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Cover photo: The Little Mermaid, molded in bronze by Edvard Eriksen in 1913, resides at the entrance of Copenhagen Harbor. Courtesy of Edward J. Hansen of Lodge No. 43.

President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen, National President

In the past two years it has been a privilege for the Board of Directors to approve financial assistance for three districts as they supported activities for the benefit of lodges within their jurisdiction. The Nebraska District was the first to take advantage of this assistance for their lodge visitation program. It was approved that the California-Nevada District receive funding for their district convention youth program, and the Midwest District for their youth bowling tournament.

Your district may also receive funds to help subsidize the cost of a district program. As stipulated in Section 83, paragraph 10 of Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, just apply to the National Headquarters by outlining your new district program and its needs.

Due to the sad loss of Richard Christensen, Chairman of the Alternate Funding Committee, it has been necessary for the Board of Directors to select a replacement for this position. I am pleased to announce that Norbert E. Grove has accepted to fill this vacancy. Norbert is a member of Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma, Washington, and has served on the Alternate Funding Committee since its conception at the 1983 National Convention as Vice Chairman. Norbert also served as a member of the National Board of Directors from September, 1980, to September, 1983.

Melvin P. Pihl of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, has been appointed Vice Chairman and has also served on the Alternate Funding Committee since its conception. We are looking forward to the opportunity of working with Norbert and Melvin and, of course, the rest of the committee.

At the Spring, 1985 meeting, the Board of Directors discussed the idea of district workshops. It was enthusiastically decided that the district workshops will be conducted in 1986 led by Jerome L. Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer, Andy Andersen, Sales Director, and Pam Dorau, Fraternal Director. The purpose of the workshops is to open lines of communication between the home office staff and our members. This will enable our entire membership to share ideas and achieve common goals. Your lodge officers will receive information and complete details later in 1985. I, along with the entire Board of Directors, encourage members to plan to attend the workshops in your district and use this opportunity to assist in the growth of our Society.

Also at this same meeting, correspondence was read from Joseph E. Fallon asking for our support of the English Language Amendment which seeks to have English legally recognized as the one and only official language of the United States of America. Approval was overwhelmingly received. As we all know, our motto for many years has been; "Denmark our Heritage — America our Home." As proud as we all are of our heritage, we are even more proud of our home. This amendment would reaffirm that we are truly "one Nation... indivisible."

I also received a letter from S. A. Andersen, the Consul-General from Sydney, Australia which stated:

"Many thanks for your kind letter of 15th February, 1985, and for sending me a copy of your monthly publication the "American Dane" which certainly has given me a better insight into the work of your organization. It is gratifying to read of the efforts made to preserve the ties between the Danes in America and the old country and I wish you every success in the future."

Now that we are approaching summer and the season for families to take their vacations, we especially need to hold lodge activities which are fun and attractive. Consult the activity suggestions which were mailed to your lodge President for ideas. Summer is the perfect time to hold softball games, golf tournaments, fishing expeditions, barn dances, swimming parties, and picnics.

One of the favorite activities of many lodges is celebrating July 4th — Independence Day with a good old-fashioned barbeque. Everyone enjoys getting together for tasty food, playing games, running races, and good fellowship. Why not start planning a relaxing day for the entire lodge now?

In addition, your lodge could take a vacation of its own. Plan a field trip to a zoo, park, or local attraction. A bus could be chartered for all lodge members to attend your district convention or visit another Danish Brotherhood lodge and participate in their activities. For example, in our area, all of the Midwest District lodges have been invited to the home of Sofus and Metha Sorensen's in Rockford, Illinois, on July 4th for a Rebild Fest — American style. Sofus is a member of DB 64 and Metha belongs to DS 55. We are all looking forward to this day to once again prove "Danes Have More Fun!"

Also, remember when planning your family vacation to contact lodges where you plan to visit. They'll enjoy having company and I'm sure you'll enjoy visiting with your brothers and sisters all across the country. You may find new activities which you can bring back and share with your home lodge. While on my recent west coast trip I had an opportunity to attend a function of the Riverside Lodge No. 346. It was a steak cook out at the home of Jim and Sue Patterson. We were entertained by a group of Danish Folk Dancers from Los Angeles. I also initiated Jim Patterson into the Brotherhood, which is always a pleasure.

Don't forget to invite prospective members to join our great society. I'm sure your family and friends will enjoy all of the fun summer activities just as much as you do. Three of our members have been busy inviting prospective members and are reaping the rewards.

Niels B. Hansen of Lodge No. 325 in Nassau County, New York, Stig Hansen and Melvin Pihl, both of Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, have each sponsored six new members and received a package of four eight-ounce steaks. Even though the deadline of June 30, 1985, is fast approaching, you, too, have time to sponsor members and play an important role in the future of the Danish Brotherhood.

It was a pleasure for Elaine and I to be at the Pacific Northwest Convention in Portland, Oregon, in May. Lodge No. 167 and the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 81 did a super job in hosting this convention. It was our pleasure to once again be with Second Vice President Clyde Langsted, who was the District President this year. We were accompanied by John and Betty Mollerskov from Racine. John is Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwest District and Betty is President of the Midwest District of the Danish Sisterhood. They were honored by being asked to be Conductor and Marshal for the installation of officers which was done by National Sisterhood Officer Dorothy Petersen from Petaluma and myself. Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, and his wife, Annette, were also at the convention and enjoyed it immensely.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate all of this year's scholarship recipients. It was once again a very difficult task for the committee and I thank them for their efforts.

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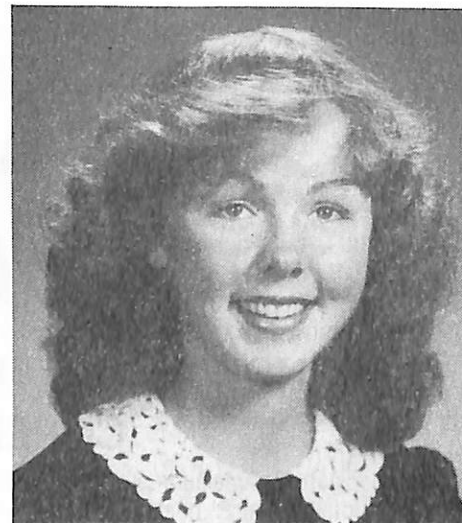
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In Search of Uncle Otto

by Albert D. Manchester



Norregade #12, Hjørring. Uncle Otto's buildings are the two on the right. The grocer who remembered Otto Jacobsen was in a store on the left.



Fra Svanelunden Park, Hjørring. The local people gathered around the lake to celebrate the summer solstice. A group sang, one of their last songs being "Old Folks At Home," in English.



Downtown Hjørring. Hjørring proved to be a busy commercial center for much of northern Jutland.



At a fishing port along the west coast of Denmark.

My mother's uncle, Otto Jacobsen, died in Hjørring, Denmark, in 1933 and I was born in Minnesota in 1934. Uncle Otto never met my mother, and if he had heard of the advent of another child into a Minnesota farm family, it would seem unlikely the impending event could have held any interest for him. It was many years before I learned of him and his legacy.

When I was born we were already five years into the Great Depression, but farmers had been economically depressed since the end of the First World War. My parents had no money, absolutely no money to pay the modest amount associated with my birth, hospital and doctor bill of about \$250.00. Years later my mother told me that she was able to settle all of those bills with money she inherited from Denmark, from an Uncle Otto who had stayed behind in the Old Country when her mother, Ingeborg Dorthea Jacobsen, struck out for America in the last quarter of the past century. She followed her brother Jacob, who had settled in Chicago. There, Ingeborg Dorthea met and married a Norwegian, Albert Martin Aune, and so she came to Minnesota, to return to Denmark but once, shortly before she died in 1927.

A few years ago, accompanied by my wife and daughter, I went to Hjørring to learn about Uncle Otto, to find out about the man

whose legacy had paid my first bills in this world. A tour of Europe brought us to Copenhagen. When I suggested a foray into the upper reaches of darkest Jutland, and why, everybody was enthusiastic. We decided to see where this Care Package from Europe had originated, to see if anybody would remember Uncle Otto, to see his home and where he had worked.

We took a ferry to Nyborg, a forty-five minute ride. As soon as the Danes parked their cars on the boat, they scrambled for an upper deck as though they had heard about an emergency we weren't aware of. As it turned out, they were simply running to get to the restaurant. Never, we decided, get between a Dane and his next meal.

Hjørring is not on anybody's list of "must" places to see. No doubt it is the commercial center for upper Jutland. During the three days we spent there we did not meet another tourist. But there were things of interest to see and do, and so we learned a good lesson in traveling: take a chance, go to an out-of-way place, get to know a town that is as "native" as the one you come from. You will have the satisfaction of seeing a place that is no doubt more "real" than anything you'd encounter in the usual tourist centers.

