion Edward J. Eivers Post 53 in Portland, **AT THE AGE OF 90!**

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Nebraska born twins of Danish parents pass their 92nd birthday in Portland area. Being the oldest living twins in Oregon area, we find Louis and Engward Nielsen are as active as ever.

What met my eyes there my rational mind could not believe — nor does it yet entirely: the faded yellow diesel shovel, the clay pit, and beyond them to the west the house and barns of the forest service farm. The final symbols in my story it seems. Ironic to be saved from such a world of beauty and brought back to a world of rusty diesel shovels and scarred earth. It was six-o'clock: I had been enchanted for exactly one hour.

Thirty minutes later I was home, this time without benefit of shortcuts. "The woods are lovely, dark, and deep, but I have promise to keep," et cetera, et cetera. Thank you very much all the same. During the walk back my rational, skeptical mind insisted that I account for my impossible course somehow, and it advanced an explanation plausible enough. You should have **crossed** the first paved road before you followed it right, it said smugly; you didn't, and thanks to a mistaken assumption, you followed the right road in the wrong direction. As your confidence began to fail and you attempted to correct more and more to the left (what you took to be south), you ended by tracing a good-sized full circle. Perhaps. But my inner compass is too proud to concede this, and besides, the theory of temporary enchantment has a novelty and charm that I am reluctant to lose, skeptic though I am. I have sometimes smiled indulgently at those poets who say symbols are primarily what life is made of, that phenomenal life is real only insofar as the symbols fit. I don't know what to think about that now, but I do know that I had a strange hour.

My wife was relieved to see me. She thought I'd had a jogger's heart attack.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Our Lodges in Action

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — August 19 we held our annual picnic at Martha Lake. Another beautiful day. This year, we didn't need an umbrella to go swimming. A number of Danes from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generations had a wonderful time. Special thanks to our hardworking committee. We are especially appreciative of the many firms and individuals who donated prizes. We enjoyed having as guests from Canada, Herluf and Bente Pedersen, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Praegel.

D.B. No. 29 began its fall season with the traditional Veterans Night on September 5, at the Northwest Danish Home with past officers taking the chairs; Ted Kofoed presiding. Longevity pins were given to the following members: 25-year pins to: Fleming Sorensen, Knud Hansen, Per Larsen, and Harold Kroman. Due for his 60-year pin was Alfred Truelsen, but he was not able to be present. After the meeting we joined the Sisterhood for delicious "smørrebrød, beer and snaps" prepared by Gunnar and Else Sorensen, Edith Andersen, and Herdis Groth.

The forthcoming D.B. 29 Harvest Fest between the Seattle Danes soccer team and the Canadians All-Star Team is Saturday, October 6. There will be two games and two teams from each sponsor. A Harvest Fest party with dinner and dancing follows.

Ted Koefoed, Cor.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Mark your calendars for the Fall Fling to be held on November 17, 1984. It will begin at 7 p.m. and be held at Rose City Hall on S.E. 43rd and Division. Chairmen Fred and Janet Rutledge are planning an evening of fun, dancing, fine food and drinks, good cheer and fellowship.

Our wine-tasting party was terrific. Elk Cove Vineyard gave a beautiful presentation, besides a lot of very, very interesting facts about wines. And Stig Hansen, our own executive chef, again put out a big spread of cheeses from Denmark. "Tusinde Tak" to Stig and his helpers for doing a marvelous job.

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The best idea award for November is being equally divided between Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa, and Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vermont. See pages 14 and 17, respectively.

Scanfest will be on December 1st. The scanfest will be a big celebration. The September issue of the Portland magazine listed lots of events taking place.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our October 3 meeting we will be electing a new representative from our lodge to sit on the board of the Danish Community Centre for the coming year. The following three applicants are scheduled to be initiated: Tommy Nielsen, Peter Jørgensen, Leo Pedersen. If everything goes according to plan, we will be having a guest speaker at our meeting.

The soccer game rematch will be held in Seattle on October 6. This is an exciting event.

Peter Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — After summer vacation, 348 met September 13. We started with a Danish food potluck, then had our meeting, followed by a film, "Farming in Denmark." Forty people attended and enjoyed the evening.

This year the University of Oregon (Eugene) is offering a Danish language class. Karen Møller from Denmark is instructing.

Kris Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

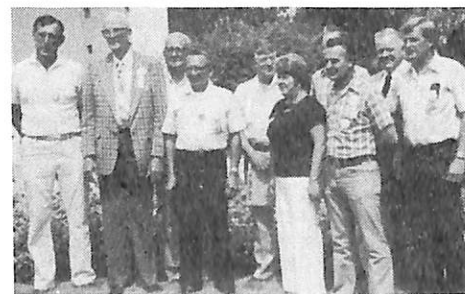
DISTRICT NEWS

The California-Nevada District held its 63rd annual convention in Petaluma August 23, 24, and 25. D.B. Lodge 143 and D.S.S. Lodge 126 were hosts.

A convention in Petaluma is something refreshingly different; a mixture of community cooperation, old fashioned American ingenuity and resourcefulness and a measure of homespun humor. Delegates, their families and visitors were entertained from arrival to departure by local talent. Petaluma retains a good deal of rural or small town character. Our brothers and sisters of those two lodges did an outstanding job of recruiting local talent of all ages. Preparation for this event must have been impressive: costumes for the performers, homemade tote bags for the Sisterhood delegates, rehearsals, etc.



The Ferndale, California, delegation in costume for International Night.



California-Nevada district board for 1984-85.

The theme "It's a Small World" emphasized youth participation and Petaluma's success at this is an example to be followed at future conventions.

L. S. LeLaurant, Sec.

The California-Nevada District three-day convention in Petaluma, California on August 23, 24, 25 is now part of the past, but happy memories linger.

The exciting event saw locals Lillie and Walt Miller installed as presidents of the district in an impressive ceremony highlighted by a heart-warming tribute to the couple. A sixteen member drill team, directed by Dorothy MacKinnon, presented

an exhibition of their skills, climaxed by a poem and song in honor of the newly installed presidents. Lillie and Walt have devoted many years to the advancement of Danish culture in this area. The joint installation of officers was conducted by Woodrow Petersen, National Director, D.B.; Peter Weber, First National Vice President, D.B.; Tove Lundquist, Past President of California District, D.S.S.; and Eunice Sanborn, Past President of the California District, D.S.S. They were assisted by a six-member escort team, all related to the Millers and including their two daughters.

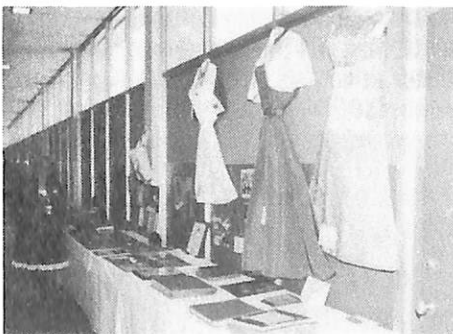
The evening banquet and ball chaired by Dorothy Petersen, followed the convention theme "It's a Small World." Helium balloons floating from baskets of flowers depicted an air balloon and were flanked on each side by international dolls. A surprise to the Millers, their daughter Joyce was presented with a scholarship from the DSS district during the evening's events.