As it turned out, I had an address for Uncle Otto: Norregade #12, an address I'd found in my Danish grandmother's Bible, a much worn and annotated book that had been a gift from Uncle Otto on the 16th of October, 1907. Below the dedication to his sister Thea, he copied out the fifth verse from chapter 53 of Isaiah. Possibly this verse had some special significance for them. And there is a flower pressed into the Bible, probably picked by Otto someplace around Hjørring and laid between the verses of chapter 35 of Genesis. There it has remained since 1907.

The bureau of local statistics in Hjørring put us in the care of a tall pretty girl in a white student's cap, and so we trailed behind her down the clean streets. Norregade wasn't very far, a street of two and three story houses interspersed with small businesses. We found the address, and a little further down, on a corner, we met a grocer who remembered Uncle Otto.

Otto Jacobsen was born in Hjørring and lived all of his life there. His father was Simon Jacobsen. Otto never married. He must have been a natural businessman, because he started out selling cakes to his school chums. Later he bought a small store. Then he became an importer and exporter of food, sending fruit to the northern Scandinavian countries and importing wheat. He was well known in town and regarded as somewhat eccentric as he had the habit of sitting out in front of his store under an umbrella while awaiting customers. He was especially well known for his kindness to less fortunate people in town. He had owned two buildings on Norregade, one a warehouse, the other his home, and he had operated a shop at Stromgade #2.

So that was what we could find out about Otto Jacobsen almost fifty years after his death. It seems enough, and the local people we met during our quest were delighted to see us and to help us. Hjørring, we discovered, was a thoroughly charming town.

During the next two days we saw as much as we could of the

rest of Hjørring, churches, museums, a house that had belonged to a priest and now decorated with furniture from all over the country. One museum had artifacts that went back 10,000 years. All of our touring was done in Danish, the guides of Hjørring being unaccustomed to tourists. We had known no Danish at all before our arrival in Hjørring.

The evening before we left Hjørring was, I believe, the celebration of the summer solstice. We followed what seemed like everybody in town to Fra Svanelunden Park. The citizens stood around the shore of the lake and a bonfire burned on a small island. It was midnight, yet light enough to allow me to take photographs. A choir sang. Their last number was "Old Folks At Home," sung in English. The next morning we left Hjørring.

We drove down through Ribe and along the coast. We stayed several days more in Denmark, and we did visit the tourist places. In one town we met a Swedish doctor, a tourist in Denmark, who assured us we were in the best of the Scandinavian countries. If Denmark is the best of the Scandinavian countries, we thought, then Hjørring is surely one of its best cities. It will always be a favorite with us.

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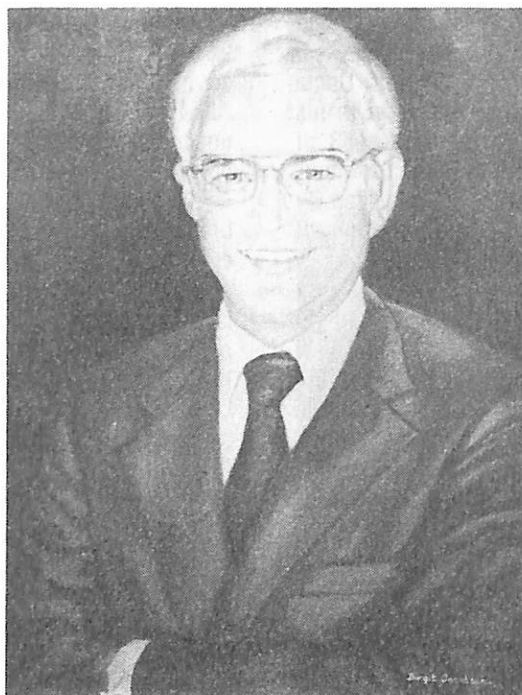
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This portrait, painted by Mrs. George (Birgit) Jacobsen, is displayed in the National Headquarters Board Room with dignity and honor along with portraits of Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus and Queen Margrethe, also painted by Birgit Jacobsen.

Howard E. Christensen 1935 - 1984



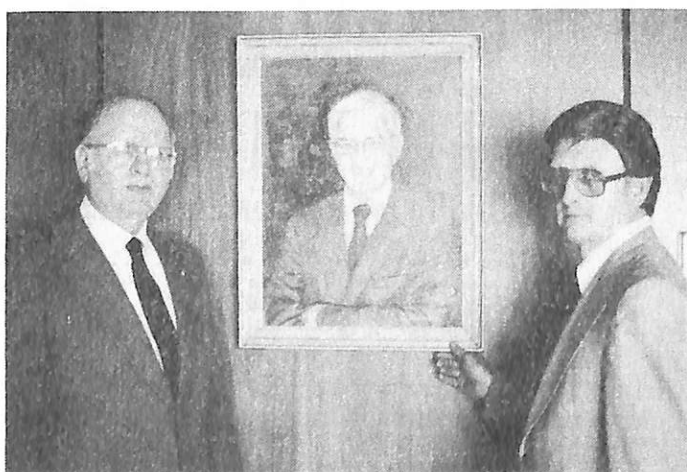
Past President George Jacobsen unveils portrait painted by his wife, Birgit.



Mrs. Howard (Joyce) Christensen compliments Birgit Jacobsen.



Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus, admires the portrait.



Past President George Jacobsen along with President Robert E. Ibsen display the portrait in the Board Room.

Root-Tracing Part VI

by Inge Mardal and Steen B. Hougs



Group portrait of a participating family-branch.



Another portrait of a participating family-branch.



Three generations are represented here.

The Family-reunion

The previous article in this series concluded by summarizing the major results of the root-tracing activities initiated by Jim Petersen:

- He got his family traced back to the Viking-age
- He enjoyed 3 family-reunions:
 - The first in Denmark, where he and his son met their Danish family
 - The second in the U.S., where their Danish family came over and met with the descendants of Jim's grandfather and grandmother
 - The third when Jim and his wife went to Denmark. This time to visit branches of the family discovered during research performed since the first reunion — plus the "veterans," of course.

In this article we'll focus on such family reunions — specifically on reunions in Denmark.

Such a reunion will be a success not necessarily measured by

the number of participants — but measured by quality. A reunion will likely be combined with one of the few "Grand Tours" an American Dane takes to Denmark — where the major ingredients are time, money and great expectations!

What are the prerequisites for a successful family-reunion?

They are:

- Your initiative to get it all started
- Tracing of the now living family members in Denmark
- Planning and coordination of activities
- Invitations to and conductance of the "Great Event"
- Documentation of the family-reunion

Below we will discuss each of these prerequisites.

The Initiative:

It's up to you to take the initiative in requesting a family-reunion. You may have various reasons for doing so — they may be among those listed here:

- A long entertained desire to know who's back in Denmark
- An already-planned Denmark/Europe-tour, to which you want

- to add something special that you can take with you home and pass on to your American family
- A desire to resume/expand correspondence between yourself and the Danish family
- To expand the knowledge of the family: Who are/were they? How and where do/did they live?

Tracing the Family:

First of all we'll have to decide on one or more "base-persons" (i.e. grandfather, grandmother, great-grand...) from where the descendants are to be traced. From there on, as many as possible of the present family are identified and their data recorded. The date obtainable up-front is usually:

- Names
 - Addresses
 - Occupation
- How is it done?

The parish records are a good source. Access to these are restricted, however, if the records are less than 50 years old. Further information may be found by means of phone/address-directories, guild records, professional archives...

Most productive is the "avalanche effect." When the first now living family member has been found, then she/he in all probability has clues for continued research. These new contacts have further clues — and on it goes!

There may still be family members who are undiscovered when you decide to stop the research-activities and enter the phase for planning and coordination of the reunion. This was what Jim did.

Remember, that we talked about a brother of his grandfather's who emigrated to Russia. The descendants of this brother had to flee from Russia because of the revolution in 1917. Where did they end up? Some went to Prussia from where they once more had to flee at the end of World War II. Some went to Denmark.

Old letters, stored in western Nebraska, held the key. When they were translated, a clue led to the Danish island of Lolland.

Then a minor advertisement-campaign in the local newspapers of Lolland produced contact with a kind elderly lady, and her family. The bonus was their knowledge of what happened to the part of the family that fled to Germany. She participated in the second reunion in Denmark.

At the same time of the first reunion, Jim couldn't foresee this and he asked us to continue with the planning and coordination phases.

In a moment we shall discuss these phases. Before doing so we would like to mention that if you haven't already produced a Posterity Table or a Family-tree with descendants, then this research-activity produces the basis material for such tables and trees.

If you already do have these tables and trees, then you may use this activity to update your own data — or skip the research and start out with the planning and coordination phase.

Planning and Coordination:

To ensure optimal use of resources and to ensure that your personal objectives and wishes are met, you need a carefully planned and coordinated approach to the family-reunion.

You will need to plan and coordinate:

- The tracing activities:
 - Recording and verification of data
 - The "Avalanche-effect"
- The correspondence with the client (if we provide the service):

- Progress reports
- Discussions of details regarding arrangements, dates, places...
- Travel arrangements:
 - Booking of hotels, flights, rental cars...
 - Plans for a suggested sightseeing tour which ensures that you see the places which have been important to your family in the present and the past
- The reunion-party:
 - Booking of a cozy inn close to a family-historical place
 - A Danish-style party dinner, decorations, flowers, entertainment...
 - An agenda for the party, which allows for:
 - Speeches
 - Presentations of the family-history by means of color slides, talks on the family in historical perspective, reviews of root-tracing activities...
 - Photography
 - Translation service
 - Invitations

Documenting the Event:

You probably can imagine how busy you'll be at such a reunion. You'll give a speech, listen to a couple of others', say hello to 75 to 100 family members, talk to them all, take a short local area bus tour to the old farms, eat too much of the excellent Danish food, sing along with the rest of the participants, take 25 snapshots...

What we're actually trying to say is, that you need to take some action in order to get the reunion documented properly. The memories are your's alone, but for those back home in the U.S. who in excitement are awaiting your return with messages about what the land and family are like over yonder, you should have a well documented "report."

This "report" could contain:

- Photos of family member/groups/branches
- Names of participants
- Names and data of all the persons identified during the research phase
- Copies of speeches
- Pictures of the place of reunion and other places visited on local sightseeing tours...

A well-prepared "report" will jog your memory and provide precise data months and years later — and is an excellent foundation for a family book and creation of family-trees!

Remarks:

It was a lot, wasn't it?

Do not despair — this is our "checklist" and you may use it as it is or pick up good points should you do the arrangements yourself.

Just remember that proper planning and coordination is essential — because:

A Grand Tour must be a Grand Tour!

Preview:

In the next and concluding article we'll give you just one more example of the types of information you may extract from the old records. Finally we'll spend a few words on delivery times and costs for professional assistance.

Our Lodges in Action

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Our April 3rd meeting was well attended as we observed the 97th anniversary of our lodge. We welcomed as a new member, Hjøllund Madsen. We hope to see you often! Also three new applications were accepted, and we look forward to welcoming these new members. After the meeting, the Sisterhood came and joined us, and together we celebrated our lodge's anniversary. There were over a hundred people present.

As a highlight of the evening, our President Frank Poulsen presented Jens Nielsen with a Certificate of Award for his many years of dedication and hard work for the Danish Brotherhood. Jens was also given a flower arrangement as a belated birthday greeting. Jens had his 80th birthday in March. Good luck to you Jens, always, from all of us!

It was a pleasure to have so many young people with us and we hope this will be a precedent for them to come and be with us again.

The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin. See page 16.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hendricksen.

During a recent visit with Andy Hendricksen in honor of his 96th birthday, Frank Poulsen, President of Lodge No. 29, Clyde

Langsted, National Director and President of the Pacific Northwest District, and Kristen Jorgensen, Treasurer of Lodge No. 29, presented Andy with a Certificate of Merit and a check for his paid-up insurance. They also presented Andy with a potted plant from the lodge, one that he should be able to plant outside and enjoy over and over. An interesting chat was held with Andy recalling old memories and friends. Andy is in very good health and very active. According to our records, Andy is a 66-year member of the Danish Brotherhood, having joined the then existing Chehalis lodge, transferring to Seattle Lodge No. 29 when the Chehalis lodge turned in its charter.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — At the April 3 meeting eight new members were present and initiated: Elaine Jensen, Ken Brace, Kent Jensen, Larry West, Carol West, Dawson West, Calin West and Morgan West. Welcome to all of the new members!

Stig Hansen told all how much he and his

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son Nicolai enjoyed their visit with 60-year member, Lorentz A. Lorenzen. He stated how important it was not to forget the old-timers.

Jens Jensen introduced four guests who are prospective members: Joanne Jensen Forest, Thomas and Lila Sullivan, and Karen Thatcher, a social member.

Don Bogh reported that Folkfest is July 21 and everyone is welcomed to attend.

Don Bogh also remarked that the lodge used to have an event to honor members who are in their eighties and nineties, and that we should continue to do so. He stated that Sylvano Hansen will be 90 years old by the next meeting. **Joanne Kantor, Sec.**

Lodge #194, McMinnville, OR — Many of our members enjoyed celebrating the 60th



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jensen are honored.

wedding anniversary of Harry and Edna Marie Jensen on March 18, 1985. Congratulations! **Dorothy Rasmussen, Cor.**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 51 brothers present at our April meeting. Carlo Jensen was initiated into our lodge as a new brother. Welcome to the club, Carlo. Congratulations went to Olaf Borsholt who was presented with a 50-year member pin.

Our meeting in May was held on Wednesday, the 1st, at the Swedish Hall. We enjoyed a bit of smørrebrød after the meeting. **Jarl Christensen, Cor.**

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — At our meeting on April 11, Hans Lynning introduced his guests, Harold and Lois Juhl. We then received Vic and Inger Davidson as new members. Welcome to our lodge and we hope to see you often.

It was decided that we donate \$50 each to the Danish American Heritage Society and the University of Oregon Scandinavian Studies Committee.

Bernice Jensen gave a good report about Queen Margrethe of Denmark as her birthday was in April. Then we went down for coffee, cake and cheese sandwiches. After coffee there was an interesting film about Viking migration.

On June 22 we are invited once again to have our St. Hans celebration at Knud and Karen Toftemark's property at Triange Lake. Don Johnson has agreed to barbecue chicken, so make your plans.

Lois Toftemark, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — On Friday evening, April 19, many of our members held a special tribute honoring Lillian Bostrom. Lillian had been involved in drill work for the lodges since 1919 and this evening was a way of showing everyone's appreciation to this special lady. The party was held at the Veterans Memorial Building and was shared by local Dania and Danner lodges and the local Swedish lodge. A social hour was held, and guests enjoyed viewing photographs and memorabilia on display. Following this, a delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed.

She is truly deserving of her special



Lillian Bostrom is saluted.

evening, and after the fashion show and word of praise, she very graciously and emotionally expressed her thanks to her many friends who had gathered to pay her tribute and express their love.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Jack Larsen and crew served a very good dinner to 56 members and was enjoyed by all. Lynden Bornhoff was welcomed back into the lodge as a member.

The lodge agreed to donate \$100 to the high school band to help buy uniforms.

An application to attend Skovsøen for Norman Lake's granddaughter was received and forwarded to the National Headquarters.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Peter Weber and Walter Hopkey. Arthur Bell received a 25-year pin for Tony Bell.

Henry Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The June schedule includes a June 12 regular meeting, a June 15 Bowling Banquet at Ox Bow Inn, and a June 22 St. Hans Fest Beach Party just north of the Hilton Hotel. This traditional Danish celebration has been an impressive event for many Danes in San Diego for almost as many years as the Silvergate Lodges have existed. Everyone is

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
11-28-84	Howard J. Poulsen	64	Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1961
3-20-85	Johannes L. Sorensen	88	Idskov Voer, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1934
4-1-85	Chris H. Jensen	91	Hormested, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1915
3-25-85	Andrew Jensen	85	Hjorring, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1936
3-29-85	Axel Jensen	82	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1931
4-10-85	Christian Sindet	90	South Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1914
4-8-85	Christian S. Gustavsen	85	Aalborg, Denmark	102	Providence, Rhode Island	1924
3-29-85	Leon Koker	68	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1984
3-9-85	Lillian H. Christensen	81	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976
4-8-85	Harry C. Meyer	67	Rockford, Illinois	64	Rockford, Illinois	1969
3-19-85	Svend A. Svendsen	88	Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1952
4-4-85	Martin M. Seeley	90	Conway, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1967
12-1-83	Carl Johnson	81	Minneapolis, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1973

welcome to bring a picnic lunch and join in the fun, singing and the burning of the witch ceremony.
Art Norgaard, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — A potluck was held during the regular meeting for May. A secret special surprise presentation was made to Frank Jepsen celebrating his 25 years of service to the lodge. Congratulations Frank!