Ready to register, Dorothy Petersen, Nancy Cameron, Romona Larsen, Edith Cooper, and Ursula Lucchessi.



Walking tour participants.



A display of memorabilia dating back to 1911. Wall decorations by Bev Christensen added a special touch to convention events.

Early arrivals got off to a good start on Thursday morning. Cay Jensen led a tour of "Old Petaluma." They saw locations of meeting places of early Danes and

especially Petaluma old "iron fronts," survivors of the 1906 earthquake. Forty golfers competed at Mountain Shadows golf course.

Friday evening was "international night" and most people came in costume to add to the festivities. The buffet featured foods from all lands labeled as such. Costume prizes went to Bessie and Vernon Olsen, Betty Hansen, Sue Lorenzen, Greta Christiansen, Kris Dilbeck and Jennifer Elu.

In addition to the above named national officers, Nancy Nyholm of Illinois, Edna Oslund of Oregon, Dorothy Petersen of Petaluma, all D.S.S. National Officers and Diane Doyle, Director of Fraternal Services, for the D.B. were in attendance. Your Petaluma convention committee and local members are "kinda glad it's all over," but have happy thoughts of the three day event. We hope everyone else does too. See you all in Orange in '85. **Nancy Cameron, Cor.**

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The next important date is Friday, November 16, our annual turkey shoot with bingo and coffee.

The lodge is working on a joint Christmas party with the Sisterhood. This will be Friday, December 21. Lots of goodies and homemade Glug by Erik Kofod.

Betty Seale, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA - We started with a wonderful dinner of barbecued beef, served by Arne Jacobsen, Frank Christoffersen, Bent Thomsen and Bent Pedersen. Mogens Mortensen gave a report on Danish Days activities.

Peter Weber, Ed Madsen, and Frede Kargard reported on the district convention at Petaluma. The treatment and participation of younger members was mentioned. Ed Madsen was installed as District Conductor and Bob Lassister as a Trustee. The 1986 convention will be held in Solvang.

Leo Mathiesen talked about sick benefit funding. Last year the lodge voted to subsidize the sick benefit fund with \$500. The lodge voted to send a plant for her and a bottle of beer for him, to help Svend and Johanne Svendsen celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. A plant was sent to Enok Mortensen, D.D., with the hope that he would get well soon.

Henry Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — August 23-25, group of 15 San Diegans attended interesting and well-planned District Convention in Petaluma. The programs planned and performed by the Petaluma lodge members and their youth were superb.

In the early hours of August 23, approximately 25 Danish friends serenaded Asger

and Vivian Becker with a flower decorated arbor and a traditional Danish song for their 50th anniversary.



Asger and Vivian Becker (left) and Alva and Hans Jensen were honored guests.

September witnessed a festive potluck dinner where the members of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges honored the Asger Beckers and the Hans Jensens for their respective golden wedding anniversaries. On September 15, the Hans Jensen children; Lillian Suda, Freddy and Billy Jensen and their families feted Hans and Alva with a festive celebration.

Art Norgaard, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The progressive dinner hosted by Elmer and Betty Frith and Frank and Bea Jepsen was a big success. Approximately 36 members and friends attended. The food and fellowship were great, even the weather cooperated; though thundershowers had been threatening. It turned out to be a beautiful evening.

Rehearsing each 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m. are our Danish folkdancers, directed by Lloyd Christensen. All members and friends are invited to join the group, which practices in the Danish Church in Los Angeles, 4260 Third Ave. If interested please contact: Kate Krake (818) 351-8026 or Helene Kristensen (213) 445-1366.

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Thirty-one members and guests enjoyed the luau. As usual, there was enough food to feed at least another 31 people. Instead of a lei, each family was given a pineapple (flown in from Hawaii that afternoon). I have heard some good reports about that **good** pineapple. Glenn Braken made all the arrangements for the pineapple and two leis, which were raffle prizes.

Our language classes have begun. Eleven eager "students" came to the first class.

Our October meeting will be busy. After the business meeting, we will have our annual "Silent Auction."

After our November meeting, we will have a bazaar. We will also decide who will be the "parents" of our Cabbage Patch doll.

The lodge is collecting Christmas ornaments for its Christmas tree. Each

member has been asked to bring a special one and give it to Helga Bjorn.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA — September 29 was our Harvest ball/lodge birthday party. We had a potluck dinner with a birthday cake for dessert. Our members wore "country harvest" clothes — ranch hand, farmer's daughter, western or casual dress.

October 6 regular meetings started again and Hans Terkelsen and Vikki Garrison reported on the California-Nevada District convention. Oktoberfest followed. Our lodge families were invited to bring children and their children's friends to a just for fun swim party October 13.

Our 1985 installation will take place on January 12.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

District News

Labor Day weekend, September 1, 2 and 3, was the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention of The Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood; hosted jointly by Elk Horn-Kimballton No. 341.

Paul Carlsen from the National Board of Directors and Andy Andersen from the Home Office brought greetings to 35 delegates and guests.

The Rev. Steven Sorensen from Clear Lake 219 was acted as parliamentarian by President Lewis Opdahl.

The following lodges received these District President's Awards: **Social Activity:** Elk Horn-Kimballton 341, **Civic Activity:** Dike 144, **Annual Activity Schedule:** Cedar Rapids 347, and **Newsletter:** Clear Lake 219.

The district's traveling Super Lodge Rug Award went to Dike No. 144.

Willy Christensen from Des Moines told of progress his committee has made for the National Convention to be in Des Moines, Iowa, in late September 1987.



Iowa-Minnesota Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers with Andy Andersen and National Director Paul Carlsen. (Photo courtesy Jerry Sonsalla)

New Members

Name	Lodge		Sponsor
	No.	Location	
Leslie E. Gardner	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles Kreuser
Richard K. Dunow	14	Kenosha, WI	Albert Pecnick
Scott C. Podella	14	Kenosha, WI	Todd Bernhardt
Ruth I. Swanson	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Astrid V. Torstad	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Ivar S. Johansson	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Marie Johansson	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Henning M. Nord	42	Spokane, WA	Fred Matheny
William E. Richardson	51	Ludington, MI	Walter E. Pankow
Donald J. Warren	71	Penn Yan, NY	Harold C. Andersen
Dean L. Petersen	84	Lincoln, NE	Donald F. Lehn
Carl O. Bechmann	167	Portland, OR	Shawna Reed
Gertrud S. Otzen	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Carl A. Petersen	167	Portland, OR	Shawna Reed
Grete T. Watkins	167	Portland, OR	Buck Jensen
Peter Jorgensen	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Jan D. Nielsen
Tommy D. Nielsen	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Jan D. Nielsen
Leo B. Pedersen	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Karl Madsen
Evan M. Jensen	600	Omaha, NE	Mike Jensen
Vanny Vongsoly	600	Omaha, NE	Robert Ditman
Vicky Vongsoly	600	Omaha, NE	Robert Ditman



District officers for 1984-85, left to right: President Arthur Wall, Vice President Kathleen Sonsalla, Secretary Deloris Ross, Treasurer Harlan Johnsen, 1st Trustee Marvin Christensen, 2nd Trustee Herluf Pedersen, 3rd Trustee Mervin Andersen and Conductor Edward Harris.