Carl Christensen, Sr. will be receiving his 50-year member pin in September. What an accomplishment!
Philis Davis, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — The April 13 meeting was attended by 68 members and friends. Several guests were introduced and welcomed by the membership. There were twelve new members initiated.

Bowling Chairman Cal Christensen said that May 17 was the wind up date.

Don't forget the dates for the California-Nevada District Convention August 8, 9, and 10, 1985.

The social portion of our evening was prior to the meeting with a potluck dinner, a Hard Times Dinner. The Kjellsens and friends were hosts of the evening. Thanks so much. The Queen's Birthday was celebrated after the business meeting with a presentation from Rosemary Allison, giving a reading about the Queen and her family. Thanks Rosemary.
Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At our April meeting we enjoyed seeing slides and albums of past lodge activities and sharing food and fellowship.

Remember to mark June 21-23 on your calendar for our St. Hans weekend camp-out. Plan to enjoy this wonderful Danish holiday with the rest of us. Friends from other lodges are invited to participate with us. We have reserved a larger campground than we had last year, so, the more the merrier! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, at least plan to be there Saturday evening. That's when we will have our community Witches Stew dinner, and of course, the climax will be the burning of the witch at the fire ring. Don't miss it.

Even though the convention is still 2 months away, it is not too early to think about your hotel reservations. Contact Nancy Nielsen for hotel reservations. The golf tournament will be held at Anaheim Municipal "Dad Millers" Golf Course on August 8th.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Members and guests of our lodge gathered on Friday

night, May 3, for their 91st anniversary banquet at the Cottage Cafe in Geneva, Minnesota. There were seventy-six in attendance and they enjoyed a delicious Swiss Steak dinner. Brother Viggo Berthelsen gave the invocation and Brother Richard Sorensen served as toastmaster for the evening. Brother Paul Madsen entertained with selections on his concertina.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Larry Pfaff who is president of the Naeve Hospital Care Association. He gave a very sobering discussion of coming changes in the health care field.

The next event on the schedule is the St. Hans picnic on June 9 at the home of Val and Leona Severtson. **Alton Neve, Cor.**

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — The Dike Lodge

was privileged to hear local land owner, Otis Budlong, speak on his recent trip to China. Mr. Budlong, who farms west of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Mr. Tom Crystal, of the Garst Hybrid Seed Corn Co. were selected by Governor Qin, of the Guanyia (Kwangsi) Province, to be guests of that government, and supply their educators and government representatives with technology of raising hogs and corn.

Mr. Budlong and Mr. Crystal were gone from the United States for 28 days, during December and January, where they visited a dozen or so universities in that province. Our lodge enjoyed hearing Mr. Budlong's experiences.
Lyle R. Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met Monday night, April 29, at the Kim-



New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Donald J. Everett	14	Kenosha, WI	Leon T. Dreger
Kresten Steffensen	17	Chicago, IL	Merle L. Nylen
Elsa R. Steffensen	17	Chicago, IL	Merle L. Nylen
Olney MacDowell Wardell	29	Seattle, WA	Thorvald A. Kofoed
John Kenneth Myhre	29	Seattle, WA	Paul Hansen
Natalie K. Rasmussen	29	Seattle, WA	Martin Rasmussen
Nicolas N. Rasmussen	29	Seattle, WA	Martin Rasmussen
David B. Weller	30	Muskegon, MI	Arthur Burkall
Joan Stone	32	New Haven, CT	Chris Simonsen
Bernadette Gaudino	32	New Haven, CT	Chris Simonsen
Daniel Stone	32	New Haven, CT	Chris Simonsen
Lilli B. Stone	32	New Haven, CT	Chris Simonsen
Christopher M. Dunlap	34	Dwight, IL	Michael C. Dunlap
Lavern D. LeClair	51	Ludington, MI	John Laird
Larry J. Sorensen	51	Ludington, MI	Erv Kissell
Thomas J. Hawkins	51	Ludington, MI	Gerald Howe
Hugo D. Hendrickson	51	Ludington, MI	Gerald Howe
Michael B. Wagner	51	Ludington, MI	George Forman
William H. Christensen	70	Greenville, MI	Bruce Christensen
Raymond D. Jensen	84	Lincoln, NE	Gunnar Overgaard
Karen G. Thacker	167	Portland, OR	Jan Hansen
Laila Kryger Sullivan	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Joanne Jensen Forest	167	Portland, OR	Don Bogh
Bente Loj Polites	172	Philadelphia, PA	Flemming Hinrichsen
Karl L. Larsen	227	Detroit, MI	Paul Carlsen
Peter J. Bommarito	227	Detroit, MI	Thomas J. Bommarito
Albert W. Anderson	227	Detroit, MI	Robert Rowley
Anna Lise Petersen	263	Askov, MN	Byron W. Petersen
Brian J. Kaae	283	Dagmar, MT	Joel J. Petersen
Toni K. Gossett	345	Orange Co., CA	Kenneth Olsen
Gary R. Gossett	345	Orange Co., CA	Kenneth Olsen
Irene C. Everson	345	Orange Co., CA	Rosemary Allison
Mary Ruth Jorgensen	345	Orange Co., CA	Howard Kjellsen
Ruth G. Stine	345	Orange Co., CA	Kenneth Olsen
Michael L. Olsen	345	Orange Co., CA	Kenneth Olsen
DeAnna H. Olsen	345	Orange Co., CA	Kenneth Olsen
James W. Patterson	346	Riverside, CA	Hans S. Terkelsen
Thomas E. Woods	348	Eugene, OR	Agner Ranch
Mary M. Cartmill	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen

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ballton Town Hall. An aebleskiver supper and membership drive was held with guests being invited to join the lodge.

Marta Zabel, an exchange student from Spain, told of her country, showed pictures and talked about the school system of Spain.

Verdie Christensen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — April 11 was devoted to Hans Christian Andersen as we celebrated his birthday. Donna Christensen read a story on the life of H.C. Andersen and then she showed the film "The Ugly Duckling."



Donna Christensen celebrates Hans Christian Andersen's birthday.

Howard Christensen continued his spotlight on "Danmark."

The lodge was pleased to have Andy and Annette Andersen as guests from Omaha. We hope they come again soon.

Ulla Wall, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — We had a very good turnout at our 103rd anniversary banquet and Dania did an excellent job with our meal. The Dania Society and the Danish Sisterhood sent lovely table centerpieces to the Brotherhood. Many thanks. The flowers were taken to our shut-in members at nursing homes after the banquet so that they would be able to enjoy them.

Many thanks to John Mollerskov for his work in organizing the banquet and to John Schroeder for agreeing to be the toastmaster. Also, thanks to the rest of the brothers who said yes when asked to do a job. This kind of cooperation is what helps a

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group stay together and grow.

Please look at the upcoming events. Bowling, Trap Shoot, Golf, and the Midwest District Convention. I'm sure that there is something of interest for every member, so let's get out and support our lodge.

Wayne Kavaliauskas, Pres.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — On March 22 a benefit dance was held at the lodge for Huntington's Disease with a very good turnout. What is significant about this dance was the fact that several of our members were greatly involved in this activity. Glen Hopkins, a member of our lodge has this disease and it was in his honor that these members decided to get involved. We wish to thank them for their time and effort on behalf of this most worthy cause — Marie Hopkins, Judy and Tom Nielsen, Harold Lawler, Melvin Petts, Arvid Davis, John Mikus and Charles Kreuser. The Night Shift Band donated their time, all gifts for the raffles were donated as well as bartenders from the lodge — Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Jeff, Todd and Wes Bernhardt, Jeff Wamboldt, Sonny Sadowski, Dan Ervin, and Bob Ibsen. Over \$3,000 was raised because of this effort.

It was brought up by some members to have an inland lake fishing derby this summer. If some of you fishermen are interested, contact Roger Nelson.

Our 93rd anniversary party brought out 210 members, guests and widows for a good night of fellowship. Roger Nelson did his usual outstanding job as our toastmaster keeping the program rolling along. President Andersen brought greetings and introduced his officers for 1985. Bob Ibsen presented the National President's Award for the Best Activity Schedule to Vince Roders, last year's President, who also received his Past President's pin. The "Pioneer Award" went to Oage Thomsen who also received his 60-year pin., "Brother of the Year" awards went to Anker Adelsen, Kenneth E. Hansen, and Erik Hansen. All these awards were certainly well deserved. Walter Hugaard received his 50-year pin. Not present for their 25-year pins were Frank Skowronski, Paul Nielsen, and Raymond Mitchel. Thanks for the beautiful flowers from Dania Society, Danish Sisterhood No. 20 and Hansen's Funeral Home — Dick Barrett and Richard Johnson. The committee for this event was your Board of Officers and their wives, chaired by Gordon and Lillian Andersen. Thanks to all, it was a great evening.