Iowa-Minnesota District scholarship awards went to Tanya Moody from West Branch 326 and attending the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls, Iowa, majoring in Special Education; and to Grant Christensen who's attending Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, majoring in Business Administration/Computer Science/Accounting.

The delegates were urged to start thinking of changes they felt necessary for the Bylaws. The next three years will come and go quickly.

Paul Carlsen from the National Board of Directors installed the new officers. Andy Andersen acted as Conductor.

Cedar Rapids No. 347 will host the 1985 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, next Labor Day weekend.

A good time was had by all, many making new friends and many others getting reacquainted with their "old" friends. Mange tusind tak, Elk Horn-Kimballton No. 341, a most successful and enjoyable convention.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At our regular September meeting, Willy Christensen gave a report of the annual convention of the Iowa/Minnesota District held in Kimballton/Elk Horn over Labor Day weekend. Our delegates were Willy Christensen, Ed Harris and Svend Christensen. Lodge No. 341 did an excellent job as host. About 20 of our lodge members attended the banquet held in Atlantic Sunday evening. A good Danish meal was served. As you can see by the picture, Svend, Elly and Kirsten were having a good time.

We will miss Marvin and Shawn Hart who are moving out of Des Moines. They have been very active and helpful in all the lodge activities and we are sorry to see them leave.

Committees are going ahead in Iowa with plans for the National Convention to be held in Des Moines in 1987.

At the next meeting on October 8, plans will be made for the "Mortens Aften" goose dinner to be held in the Dania Hall on November 10.



Svend and Elly Christensen and Kirsten Lundgren (center) at the Iowa-Minnesota District banquet.

Members have been encouraged to recruit new members and also to phone present members and urge them to attend our meetings.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — We met October 6 with 47 members in attendance. Mrs. Debbie Linnes and a group of 12 students demonstrated the Suzuki Violin Method. We were all captivated by the skill and beautiful music of these youngsters — the youngest student being three years of age!

Plans were finalized for the anniversary dinner to be held at the Cottage Cafe, Geneva, Minnesota on November 2.

Brother Norval Nelson in a show-and-tell session demonstrated his talent in producing miniature wooden farm wagons and a horse-drawn school bus. A question and answer period followed with Norval explaining the intricacies of this fascinating hobby.

Marjorie and Alton Neve, Cor.



Danish lady Mary Mommer with daughter Shannon and sons Peter and Brett compliment the scene from Denmark on our float. (Photo courtesy Rita Galloway)

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Dike Lodge 144 and Sisterhood Lodge 176 enjoyed making this float for the Dike Watermelon Days Parade, held in August. Gordon Sloth traveled to Elk Horn, Iowa. With the cooperation of Harvey Sornson and the Elk Horn-Kimballton lodges, the Danish Windmill Replica was transported to Dike for installation on our float.

The pretty Danish lady and her blond-haired youngsters are Mary Mommer, daughter Shannon, sons, Peter and Brett. Mary is a member of the Sisterhood lodge 176. Rita Galloway furnished the geraniums as well as this striking photo. The Dike Lodges thank the Elk Horn/Kimballton lodges for lending the windmill. Dike Lodge President George Olsen helped Sloth dismantle and transport the mill back to Elk Horn, just in time to allow it to be re-assembled and placed inside the Atlantic Country Club; adding a very nice touch to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention banquet.

Dike also was well represented at that event, with 14 of our members there. We were impressed with the preparations of the

host lodges, and enjoyed every bit of the weekend.

At our October meeting, we are looking forward to a summary of activities at Skovsøen from three young Danes who attended from our area. This will also be our aebleskiver night.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kristen Hansen, of Cedar Falls, on their 60th wedding anniversary, celebrated in September. **Lyle R. Refshauge, Sec.**

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — We keep "plugging along" in spite of our small membership. Members met June 9 at the home of Stewart and Ruby Arnold in West Liberty, Iowa for our yearly picnic. Despite a sultry and rainy afternoon, many were seen enjoying the swimming pool, playing cards, or just visiting. On August 4, members caravanned to the home of Alfred and Gladys Erickson in Davenport. On September 8, members met at the home of Glenn and Helga Jensen in Muscatine. Delegate Gunnar Krogh gave his report from the recent Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held in Elk Horn and Kimballton over the Labor Day weekend. Then, Iowa-Minnesota District Secretary, Deloris Ross, presented the District's Scholarship Award check to Howard and Wilma Neelson, who accepted the check in the absence of their granddaughter, Tanya Moody. Tanya attends the



Iowa-Minnesota District Secretary, Deloris Ross, presents District Scholarship check to Howard and Wilma Neelson, who accepted the check for their granddaughter, Tanya Moody.

University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls. This money will help finance and further her education. Our lodge feels honored to have this award go to someone from our lodge.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — No. 17 hosted the three-day 33rd Midwest District convention with Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge 4 at the Hyatt Lincolnwood Hotel, Lincolnwood, Ill., September 28, 29 and 30. A banquet on the 29th was attended by 125 delegates and guests. The hotel's grand ballroom was used. A superb chicken Kiev dinner with all the trimmings was served. Master of ceremonies, Thorkild Winther,

introduced the speakers after Kittie-Vadis LaPointe sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and Peder Larsen sang "Der er et yndigt Land" joined by the diners. Merle L. Nylen, President of No. 17 and the Midwest District, bid all welcome. Virginia Christensen, President of the Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge 4, and Karen L. Nylen, President of the Sisterhood Midwest District, spoke briefly. National President, Robert E. Ibsen, and Gladys Nordine, National President of the Sisterhood, delivered appropriate and encouraging words about Danish togetherness. It was a pleasure, especially, to have Presidents Ibsen and Nordine present. Bob Ibsen introduced a special guest from Seattle, National Second Vice President, Clyde R. Langsted, an outstanding speaker. All speeches were short and to the point.

Gala entertainment was due Kittie-Vadis LaPointe's popular Chicago's North Side Dance Ensemble from her La Ballet Petit. They presented new routines by the large group of the school's teachers and students. Every performance had appropriate music supplied by Arthur LaPointe. Both the LaPointes are members of 17.

After the LaPointes finished the beautiful and varied performance, the David Kyrk orchestra played polka and waltzes, real "gammeldags" music with a little modern thrown in; including the "Chicken Plucker" hit. Kyrk knows what brings young and old to the dance floor. Albertice Nylen was chairperson of the Midwest Convention. Thanks to an excellent committee for a very memorable evening. **W. B. Thorsen, Cor.**

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Summer has come and gone, and we have already kicked off our fall season of activities. The German Fest was filled to capacity with a waiting list (sorry about those of you who were not able to attend). Again, we remind our members to sign up early for reservations to attend the activities we have planned for the remainder of the year.

The hall was beautifully decorated including miniature gazebos made by Shirley Roders which were given away.

Welcome new members Leslie Gardner and Richard Dunow.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Monday, October 8 Illinois Bell Manager Jim Ludeman gave a program entitled "The Choice is Yours" which provided information on how to make the best choices from the array of products and services now available from Illinois Bell.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Payments to Board Members

OCTOBER 1984
Robert E. Ibsen, \$262.00.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Ten of our members joined the bus trip sponsored by Swedish Linde Lodge 492, and attended the September 9 Scandinavian Day Picnic at VASA Park, Elgin, Ill. We bought articles from many shops, enjoyed delicious Scandinavian food, including aebleskiver, and saw a colorful and entertaining program. We met many members of the Danish Brotherhood Midwest District lodges and renewed old acquaintances.

We participated in the 33rd Annual Midwest District Convention in Lincolnwood, Illinois, September 29 and 30, for which excellent preparations were made and co-hosted by Chicago's Brotherhood Lodge No. 17 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 4. We were especially proud to have been presented the 1984 Midwest District President's Award for Best Local Lodge Single Civic Activity. **Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Our September meeting was on the 14. We had our usual business meeting and then proceeded with our program.

We were privileged to have as our guest, Adeline the Psychic. She told us all about her psychic abilities and it was a most interesting evening. She then did a reading on everyone present. She was pretty close on a lot of the members. I know she was right on mine. Some people don't believe anyone has this ability, but who knows? We then had our usual delicious lunch. We had a large group for this event. It sure was great to see a lot of our members who haven't been there for a while. Here's hoping that we see them every month.

Our November meeting will be election of new officers. We have changed this to the November meeting instead of the December meeting. We will not have a meeting in December as it always is the night before our Christmas party and that means two nights in a row. Installation of officers will be in January as usual.

Here's hoping to see you all at the November meeting, so we can begin making arrangements for our Christmas party. **Lois Skraboly, Cor.**

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our lodge held our annual aebleskiver supper on September 27 with the menu consisting of aebleskiver, sausage, applesauce, syrup, jam, jelly, kringle and coffee. Three Danish aebleskiver bakers, in red caps, red Danish vests and white aprons, prepared aebleskiver in the dining room and were the center of attention. The steel knitting needles for turning and testing the aebleskiver worked to perfection. Others baked in the kitchen.

Red placemats, white napkins, red and white centerpieces with the Danish Brotherhood in America logo in white on red along with Danish flags and small strings of Danish flags made a colorful dining room, all made by vice-president and aebleskiver chairman, Loyal Lundorf. Our large Danish and American flags were also in the room.

At our last meeting Kenneth Peterson, one of our members, explained the new service in our community — "Old Town Thrift." This is a Goodwill type organization. Proceeds go to charity. Goodwill truck pick-up of donations of clothing, appliances,

furniture and such, has been discontinued in Waupaca for some time. This new thrift store is intended to fill that void as well as assisting, free of charge, some who are desperately in need. There are openings for volunteers from organizations such as our Brotherhood.

We are making plans for our annual Morten's Goose dinner to be held at the Waupaca Country Club on Saturday, November 10th. **Evelyn Doerr, Pres.**

NEBRASKA

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — Lodge No. 161 met Sunday afternoon in Lincoln Park in Superior. Thirty were present for an afternoon of games, climaxed with a watermelon feed which was followed with a business meeting. \$100 was contributed to assist with the National Convention in Des Moines '87. Our lodge plans to have a good representation at the Nebraska District Convention in Minden. Hosts were: Mr. and Mrs. Steven McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thomsen. The next meeting will be in Ruskin, October 13. **Lois Lewis, Sec.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Sixty-five members and guests attended our September 24 anniversary banquet, marking the 10th anniversary of our lodge reorganization. Andy Andersen, the National Agency Director, was our guest speaker. It was because of Andy's efforts, that our lodge was reorganized 10 years ago. Although he reminded us of the past, Andy centered his talk on growth in the future.

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
8-4-84	Axel R. Madsen	74	Dillon, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1930
8-1-84	Keld Sorensen	64	Maribo, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1949
7-30-84	Roland M. Hansen	72	Duluth, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1936
8-20-84	Robert M. Udesen, Jr.	67	Minot, North Dakota	322	Santa Barbara, California	1964
8-28-84	Elmer W. Petersen	75	Dillon, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1928
7-3-84	Knud O. Cronfelt	85	Odense, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1940
7-2-84	Ernest M. Jorgensen	73	Saratoga County, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1934
8-24-84	N. Ove Jensen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1925
9-11-84	Ernest R. Sieburg	90	Veje, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1915
5-7-84	Niels Nielsen	83	Nykobing, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1925
9-9-84	Willy Hansen	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1928
9-10-84	Slgurth Spendrup	78	Ais, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1965
8-28-84	Axel Johnson	84	Redwood, Minnesota	283	Dagmar, Montana	1919
8-18-84	Emil Nelson	89	Odessa, Minnesota	95	Ferndale, California	1946
9-10-84	Stanley Jensen	72	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1974
4-84	Otto Westergaard	87	Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
9-24-84	Chris J. Jensen	84	Allestrup, Denmark	34	Dwight, Illinois	1974
8-23-84	Wilfred W. Welch	70	Seattle, Washington	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1975
9-25-84	Karl P. Anderson	76	Dronninglund, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1976
1984	Hazel G. Smith	74	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1967
7-25-84	Charles K. Hansen	97	Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1978

We were entertained further by Wally Johnson who performed several musical pieces on his concertina.

Thanks to our September committee, consisting of Jens Krogh's, Tage Christensen's, Paul Strand's and Harold Hansen's, we well spent an enjoyable evening.

Jerry Christensen, Pres.

1983 President's Award Social Activity

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #225, Canton, OH and Lodge #301, Akron, OH — When someone mentions Halloween, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Well, whether it's tricks or treats or goblins or witches or pumpkin pie, the Lodge 225 Halloween party will definitely put you into the "spirit" of things. The party will be held on Friday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. All children (or kid at heart) are asked to dress in costumes. There will be games and treats for all ages. And, as a special added bonus, BJ will mix and brew and create the lunch that evening. If you don't come for any other reason, you have to come and see this!

Belinda James, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Saturday, September 15 we had our 1st annual Clam Bake. At the last minute we had to move it from Gerda Sorensen's home to a hall down the road because of the weather, but everything else was great. There was plenty of food for everyone and plenty of beer, too. We even made a small profit. Special thanks to the committee.

Our next meeting will be October 9. We are going to have a potluck supper and bingo.

Between 8 and 9 p.m. we will start to make Danish Christmas decorations. Inga-Lisa and Jeffa will be in charge. The lodge will supply everything needed for the children. At 9 p.m. we will have our bingo game. It will be a fun evening.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — We held our summer meetings at Veeders Restaurant, Colonie, N.Y. and will continue this arrangement until the new Elks Lodge is opened.