On June 9th Sunday, there will be a 3-game bowling outing paid by the lodge for

any child or grandchild of a member ages 6 to 18. Please contact Dan Ervin for further information.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — Our lodge has lost one of its most active and valued members. Arthur J. LaPointe, teacher and long time aviator, passed away at age 82. A memorial service, held on April 22, was attended by members of Lodge No. 17, members of Dagmar Lodge No. 4, dignitaries and many friends.

Arthur was Vice President of our lodge. He was the driving force behind our 100th year anniversary party last year, and with his wife Kittie, arranged a cabaret show by the Le Ballet Petit School of Dancing that brought ovations from the large audience. Arthur was always there when needed, a good attendance member and well liked by all. His easy going and jovial nature embraced all our members. He was a number one brother and always a gentleman. Aere vaere hans minde!

W. B. Thorsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — We entered 13 teams in the Midwest District Bowling Tournament on April 27 and fared very well. The event was sponsored by Lodge No. 14 of Kenosha and we all thank them for a job well done, a delicious banquet at the lodge, and a great band to dance to. It's great to get with old friends at these events.

At our May 13 meeting we were entertained by an exchange student from Denmark. Committee was Roy and Donna Hoegger/chairman; Dorothy Dawson, Glen Bloxam, Gene and Barb Mortensen, Keith and Joanne Von Qualen, Terry Riccolo, Grace Feddersen, and Marie C. Hansen. With a little practice, we hope to sing the Danish National Anthem at each meeting.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — A potluck supper was the main attraction at the April meeting of our lodge. The committee provided ham, rolls, and dessert and those who came brought a delicious assortment of casseroles, salads, meatballs, etc. Everything was delicious.

A business meeting followed with much discussion of a proposed Scholarship Program. When the vote was taken, it was decided that \$500 and \$250 scholarships be available according to the rules set up by the Scholarship Committee.

Quite a number of bowlers attended the Midwest District Bowling Event in Kenosha. While we had only one winner, it really didn't matter because everyone had such a good time. Lodge No. 14 really knows how to throw a party! Cindy Sloth was our winner — she won second place - Women's

Scratch. We're all proud of Cindy.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — We had a most interesting meeting in April. We were privileged to have a young lady from Chandler's Flower Shop in Geneva shows us how to do flower arranging. She made up three beautiful arrangements in no time at all and then they were raffled off as prizes. They sure were beautiful.

We sure hope that everyone will come for

our June meeting which will be on June 14, Flag Day. This is the evening when we have our aebleskiver dinner. This is truly one of the highlights of the year. We don't need any special program for that evening as most of the evening is spent eating up the goodies.

We have been having some good turn-outs for the meetings lately but we can always use more people. We took in one new member in April and one in May. This is an upswing and I hope an indication of

things to come.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — We are happy to have the work completed on our lodge building. In celebration we hosted a May Day potluck supper and card party. Thirty-six invited guests shared the evening with us and were invited to join our lodge.

We are saddened that two of our social members, Ruby Johnson and Dorothy Erickson, passed away in April.

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1971	\$ 7	\$18	1977	\$ 7	\$11	1983	\$13	
1972	\$ 7	\$ 7	1978	\$ 8	\$11	1984	\$14	
1973	\$ 7	\$ 7	1979	\$11	\$14	1985	\$15	
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Year	B&G	RC	Year	B&G	RC	Year	B&G	RC
1895-1905	Ask		1932	\$34	\$40	1959	\$53	\$76
1906	\$41		1933	\$30	\$56	1960	\$101	\$98
1907	\$53		1934	\$30	\$55	1961	\$50	\$98
1908	\$29	Ask	1935	\$30	\$70	1962	\$32	\$136
1909	\$35	\$84	1936	\$33	\$81	1963	\$58	\$46
1910	\$36	\$64	1937	\$33	\$82	1964	\$25	\$36
1911	\$36	\$78	1938	\$48	\$163	1965	\$29	\$36
1912	\$34	\$70	1939	\$75	\$164	1966	\$24	\$34
1913	\$34	\$64	1940	\$78	\$274	1967	\$23	\$32
1914	\$31	\$54	1941	\$129	\$219	1968	\$22	\$21
1915	\$61	\$64	1942	\$78	\$257	1969	\$15	\$21
1916	\$33	\$38	1943	\$78	\$295	1970	\$15	\$22
1917	\$33	\$38	1944	\$41	\$113	1971	\$9	\$17
1918	\$32	\$40	1945	\$51	\$221	1972	\$9	\$14
1919	\$31	\$40	1946	\$33	\$94	1973	\$16	\$12
1920	\$30	\$40	1947	\$37	\$139	1974	\$9	\$12
1921	\$30	\$34	1948	\$28	\$85	1975	\$9	\$10
1922	\$26	\$32	1949	\$28	\$105	1976	\$9	\$19
1923	\$30	\$32	1950	\$54	\$105	1977	\$12	\$11
1924	\$26	\$47	1951	\$37	\$209	1978	\$12	\$12
1925	\$30	\$37	1952	\$31	\$66	1979	\$14	\$35
1926	\$30	\$37	1953	\$33	\$58	1980	\$18	\$19
1927	\$41	\$80	1954	\$37	\$75	1981	\$20	\$20
1928	\$25	\$39	1955	\$37	\$120	1982	\$19	\$21
1929	\$33	\$39	1956	\$49	\$104	1983	\$19	\$19
1930	\$36	\$42	1957	\$60	\$50	1984	\$21	\$21
1931	\$31	\$42	1958	\$40	\$59	1985	*\$23	*\$23

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Esther Nies, Sec.

Lodge #340 Wood Dale, IL — At our April meeting we were reminded of the Midwest District Trap Shoot to be held on June 22 in Racine. Contact Jack Andersen if you are interested in this event.

The anniversary party was a big success. Everyone had a great time, and we will even have a couple of dollars to add to our treasury. The food was delicious, the band great, the company excellent, and the raffle table a big success. The band was such a big draw that we have booked them for our Halloween party on October 19th.

Many thanks to all of you who donated items to our raffle table. The donations were exceptional and everyone came back to get extra tickets when they saw the wide variety of gifts we had. Your donations helped to make it the best table we have seen in a long time.
Janet Villacci, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — At the March 28 meeting members enjoyed the presence and presentations of two Danish exchange students from the high school of New London, Wisconsin. Ole Andersen of Odense, Denmark, showed a film on Denmark and explained political parties, socialized medicine, schools and food. Bodil Holm of Ejby, Denmark, showed a film of her family members and told of the history of Denmark, Danish schools and food.

Melda Mortensen presented a program on the Statue of Liberty at our April 25th meeting. The film from Aid Association of Lutherans on the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island was well received. Melda explained details of renovation. One of our members, Karla Jensen, came through Ellis Island from Denmark.
Aleine Miller, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The Regency West Motel was the scene of our annual banquet on Friday evening, April 19. A tornado warning forced all of us to spend nearly an hour in the lower hallways of the motel. In spite of the weather, 113 persons attended the banquet.

Donald Olsen received his 60-year membership pin and Earl Hansen received his 50-year pin.

National President Bob Ibsen spoke briefly. He announced the appointment of Jerry Christensen as National Secretary-Treasurer of the Brotherhood, and Pam Dorau as Director of Fraternal Services.

Entertainment was furnished by the "Florentine Friends." They did a number of musical numbers, including a sing-a-long,
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closing with "This Is America," written by Connie Redburn, Director.

We had two applications to attend Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village. They are Shawn C. Ruppert and Kristin K. Sornson. We voted to give each applicant \$100, instead of the original amount of \$100 to be divided equally between all applicants.

The Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood in America will select a Monarch King and Queen again this year. They will be crowned at our annual convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 6-8, 1985. Nominations are due by July 15, 1985.

Sunday, July 21, 1985, is the date for the annual state picnic in Superior, Nebraska. We have chartered a bus.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — Our 90th anniversary celebration was held with a dinner at the Villager Plaza Room in Lincoln on Saturday, April 13. Our Sisterhood Lodge No. 90, state officers, members of other lodges, and other guests were present. There were seventy in attendance to help celebrate the gaily affair.

Introductions and responses were given by: Erik Hansen, Past President; Paul Hansen, Secretary; Quenton Johnson, Vice President; Sten Pedersen and Lennie Kincheloe, Trustees; Joyce Nielsen, President of Sisterhood Lodge No. 90; Merton Kuhr, Past State President; Floyd Andersen, State President; Virginia Schultz, State Secretary; Duane Hansen, State Trustee and President of Omaha Lodge No. 1; James Christiansen, State Trustee and Secretary of Lodge No. 1; Bill Jorgensen, State Officer of Minden Lodge No. 16 and others of note as well as invited guests.

A few choice words were given by our National Director, Ken Pedersen and Pamela K. Dorau, Fraternal Director and Editor-in-Chief of the American Dane.

Everyone enjoyed the film "Monarchy & Democracy" from the Danish Government Film Library in Chicago. Thank you to our Brotherhood member Dr. Hubert Paulson for showing the film on his projector.

A thank you to Gladys Sorensen of our Lincoln Sisterhood, who was our accompanist on the piano for the group singing. We closed the evening festivities by singing "Auld Lang Syne."
Don Lehn, Pres.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — At our April 13 meeting Michele Duprey was presented a certificate honoring her for being a winner of the Skovsøen essay contest. Michele, as a recipient of this award, receives full tuition to attend Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village, in Minnesota this summer.

It was reported that the Nebraska District Board met April 13 in Lincoln, Nebraska, for a general meeting as well as the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Lincoln Lodge No. 84. Those present from Lodge No. 161 were Wayne and Ginny Schultz, Soren and Grace Thomsen, Floyd and Jean Andersen, Kenneth and Loetta Pedersen, and Eugene and Gerry Schultz.

The State Picnic which will be held July 21 was discussed and the committees were set up as follows: kitchen committee - Howard and Elaine Madsen, Wayne and Ginny Schultz, Arnold and Betty Smith, Eddie and Edith Meyer, Harley and Carla Jensen, and Al and Shirley Jorgensen; entertainment - Bud and Gerry Schultz and Rex and Myrna Sykes.

Joyce Erickson, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — We have been keeping busy recently. At our March meeting we relaxed a little bit and played some card bingo with winners receiving money. "Brother can you spare me a dime" turned out to be the theme for the evening. Our host committee consisted of Myrtle Nelson, Viva Husk, Martha Hineline, and Sophie Hineline.

The men of the lodge went fishing on what turned out to be a cold Saturday morning in April. Some of us caught fish and others of us caught colds. In any case, we enjoyed the day!

Our members enjoyed a vocal group from the Fremont, Nebraska High School at our April meeting. The performers were very talented and we all had a good time. Thanks go out to our committee consisting of the Les Larsens, chairpersons, Robert Jorgensen and Thorkild Pedersen.

Jerome Christensen, Pres.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We met at the Blue Flame Room on May 13 and enjoyed a picnic supper. We were lucky to have a place inside since it rained.

Edith Robbins, Research Associate at Stuhr Museum, told us about plans for the Danish Heritage Day at Stuhr on June 15, 1985. The program will include the main lecture "Danes in Nebraska" given by the well-known sociologist Dr. Otto Hoiberg, Professor Emeritus of the University of Nebraska. Dr. Robert Manley, Senior Historian at Stuhr Museum, is giving a special presentation as a Nebraska land agent. He will talk with the visitors in the terminology and historical context of the late 19th century when many Danish settlers were coming to central Nebraska.

Other activities will include Danish songs sung by the school children of Dannebrog. Music will be furnished by the "Railroad

Town Silver Cornet Band."

We voted to send \$100 to Stuhr to be used to promote ethnic activities.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

On April 13, 1985, the Greenville, Michigan lodge hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament. One of the teams from Detroit once again came out on top as the winners. The winning team was composed of Ken Rehan, Randy Rehan, Eric Larsen, John Sorensen, and Bob Sorensen.

For the second year in a row, a ladies team from Ludington, bowling at the same time in the Michigan-Ohio Sisterhood Tournament, outscored the winning men's team.

Thank you to Greenville for a great time during and after the tournament.

Bob Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — On February 16 and March 16 we held Set Back Tournaments at the Danish Hall with twenty players participating in the February tournament and 28 players in the March tournament.

On Saturday, April 13 the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament was held at Greenville. We had six teams bowling. The men's teams fell a little short in the battle for the traveling trophy as Detroit Lodge No. 227 again retained it by having the highest team score by the men. But again, as last year, one of our ladies' teams won the women's division. They not only beat all of the other ladies' teams, but also all of the men's teams. The team with a series of 3045 had the honor of bowling the best team score in the tournament.

Bowling was followed with a very good ham dinner and the awarding of the trophies at the Danish Brotherhood Hall. The evening was capped off by dancing and socializing. We thank Greenville Lodge No. 70 for a fun day and a very good time had by all of us at this very well organized bowling tournament.

The National Bowling Tournament was held at Ludington Recreation on April 20. We ended the day at the Danish Hall where Mike Bray and his committee put on a Bratwurst roast. All the hungry bowlers and their families enjoyed brats and potato salad with all the trimmings. A good time was had by everyone that participated.

Our regular meeting was held on May 1, 1985 with 27 members in attendance. We wish to welcome Vic Samuels, Norm Steward, Herman Bentz, Lavern LeClair, Thomas Hawkins, Larry Sorenson, Hugo

Hendrickson, and Tom Tremi who were initiated at this meeting.

Upcoming events include the Michigan-Ohio District Fishing Derby to be held in Ludington on Saturday, June 15th, on Wednesday, June 19th we will hold a social meeting, and on Wednesday, June 26 a pinochle party for members and guests will be held.

Keith Koegler, Past. Pres.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On March 8 we held our annual "Torskegild." It was nice to see many of our members come out and attend. We gave 25-year membership pins to Kristian Larsen and John Bruch. To top the evening off, we received eight new applications for membership. What an evening!

On April 12 we had a regular business meeting. A new camp grant was discussed and it was voted that our lodge should supply two \$100 camp grants. Only a member going to summer camp will be eligible to apply. All applications will be put in a hat and two will be drawn. Applications for the camp grant will be sent to all members that are eligible.

Remember to put down these dates on your calendar: July 27, Clam Bake at Gerda Sorensen's home and August 31 through September 2, District Convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges in Barre, Vermont. **Winnie Edmonds, Pres.**

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — At the April meeting George Ferdinandsen was elected delegate to the 1985 GCEL District Convention and Eric Brown as alternate.

To improve attendance at services for departed members, Milton Lund suggested a phone system be set up to inform members. The idea was well received.

On June 15 we will have a catered dinner meeting. **Jens Jessen, Sec.**

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Refreshments at the May meeting included delicious Danish open faced sandwiches. Don't forget to plan to attend the GCEL District Convention to be held in Barre, Vermont, over Labor Day weekend.

At the April meeting, it was decided to contact the Sisterhood Lodge No. 84 to see if they would like to meet on the same night as we do. **John C. Madsen, Sec.**

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We met on Friday, April 12th at the IAM Hall.

Thanks to Lodge No. 342 for hosting a terrific "smorgasbord" on March 15 for the installation of 1985 officers. A special thanks also to George Jacobsen and George Godthaab for officiating.

And, one more "thank you" — to the Sisterhood for their contribution of \$50 to help with our newsletter mailing costs.

After our April meeting we feasted on a real Danish "smorgasbord." Following this, Millie Gamborg and her girl scouts from Troop 627 provided entertainment with Danish dancing, songs and games. The girls were in folk costumes and had a Danish display. It was a real fun-filled Danish evening!

We received several donations to our newsletter this month. Our thanks to George Jacobsen and John Hjulman from Lodge No. 325, Viggo Nielsen from Lodge No. 116, and to Robert Lindemann and Gyda Jensen from the Viking Lodge.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — Our April meetings showed a marked increase in attendance over the February and March meetings. We were pleasantly surprised by the large turnout. It was a fun night and many a Skaal was had to the April birthday brothers. **Bill Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our regular meeting was held March 11 with 14 members present. We received the application for membership of Helen Lunde. She was initiated into the lodge and welcomed by all members. Before closing the meeting, "God Bless America" was sung and led by Anna Nielsen.

On April 8 we held our Easter party. Thirty members attended and enjoyed a buffet style supper of ham, cheese, potatoes, tossed salads, creamed salt herring, rolls, and hard boiled eggs. Each member received a small basket of jelly beans and the young members received baskets of fruit and Easter candy. The baskets were made and furnished by Stanley, Joyce and Kristen Christiansen. The supper committee consisted of the Christiansens and Thomas Mekkelsen, Jr. and they received a rousing vote of thanks for the fine job they did with the supper and decorations. We were fortunate to have with us our oldest member, Levi J. Taft, age 87, and our two youngest members, Sarah Perzan, age 5, and Jeph Perzan, age 3.