We thank George Severson for a great outing at his summer home at Lake George, N.Y. We had a good turn out including Irv Jensen and Bob Nielsen from Troy, N.Y. Bob brought along his Olympic Torch, which he had the honor of running with in New York City.

Norm Hanson and Olin Yauchler represented Lodge 190 at the GCEL convention over Labor Day. Norm was happy to announce he was elected treasurer of the GCEL. Next year's convention will be held at Barre, Vt.

Our 1985 slate of officers will be voted on at the first meeting in December '84. We decided to have a combined 80th anniversary and Christmas party.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — We had a fairly good turnout at the first fall meeting. We were pleased to welcome a guest, Elsa Petersen, wife of Woody Petersen, a Director of the Danish Brotherhood.

Bill Steffensen, secretary and correspondent for Cimbria Lodge, tendered his resignation from Lodge 257 due to poor health in the family. We will miss his smiling face and good Danish humor. Bill and his charming wife Esther have worked diligently contributing much to the welfare of the lodge. Although they were not present, we paid them a tribute and wished them many years of health and happiness at their new home in Norreballe, Denmark. Since they continue to be members of Long Island, N.Y. Lodge No. 325, they have been awarded Honorary Membership in No. 257.

We regret our president, Elmer Jensen, continues to be on the sick list. He has our sincere wishes for a quick recovery.

We are happy to welcome back Ella Jensen and Paul Vedel, who had missed a number of meetings due to illness. Welcomed back from a stay at the hospital was Niels Kjeldgaard, almost as good as new.

After the meeting we enjoyed homemade cake and coffee with thanks to Tove Parkes and Elga Jorgensen. Bob Jorgensen, our treasurer, treated us to wine which was appreciated by all.

Emil Mogensen, Vice Pres.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — September 10 chairman of the membership committee, Brother Harry Mikkelsen, showed slides received from the Home Office and gave a report on the promotional material he had received for the membership drive. Sister Sharon Lunde, our delegate to the GCEL, gave a fine report. The convention accepted the invitation of the Green Mt. Lodge 294 to host the 1985 Convention at Barre, Vermont. She also reported that her husband, Brother Kenneth Lunde, has been elected President of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges for 1985. Sharon received a round of applause for her report, and Kenneth received a standing round of applause for his election as President.

Thomas Mekkelsen, Jr., reported on a

recent bus tour he operated from Manhattan, N.Y. to Los Angeles, Ca. He stopped at the Danish village of Solvang, Ca., and attempted to contact someone from that lodge. He stopped at several businesses but could find no one who was a member of The Danish Brotherhood. He had wanted to pass on greetings from Lodge 294.

Tom made a suggestion that each lodge contact their Chamber of Commerce and leave some names of members who might be contacted by visiting members of other lodges while in their area.

Thomas Mekkelsen, Sec.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our September meeting was the start of our fall-winter season, meaning from now until June we will be serving our well-known smorgasbord at meetings. We had no meeting in August — by mistake they rented the hall on the date we have our meetings.

At the opening of our September meeting, we had a minute of silence in memory of Helge Nielsen, Aage Dolleris and Gunnar Larsen. Leif C. Pedersen was initiated into our lodge. Welcome, Leif.

Most of our business meeting was spent on interpreting the questionnaire from the Alternate Funding Committee. Some felt that questions should have been stated more clearly. It would have been helpful if information had been given about what the dues would amount to, and how much it would cost to run the Society if insurance was voluntary. It was decided to table the question to the next meeting.

From the GCEL we were honored to receive the District President's award for best civic activity — our members' participation in the Olympics for the Disabled.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — Members of Lodge 56 and other Danes joined together to make the 1984 Ethnic Enrichment Commission Festival a great success! Held at Kansas City's Swope Park, the festival attracted more than 30,000 visitors.



Ejlif and Esther Schmidt and Gerda Wallace helped with sales.

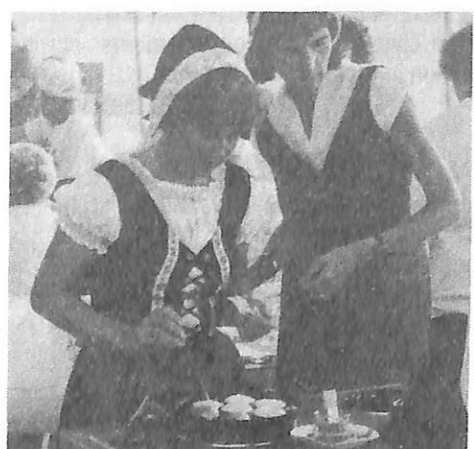
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Hella Thompson and Kirstin McBride demonstrate aebleskiver making.

Lodge 56 demonstrated and sold authentic Danish aebleskiver cooked by native-born and 1st generation Danes. It proved to be a popular spot as many lined up to watch and sample the delicious Danish pastry. The lodge also distributed material on the DBIA and sold DBIA items as

well as Danish cookies. Visitors expressed great interest in a Genealogy Booth set up to demonstrate how Scandinavians can trace their family history.



Einar Swanson, one of many volunteer members working in the summer heat, to support the festival.

Proceeds of the sales will be used to support cultural and humanitarian activities in the area. Last year the lodge donated proceeds to the Danish Immigrant Museum.

More than 37 ethnic groups participated in the festival providing entertainment,

food, arts and crafts, as well as free cultural information.

Bob Wallace, Cor.



YOUTH NEWS

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our camp youth, Annette Bennett; Debbie and Kelly Mortensen; Becky and Dan Lauritsen thanked the lodge at our September meeting for sending them to Skovsøen. It sounds like they had a real good time, plus learned about Danish customs and language.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

See also page 7 of this issue for a report of the Youth Program sponsored by the California-Nevada District.

Trolls are Alive and Well

and Living in the Forests of Denmark

by H. Wayne Schow

Six hours working in a study is long enough. At three-thirty I was badly in need of fresh air, and so in spite of the gray, damp day I decided to take a short run in the woods which lie near our rented villa. It is a lovely forest, consisting primarily of pine and beech. Like all forests in Denmark, it is carefully husbanded, with evidence all around of systematic harvesting and replanting. Numerous narrow logging paths, cut through the standing timber, crisscross each other irregularly; one sees low tree stumps distributed randomly, and here and there a neat pile of small logs. Yet surprisingly, these woods have not surrendered their own character and integrity. A favorable combination of temperature, moisture, and soil enables quick recovery; rampant green moss and a thick cushion of needles and rotting leaves cover the scars left by man and minimize their effect. This is not a large forest, perhaps eight kilometers at its widest dimension, but there is more than enough room for a middle-aged runner.

The winter frost was thawing a little, and that, together with the light rain of the previous day, made the wider paths muddy. It did not take me long to run tired, and I began to think about turning back. My canvas shoes were already soaked through and the overcast sky was threatening more rain. But the damp air smelled fresh and clean and it felt good on my perspiring face. Why return just yet. And then, as if to settle the matter, I recalled I'd been told of a stone-age grave, a dolmen, lying somewhere several kilometers to the northeast. Perhaps I could locate it, and even if I didn't, it was sufficient excuse for a longer jaunt.