Thomas C. Mekkelsen, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — At our April 12 meeting we initiated two new members: Soren Christensen and John Rasmussen. Welcome to the lodge. A lot of delicious dishes were brought for our potluck dinner. Being the month of Easter, the highpoint of the evening was egg-rolling.

Our May meeting was held on the 10th at the Veterans Hall. This was a special event. We honored five of our members. Four of them received their 50-year member pins. They are Borge T. Petersen, Jacob Svendsen, Hans C. Sandau, and Berg Jensen. The fifth person is Viggo Schonberg. He joined the lodge in April, 1960, and received his 25-year pin.

We also celebrated the 40 year anniversary of May 4th — the day Denmark became free. The Danish Consul General Villads Villadsen was our guest speaker and Carol Rasmussen led us in a "sing-a-long." We all enjoyed our famous smorgasbord!

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — Over 90 people crowded our hall for the installation of officers, and all enjoyed the elaborate, tasty buffet which must have taken days to prepare. Our sincere thanks to Ulla and her helpers. We also extend thanks to George Godthaab and George Jacobsen for joining us and conducting the ceremonies.

We hope all of you had a chance to view the portrait of late Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen, a remarkable likeness painted by Birgit Jacobsen. It will be hung in the National Headquarters Board room, along with two others she has done.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Dates Set for Second Annual Conference on Wellness and Disability

The second annual national wellness conference for persons with disabilities will be held July 9-12, 1985 at the Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota. "Achieving a Balance: A Conference on Positive Lifestyles for Persons of Varying Abilities" is conducted by the Vinland National Center.

The conference is designed by the Vinland National Center to provide practical education on wellness to the disabled community and health care and educational professionals. Distinguished professionals will lead over 50 discussions and demonstrations on healthsports, health promotion and life enhancement for persons with disabilities.

Both disabled and able-bodied participants from around the world and world-class disabled athletes from the U.S., Belgium, Australia, Canada, and Norway are

expected to attend the conference. The Fourth Annual Kaiser Roll, a race for both disabled and able-bodied athletes, will be held following the conference on July 13.

For additional information or registration materials write Vinland National Center, Lake Independence, Loretto, MN 55357. Phone (612) 479-3555.

Music Camp To Be Held

Junior high and high school students will have an opportunity to participate once again in the Summer Music Camp sponsored by Kearney State College. "Any student who will be in grades nine through twelve in September, or who will graduate in 1985, is eligible to attend," said Dr. Gary Thomas, Chairman of the Department of Music.

The Camp will be held during the week of July 29-August 2, 1985. All housing, rehearsal, and dining facilities are air-conditioned. Total cost for the camp, including board and room, is \$95. Any student interested in attending the camp may request an application from his/her music instructor or contact the Department of Music at Kearney State College, Kearney, NE 68849.

District Scholarships Available

The deadline for GCEL District scholarships is July 31, 1985. For information contact Erling Braumann, 115 White Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886. Applicants must be a member in good standing of the GCEL District Danish Brotherhood in America.

1984's Top 20 Lodges

1983

Lodge No.	Total Membership
1. 227 Detroit, Michigan	478
2. 14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	373
3. 4 Racine, Wisconsin	292
4. 167 Portland, Oregon	271
5. 34 Dwight, Illinois	263
6. 29 Seattle, Washington	252
7. 1 Omaha, Nebraska	247
8. 126 Los Angeles, California	232
9. 51 Ludington, Michigan	230
10. 16 Minden, Nebraska	195
11. 46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	192
12. 299 Solvang, California	160
13. 341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	134
14. 328 Vancouver, British Columbia	131
15. 325 Nassau County, New York	130
16. 92 St. Charles, Illinois	125
17. 161 Ruskin, Nebraska	120
18. 186 Luck, Wisconsin	118
19. 75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	115
20. 35 Chicago, Illinois	113

1984

Lodge No.	Total Membership	Gain or Loss
1. 227 Detroit, Michigan	453	-25
2. 14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	380	+7
3. 167 Portland, Oregon	283	+12
4. 1 Omaha, Nebraska	259	+12
5. 4 Racine, Wisconsin	254	-38
6. 29 Seattle, Washington	252	—
7. 34 Dwight, Illinois	250	-13
8. 51 Ludington, Michigan	228	-2
9. 126 Los Angeles, California	223	-9
10. 16 Minden, Nebraska	197	+2
11. 46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	187	-5
12. 299 Solvang, California	148	-12
13. 341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	139	+5
14. 325 Nassau County, New York	134	+4
15. 328 Vancouver, British Columbia	130	-1
16. 35 Chicago, Illinois	124	+11
17. 75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	119	+4
18. 92 St. Charles, Illinois	118	-7
19. 161 Ruskin, Nebraska	113	-7
20. 348 Eugene, Oregon	109	-3

You can put your lodge on top in 1985.

The Automobile King

Written by Holger J. Bladt

Taken from Danish Journal

Vilhelm Senius Knudsen was born in Copenhagen on March 25, 1879, as son of a customs official who had learned the cooper's trade. Although there were 10 children, four from a previous marriage, all received good schooling. Vilhelm was a good student and earned awards for his efforts.

Once school was over, Vilhelm became a commercial apprentice. Eventually, he wanted to see more of the world, and on a cold February day in 1900 he landed in New York with a good recommendation and \$30 cash in his pocket. He had no use for the recommendation, so he pitched it into the Hudson River.

William S. Knudsen, as he later called himself, was hired by a shipyard. After some months he went to work in a locomotive shop.

His life changed with the visit of his brother's former partner from Copenhagen who was headed for Buffalo on business and wanted a local guide. The call on Manufacturer William Smith caused Knudsen to change jobs though he had to take a cut in pay from \$100 to \$40 per month. He knew that there was no future in staying in the locomotive shop for 35 years as did his colleagues.

As Smith's right hand man he was sent to negotiate with Automobile King Henry Ford. A man in raincoat and soft hat received him and said quickly, "You are Knudsen, I am Ford." That's how simple it was, and the meeting resulted in a large order. When Ford took over Keim Steel Mills, William S. Knudsen joined him.

During his 10 years with Henry Ford, William S. Knudsen advanced to production chief, itself a brilliant career. Ford's enterprises were developing rapidly. Big Bill, as he was called, soon became one of the leading men.

Why Knudsen left Ford has been the subject of much conjecture. Perhaps an incident at the Copenhagen assembly plant, where a question of authority had caused friction, gives us a clue. One day Knudsen received an indirect order from Ford. It was the first time Ford had not contacted him directly. Knudsen took it as a disavowal and resigned. Time and again Ford tried to get Knudsen back, but he didn't succeed.

William S. Knudsen wasn't out of work very long. Before the year was out he was organizing production of another automobile, Chevrolet.

In January, 1924, Knudsen was appointed president of the Chevrolet Motor Company, and at the same time he was appointed a vice president of General Motors. He was 45 years old at that point.

The fight between the two giants in the American auto industry became tough. Knudsen was determined that the modest sales of the Chevrolet plant should overtake those of the Ford factories, and that they did. Knudsen's talents in production earned him the presidency of General Motors in 1938.

At the request of President Roosevelt, Knudsen took over management of U.S. war production during World War II. For this he earned the nominal salary of \$1 per year, an amount he himself stipulated. For five years, the most stringent demands that can be made on a single man were made on him. During that period, he managed to visit 1200 factories as top boss of 11 million workers in the war industry.

A visit to the Fisher body plant where the famous B-29 bombers were built, illustrated why he was so popular with the workers. A woman employee greeted him and Mr. Fisher with a loud, "Hello, boys!" This annoyed Fisher who gave orders to fire the worker. But Knudsen said, "No, on the contrary, promote her."

In June, 1945, Knudsen was able to retire

from government after his mammoth effort and intended to resume his post with General Motors. But no, his former firm now considered him too old. This disappointment undermined his health, and on April 27, 1948, he died at the age of 69.

New Book Available

Professor August C. Bolino, who is Vice President for Research of the Ellis Island Restoration Commission, has written an authoritative and useful volume on all aspect of the Ellis Island experience. He traveled to many large cities to obtain the views of historians, ethnographers and ethnic organizations, and to locate materials about the Island.

To order **The Ellis Island Source Book** send a check or money order for \$22.00 (postpaid) to Kensington Historical Press, Box 1314, Cardinal Station, Washington, D.C. 20064.

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Puzzle It Out

Freelance writer John K. Young has created a series of word puzzles for use in our American Dane over the next few months. A "Viking Power" T-shirt will be awarded to the first four people who send the correct answer to the puzzle to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. Specify adult size: small, medium, large, extra large, or extra, extra large. Write clearly and include your street address and zip code. Correct answer will appear in next month's issue.

Congratulations to May's winner, Esther A. Madsen!

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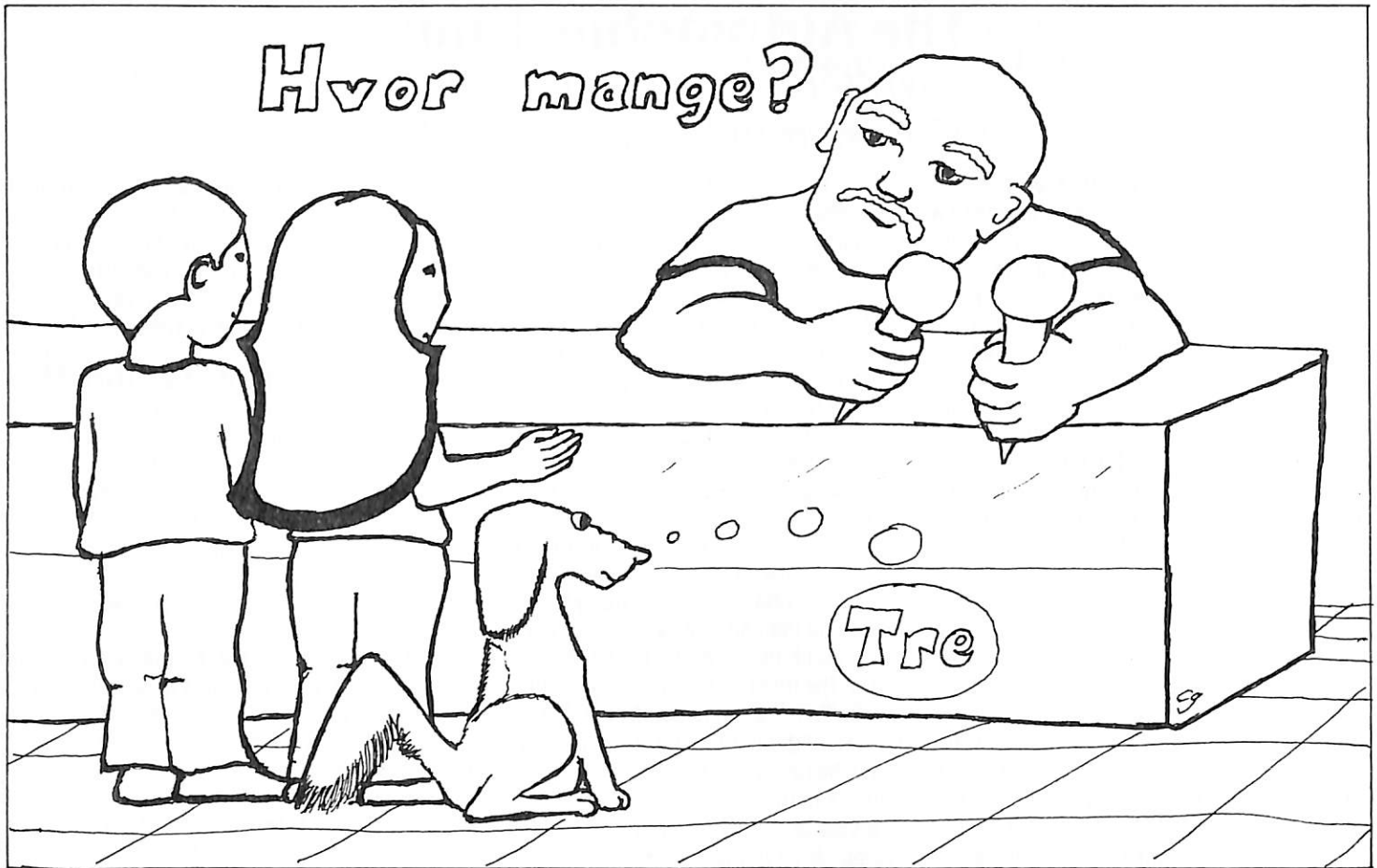
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SUMSNARES



Answer to May's puzzle: Ah Choo Choo



The ice-cream man is asking "Hvor mange" (how many) and Spot reminds that it's to be "tre" (three) of course.

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

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

May winners: Erin Whitaker, Christian Schumacher, Jill Luvaas, and Tony Durivage.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Brunkaal med Lam (Cabbage and Lamb)

2 lbs. lamb steak
Salt
Peppers (whole)
1 medium cabbage head
2 tablespoons butter

Brown butter in good sauce pan which has lid fitting quite tightly. Put in layer of meat, sprinkle lightly with salt and amount of flour. Cover with layer of cabbage and a few whole peppers. Then add another layer of meat and cabbage alternately, having cabbage last. Cover and simmer 1 to 1½ hours over a slow fire to prevent burning. Shortly before removing from fire, sprinkle on another layer of freshly chopped cabbage. This gives a fresh cabbage flavor.

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Viking Adventures

The following is an article reprinted from WISCONSIN, The Milwaukee Journal Magazine, which features the family of Raymond C. Olesen, members of Lodge No. 4 in Racine, Wisconsin. If members of your lodge are doing something special or if you have a special lodge activity, please let us know. We'd like to feature you, too!

The Aroma of Success

When Raymond C. Olesen stands in line at, say, the bank, the man behind him may remark, "You smell good." This is because Olesen's work place, the O & H Danish Bakery in Racine, smells good. It is a bakery.

His son, Eric, 24, is less poetic about the scent. "It stays with you," he says. "People tell you you smell like a bakery."

Ray Olesen is the second generation involved in the bakery. Eric and his two brothers, Dale, 31, and Michael, 28, are the third.



Three generations of the Olesen family are bakers.

The founder, Christian Olesen, who came here from Denmark as a boy of 13, is mostly retired at 75. Oh, he came in a couple of times a week during the 1984 Christmas season, always a marathon work period at the bakery. But Christian had other plans on his Friday nights, the busiest time of any week. That's when they start baking at 8 p.m. and continue most of the night, producing for the booming weekend demand.

"I don't want to work Friday nights anymore," he told his son. "I want to go dancing." Danes are durable.

Now, mention the words "Racine" and "bakery" to anybody who lives within 100 miles of the city and you normally get a two-word reaction: "Ahhh...kringles!" Indeed, Racine may be the kringles capital of North America, with a batch of bakeries producing the pastry.

A kringle, for those who are gastronomically benighted, is an oval-shaped Danish pastry offered in a variety of flavors (O & H has 14, from pecan to prune, from chocolate to cherry).

For the record, the O & H customer favorites are pecan, cherry and apple, in that order. The bakery used

9,000 pounds of pecans alone last year, Ray Olesen said.

At any rate, kringles make up about 30% of the Olesen family's output at its two outlets: the main bakery and store on Douglas Avenue on Racine's Near North Side and a second store on the South Side. Last December, Ray said, the bakery shipped out about 35,000 kringles to fanatics all across Wisconsin and the U.S.

Considering this kringles mania, the visitor who enters the Douglas Avenue store may be surprised to find that kringles occupy only a tiny section of display cases bulging with baked goods — an array of cakes (some with dazzling decorations), rolls, sweet rolls, doughnuts, croissants, cookies, various breads and a host of other items.

In fact, the last time anybody took inventory, the O & H South Side store alone had 270 different lines of baked goods.

For the visitor fresh off the street, the bakery aroma is beautiful, a weight watcher's purgatory.

Members of the Olesen clan are poor walking advertisements for their products; there isn't a fat person in the lot. The three sons, in fact, are trim and muscular men. All lift weights, among a variety of athletic activities.

At 52, Ray Olesen is president and treasurer of this aromatic enterprise. His wife, Myrna, is vice president and secretary. Ray is a tall, gently spoken man with a full head of iron-gray hair and a trim brush mustache. He wears silver-rimmed bifocals.

His father had no background in baking in the old country, learning the baker's skill by working at several Racine bakeries. When Christian Olesen opened his own business in May 1949, he had a partner, Harvey Holtz (hence the "O & H" title). By 1966, Ray Olesen was able to buy out Holtz. Six years later, he bought out his father and moved into the present Douglas Avenue building.

Baking is hard, skilled work involving long hours — 80-hour weeks are common during a holiday rush. Like the sons who followed him, Ray grew up in the business, but . . .

"I really thought I was going to be a civil engineer. I liked drafting, math. I planned to go to Madison (the University of Wisconsin). I had my room reserved there. I was all set to send in the tuition. But I never got there.

"Then I talked to my dad and he said, 'Why not try it (the bakery) for a year first?' I did and I liked it.

"Baking - it's just exciting to me. You create with your hands. Where else can you create all these things and see a product evolve from start to finish?"

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