Body in motion once again, jogging easily through open beech woods, I came shortly to a major highway which divided the forest from north to south. Across it then, following my nose along irregular paths, ruts, and lanes, but still moving generally northeast. Ten minutes more and emerged onto a secondary paved road running east and west. I turned right to follow it, and before long I encountered a young forester putting his tools away in a mobile shed. Did he know of an old stone grave in this part of the woods? Yes, there was a marker raised a kilometer or so to the south, in memory (he thought) of two Danish resistance fighters who had been shot by the Germans. No, I said, I was looking for an ancient grave. He took a map from his box, and we studied it together. Wasn't that it, I asked, pointing to some markers I'd seen previously on another map. That was a forest service farm, he said; horses was kept there. But yes, of course! (now he remembered) there was an old grave there, a path behind the farmyard led off to it. I could simply follow the unsurfaced road which lay shortly ahead on the left.



**“But Europe held forth the charms of storied
and poetical association.”**

—Washington Irving—

I did follow it for a kilometer, but with waning pleasure, for it was a muddy, straight, and dull stretch. Then at a slight rise where the road curved right, I could see the cleared fields of the farm and the yellow thatched buildings belonging to it, all framed picturesquely by woods beyond. Charmed by the view ahead, I slowed to a walk. Some minutes later, just before reaching the house and barns, I saw on the opposite side of the road a sight incongruous in this pastoral setting, an enormous clay pit thirty to forty feet deep and perhaps two hundred fifty yards in diameter. On the far shoulder, graceless and solitary, stood a faded yellow diesel shovel.

Absolutely no one was about on either side of the road — that seemed strange at four-thirty in the afternoon. Beyond the buildings I came to a dirt road crossing, and then — quite suddenly — I was aware of something human, a little girl of eight or nine approaching from the opposite direction. Wrapped warmly in a cloak and hood, she seemed withdrawn into herself and would have passed me, I believe, without so much as looking at me. But I intruded on her privacy to ask directions. Without speaking she pointed out the path, at the beginning of which I was virtually standing, pointed with scarcely a pause and without the slightest change of expression, and when I looked back a moment later she had entirely disappeared. I smiled, thinking that she had been strangely like a fairy child.

Along the path then for a short distance, side-

stepping puddles, past the lonely horses standing in soggy pasture, until before me on a slightly raised point of ground lay the object of my search. There under several ancient trees stood not one but two dolmens, the closest of surprising size: the four supporting stones rose from the ground nearly four feet, and the covering stone was ten feet long, six wide, and nearly three feet at its thickest point. Around the dolmens were reared some fifty moss-covered rocks (I counted them), each jutting between four and six feet out of the earth, and together forming an oval enclosure forty yards long, fifteen across (I paced it off through soggy grass).

There we were, the stones and I. It was something like being in a graveyard, not spooky, yet eerie in a subtler way. No denying that standing in such a place on a gloomy winter day provokes the imagination. I had read a little about these strange dolmens. Nowhere are there so many of them as in little Denmark — more than five thousand dot the countryside. Were they the graves of prehistoric chieftains and kings? Were they altars consecrated to pagan gods by the blood sacrifice of human beings? No one knows for certain. How did those ancient fellows move such large stones? These were not, of course, as monstrous as the dolomites reared by druids at Stonehenge; still one who on his own bit of ground has tried to move much smaller rocks with only simple levers and muscle can appreciate what effort was involved. Suddenly, the intervening forty or fifty centuries are

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effaced and those ancient men are your brothers.

The impressions evoked by these stones is different from what one would feel standing, let us say, by the pyramids or by a Greek temple. The latter are grander achievements of course, they represent human culture at a more advanced stage. One associates them with southern sunshine and open landscape. By contrast one envisions these primitive northerners raising their bizarre religious monuments and living out their short lives in the darkness of dense, continuous forests, a darkness intensified by the long Nordic winter. A damp, lowering afternoon in February helps immensely to conjure up the haunting early hour of human experience when men, huddled around small fires, looked out into this dark and close and mysterious environment and saw it peopled with other than mortal creatures — with gods, demons and trolls.

Five o'clock. With alternate jogging and walking I could be home in half an hour or so. I retraced my steps around the puddles on the path, past the horses in the pasture. With their long-haired winter coats, they looked a bit prehistoric. Had their ancestors helped mine pull those stones into place? Past the picturesque barns I continued, past the ugly clay pit. At the first turning I contemplated the muddy road ahead and did not fancy it. Better to take a diagonal shortcut here through the woods, I thought; by bearing southwest I was bound to come out near home. Wet leaves and needles are far more pleasant turf than mud and asphalt, and so I moved along for ten minutes, picking my way now and then through thickets and around an occasional bog.

I must tell you now a thing or two about myself. I am not a particular imaginative creature. I should judge myself a little better off in this respect than Conrad's Captain Macwhirr, but unfortunately not much less stolid than Holmes's friend Dr. Watson. Except for a few doggeral verses, I've never written poetry. I never have intuitions, never hear mysterious voices, have

never seen a vision. Without attaching any evaluative judgment to the fact, I'd call myself practical, rational, and skeptical by nature. In spite of this, I began to toy in my mind with the report I'd give when I got home: There were definitely trolls in the neighborhood. I had not seen the bogman (he's devilishly elusive and few get eyes on him), but I had had a glimpse or two of his wife the bogwoman, was fairly certain I had seen the mist rising from the bog beer for the brewing of which she is famous. Furthermore, I'd stepped on the hair of any number of boggirls (tufts of grass in swampy areas) and stumbled against more than a few bogboy legs (crooked sticks protruding from the soft ground); everyone knows of course that these juvenile trolls play wild games at night but are sometimes arrested in mid-retreat by the sun's rays as they scramble to get safely underground at daybreak. I wish I could claim to have invented this charming little myth — it is public property in Scandinavia — but unimaginative intelligence may at least be allowed to embroider.

Before I wanted to see it, I was aware of the secondary paved road on my right, and though I scorned it for several hundred yards, a thick growth of saplings finally drove me onto it. Well, I would follow it west until it joined the main highway, then I'd head southwest for home. And just then I became aware of a solitary figure in a blue sweatsuit jogging toward me. He passed without so much as a glance in my direction, as if I weren't there. Strange, don't you think? A man running, a symbol of some kind, headed for the deep woods, the wrong direction it seemed to me as I thought about getting home. But inspired by his example I set off briskly to the west and continued running until the sweat was pouring from me.

The asphalt road curved northwesterly then, and since I knew the main highway lay only a little way straight ahead I decided to follow a dirt road that angled off slightly to the left. I was intrigued moreover by a sign at the side of the road which said "Pond

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House." Must be that lonely-looking structure visible on the high ground a quarter mile ahead, I thought. Drawing nearer, I slowed to a walk, fascinated by the sight of an old house and barn seemingly lifted from the world of Hans Christian Andersen. The barn was built of handsome brown brick, with a thatched roof quaintly curved just above the main door. High in the gable, wrought in iron, were the numbers 1873. Immediately adjacent to the barn and of an equal height stood the classic white Danish farmhouse, constructed of brick and timber, also thatched, and perhaps a hundred fifty years old. Both buildings were immaculately kept.

Two things struck me with respect to this scene. I became suddenly aware of an extraordinary silence, a silence so deep that the very absence of sound transformed it into an intrusive presence. I think I did not even hear my own footsteps. And I saw no signs at all of life about this dwelling, that is, not until I passed directly opposite the house (and even then I could not be sure). As the road ran very close to the parlor window I could see perfectly into the now lighted room, and there in profile sat a man and woman of perhaps sixty, he on one side of a table, she on the other, both staring at something before them. They were not aware of me. I supposed they were reading, but it struck me that they were transfixed in this perfectly symmetrical tableau. Had a spell been cast over them, and would their youngest son return with fortune and bride, to free them? In some strange way they seemed symbolic rather than real as they sat there in their isolated fairy-tale house on a hill that sloped away sharply to a pond and woods.

Beyond the farmyard, the road dipped quickly into a hollow and curved away to the northwest. Strange, I thought, I should have expected the main highway to be just here. But it would be a waste of time to walk northwest. Instead I'd turn southwest into the woods.

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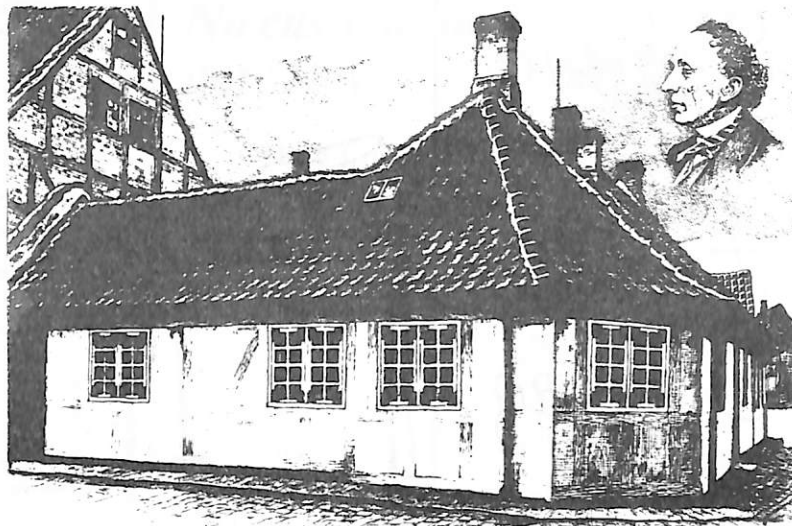
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environment now as the light faded from the sky. Whether they occurred suddenly or had been developing unnoticed by me, I cannot say; whether real or imagined I am now uncertain. For one thing there was much less evidence of human activity in the forest around me. There were fewer paths, and they were narrower and older. There was more rolling in the land surface, which drained to increasingly numerous bogs in the lower areas; one caught glimpses through the trees of small ponds, gray, still partly ice-covered, lonely, with jagged limbs of naked trees hanging over them. What — or who — lived in and around those ponds? Walking here, I felt the benign world of H. C. Andersen giving way to the somber, deep, dark, and eerie forest of the Brothers Grimm. Hansel and Gretel could have wandered here at just this ominously silent hour, lost and frightened. And not least strange for me, the highway seemed to have vanished from the face of the earth. Where had it gone?

I should pause here to say that I am not a novice outdoorsman. The open forests, the hills, and the plains of the Rocky Mountain West are familiar terrain to me, and I've never been lost in them. Privately I've always attributed that to my highly reliable inner compass. Now, in this postage stamp forest, I was ready to admit I was lost. I did not understand how, since my yeoman directional sense told me I'd been moving steadily between south and west, but without sun or landmarks to orient myself by, I had, as the Danes would say, "farete vild."

And not merely was I astray in space but in time as well, that was the strangest part of it. Running in the Birkerød Forest, I had lost it and stumbled into the forest primordial. There is under certain atmospheric conditions a brief period just before darkness descends when the world becomes uncanny, when one can be drawn by dim luminescence, by extra-natural quiet, and by a dash of fatigue into another order of existence which is essentially timeless. It is something more than being projected into earlier or

future time, though in a sense it embraces that. With the dolmen as a catalyst I was perceiving this forest environment as my prehistoric progenitors probably perceived it — as alive in some super-natural way. Funny how in little Denmark, with at least five thousand years of continuous human habitation concentrated in so small an area, one is brought inescapably into touch with the human past. One feels in a little Danish forest that every rock and tree, if it had tongue and voice, could tell of human love, fear, valor, desperation observed at first hand (so different in this way from the great wilderness expanses of western America, which one thinks of frequently in terms of how they were before man touched them, or when only a few fearless men were absorbed in their vastness). The paradoxical result: you feel historical consciousness slipping away. This concentration, this telescoping of human experience and human consciousness inevitably moves one beyond temporal perception into the realm of human universals, the realm of archetypal awareness. It changes a literal forest into a symbolic landscape of the psyche. Under the influence of atmospheric enchantment these woods had become the forest where Beowulf followed the tracks of Grendel's mother, the forest through which the knights of the round table may have quested, the forest where Peer Gynt encountered the mountain king. This was not any longer an impressionist woodland, characterized by delicate nuances of light and shade and color perceived esthetically, but a psychic arena where forces of light and darkness, good and evil contend — subtly or openly. In spite of myself, I had entered that timeless forest.

You will wonder if I was worried about being lost. Oddly no. I assumed that I would walk out of the woods eventually and could find out where I was. And so I surrendered myself to the imaginative intoxication so foreign to my nature, meanwhile continuing to walk south and west.

After a little I began to hear the sounds of auto-

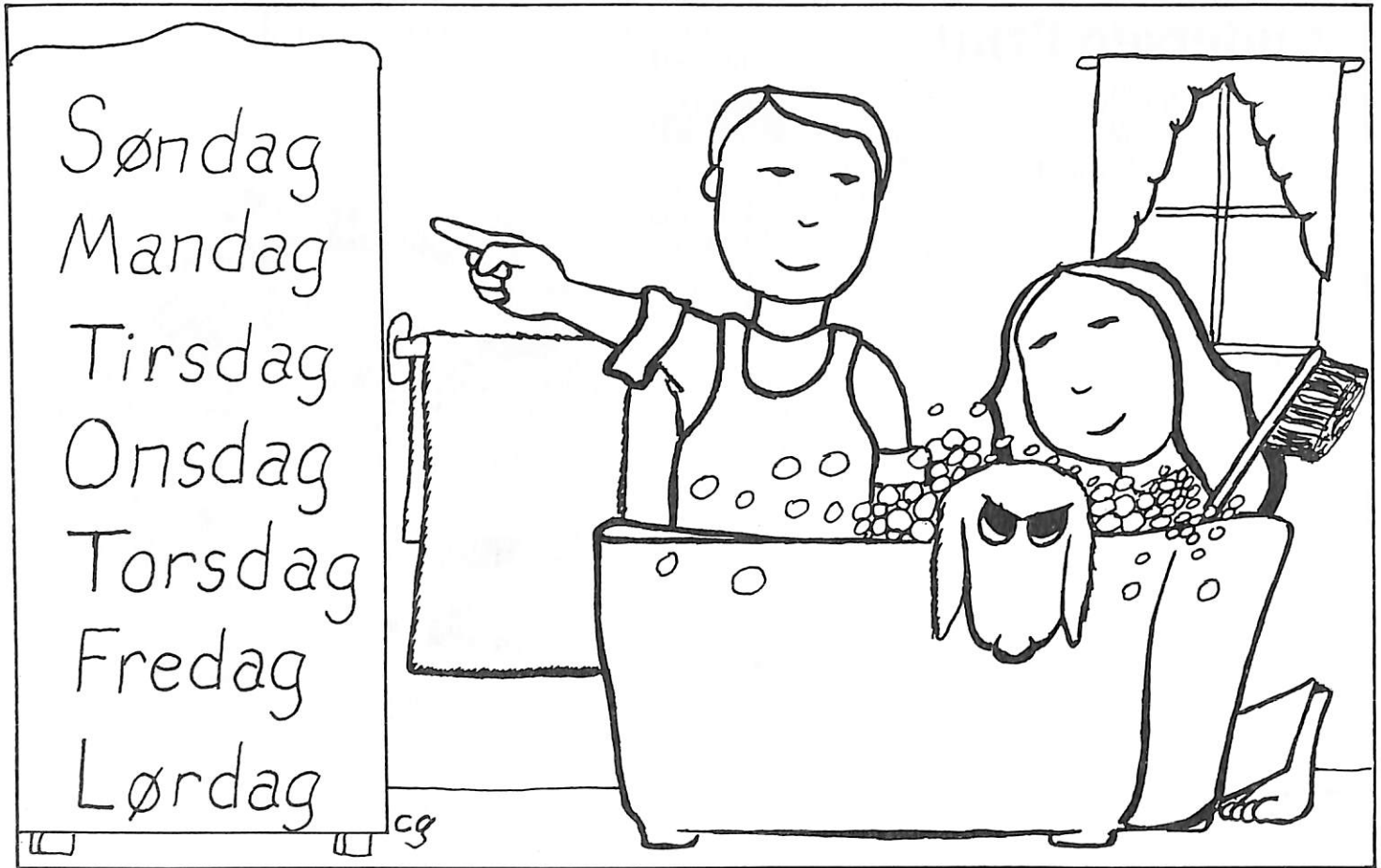
mobiles speeding along the highway — at a distance of course, and faintly. Accordingly I kept expecting to see the highway just ahead. But eventually I had to acknowledge this as nothing more than an auditory will-o-the-wisp, the wind rustling high up in the trees, for to my surprise I discovered ahead of me where the road should have been, a forest lake of some size. The opposite shore was visible but irregular, and the lake seemed to wind southwesterly for an indefinite distance, its margins obscured by beech trees. I should add that there is no lake where I thought I was (or ought to have been), nor did I know of any other in the vicinity.

Did I say a symbolic landscape? This lake resembled surprisingly another once seen in my mind's eye — and for one moment I was sure I had stumbled onto that dark body of water where Grendel and his infamous dam once dwelt (it can't be deep enough, said my rational mind). I paused along the shore. "The sedge was withered by the lake, / And no birds sung." I looked at the thinning ice, speculated how far one might walk out on it. By the shallow edges my weight caused the water beneath to dart outward under the pressure. A little further and I could see the black water underneath. I turned back.

Did I say a symbolic landscape? A hundred yards from the lake shore I came to a crossing of paths, and for a moment I thought I was virtually home, so uncannily did the spot resemble a crossing near where I had first entered the forest from what seemed now another age, another life. There was a gentle sloping hill covered with open beech woods to the right, dense and dark and enticing pine forest to the left. My inner compass told me to follow the path to the right, but something obviously was wrong with that compass. I stood deliberating for a moment, then turned left. Hang the road not taken, said I, and after not more than a few steps I became aware of a horse and rider galloping toward me. They slowed a little as they

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Hans and Grete



Hans shows an unhappy Spot it really is bath day, Søndag (Sunday).

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by Dagmar Jensen

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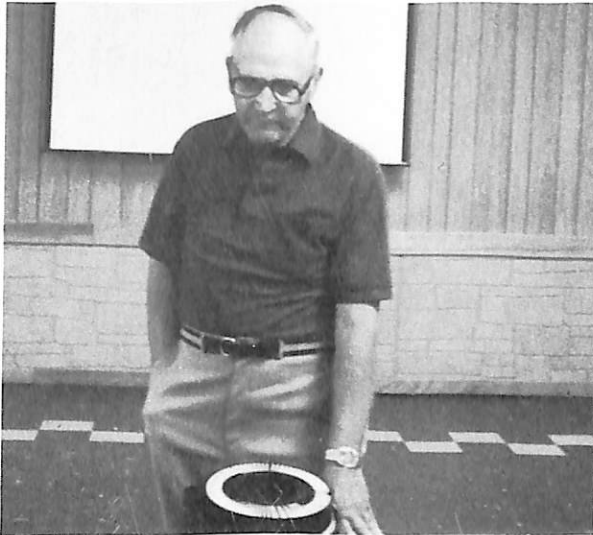


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Viking Adventures

A good lodge is a lodge with a purpose. The lodge that does something important. These lodges have fewer attendance and growth problems. They provide real service to their members through their Danish ethnic programming. It is important to remember and learn about our heritage.

LODGE NO. 144, DIKE, IOWA — THE DANISH MILL



Harvey Sorensen talking about the Mill.

Secretary Lyle Refshauge wrote about an informative program other Midwestern lodges might enjoy. "Dike Lodge 144 and Sisterhood Lodge 176 were very pleased and privileged to see a slide presentation and listen to the story told by Harvey Sorensen of Kimballton, Iowa. Harvey, with his typical Dane humor, told us how the Danish Windmill, now at Elk Horn, came to Iowa from Denmark, and the difficulties encountered in that project."

Cost estimates were a little out of whack, Mr. Sorensen said. Item after item kept coming up, each costing money. It was a year of frustration. The mill was purchased for about \$11,000, but somehow this grew to \$30,000, and then there was packing and freight charges of about \$8,000, and customs charges of about \$2,000. Overall, about \$42,000 was paid out.

Harvey was emphatic about one thing; there was no labor paid out at the building site. Community cooperation was terrific. Whenever help was needed, it was there, including use of excavating equipment, etc.

To help them assemble the mill, the people in Denmark built for \$1,000 a replica of the mill about 7 feet high. This was to be numbered, like a model should be. The fact they used blue chalk to do the numbering proved to be a definite disadvantage. This scale model was a very useful reference, however. Mr. Sorensen had high praises for a Mr. Christensen, a 75-year-old ball of fire, who had restored mills in Denmark.

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