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President's Page

Robert E. Ibesen
National President

On September 21, 1986, Americans from all across the country will celebrate the first Ethnic American Day. The concept of the Ethnic American Day originated with Americans By Choice, Inc., a not-for-profit, non-political corporation organized in January of 1983. Americans By Choice, Inc. envisioned the establishment of an Ethnic Day to finally recognize and honor the accomplishments and contributions of all ethnic Americans to the country of their choice, America. The following joint resolution was passed by both Houses of Congress:

To designate September 21, 1986, as "Ethnic American Day"

Whereas the United States of America is a haven for victims of religious and political persecution and for those who seek freedom and opportunity;

Whereas the United States of America has welcomed oppressed and deprived persons and granted them refuge and citizenship;

Whereas ethnic Americans love the United States of America and have shed their blood in defense of America and its freedoms;

Whereas ethnic Americans have made outstanding contributions in the fields of agriculture, labor, arts, science, medicine, business, and government, and to the quality of life in these United States; and

Whereas designation of an "Ethnic American Day" would contribute to a greater appreciation of the rich ethnic heritage of the Nation and to the unity of all its people: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate September 21, 1986, as "Ethnic American Day" and to call upon the people of the United States to acknowledge and advance mutual understanding and friendship among all Americans regardless of their ethnicity.

This resolution was signed by President Reagan on December 21, 1985.

As President of the Danish Brotherhood in America, I was asked to serve on the National Advisory Board of Ethnic American Day. Because of the principles this resolution represents and the fact that I personally believe that America should recognize the contributions by ethnic Americans, I heartily accepted this position. As members of an ethnic fraternal benefit society, I also urge you to offer your support on this day. For the first time in the history of our country, the Congress, joined with others, can applaud the achievements, the feats, the accomplishments and the service made by the ethnic Americans. To commemorate this occasion, a program demonstrating the cultural diversity of ethnic Americans has been planned. More than 300 performers, motivated by pride in their ethnicity and love of America, will perform gratis. This spectacular celebration will take place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., at 1:00 p.m. on September 21, 1986 and is open to the public with no admission fee.

While many of us will be unable to participate in the above mentioned festivities, we can support this day by initiating and conducting local celebrations. Invite the public to witness many of the Danish traditions we are so proud of. Your lodge could demonstrate folk dancing, serve Danish pastries, teach the art of making Danish crafts, etc. The list is endless. If your Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a local Ethnic American Day, be sure to show your support and participate in it.

We can be very proud of our Danish heritage and Ethnic American Day is an excellent means to promote our heritage. This day can and should give us the opportunity to publicly recognize what the Danes have contributed and are contributing to our great country.



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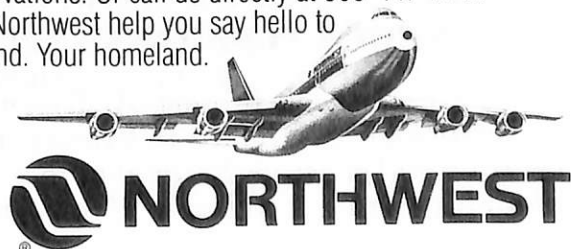
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Hans M. Andersen, 1900 - 1986

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of National Past President, Hans M. Andersen, who passed away July 28, 1986, at the age of 85. Brother Andersen is survived by three daughters, Daisy Lee Bitter of Alaska, Marilyn Johnson of Fresno and Verna Miller of San Francisco; a son, Milton of San Jose; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Floral Memorial Park on August 18. The family requests that any remembrances be made to the Pioneer Village Historical Society.

Hans began his long association with the Danish Brotherhood in America when he joined Lodge No. 255 in Selma, California, on March 1, 1919, at the age of 19. In September of 1951, he was elected as Supreme Trustee and in September of 1959, at the 25th National Convention held in Omaha, Nebraska, he was elected President of the Supreme Board of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

In 1963 when Brother Andersen relinquished his presidential duties he stated, "I avail myself of this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many members who extended their friendship and generous hospitality to me during the years that I served as Supreme Officer of the Danish Brotherhood. Wherever I traveled, the cheerful smile and the handshake of friendship was given me."

We will miss your friendship, Brother Andersen, but your memory will live on forever.

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The Fe

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time lived a man who had two sons: Erik and Palle. The older son, Erik was the father's favorite. He did nothing all day but eat and nap and then griped how very tired he was.

The younger son, Palle, worked hard in the household and had to lift heavy buckets and carry them miles to a well to fetch water.

One day while Palle was at the well, an old woman hobbled over and begged for a sip of water.

"Of course," said Palle, and he filled the bucket to the top and raised it to the old woman's lips. He knew it would be much too heavy for her to hold.

After she quenched her thirst, the old woman (who was really a fe in disguise) said, "You are a good man and when you get home you will find a nice surprise."

When Palle arrived, carrying the buckets of water, his father yelled at him. "What took you so long! Your brother and I are thirsty! How dare you stay away for one hour!"

"I'm sorry," said Palle. "It won't happen again." And as he spoke something strange happened. His words took shape in the air and then emeralds, rubies and diamonds gently floated toward the wooden floor.

The father's eyes grew bigger. "What happened at the well?" he asked, suspiciously.

Palle told his father and Erik the whole story and as he spoke again, more jewels formed in the air and then gently fell to the floor in a huge pile.

The father's eyes were now bulging from his head in disbelief. "Tomorrow, Erik, you will go to the well so that we can have more good fortune!"

The next day, Erik went to the well carrying the heavy buckets and complained all the way.

When he finally arrived, he saw a beautiful young woman dressed in a satin gown. She kindly asked him for a drink of water.

"I haven't walked all this way just to serve you," he said angrily. "Get your own drink!"

The young woman (who was really the fe in disguise) looked annoyed and said, "You are very rude, however, when you get home you will find a surprise."

Just then, it dawned on Erik that what happened to Palle would also happen to him.

When he got home, his father quickly greeted him.

"Erik, what happened?" he asked, anxiously, not even noticing that his son forgot to bring home the buckets of water.

But as soon as Erik began his story, his words turned into black, grotesque shapes that came crashing to the floor where they turned into hideous snakes.

Frightened, everyone ran out of the house.

The father was furious. "This is all Palle's fault," he said. "I'll deal with him!"

Palle saw his father coming toward him shouting angry words. Quickly, Palle ran back to the well where he saw the king's daughter riding through the forest.

She stopped and spoke with Palle and offered to take him to the castle where she lived. The words they had spoken turned into a melodious song and they fell in love.

The fe, who Palle helped earlier, saw to it that the couple lived happily ever after.

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What is Love?

by Donald A. Christensen

Emma Jensen sat in church. Somehow, her attention wasn't quite on Pastor Andersen's sermon. Oh, she heard the phrases now and then, but today was one of those days when one's attention could wander.

Perhaps it was due to the heat. A hot, sticky, July day in Brooklyn could cause the ladies to bring out the fans, even if all the windows were wide open. This was one of those days. The ladies sat, properly attired in their high necked dresses, fanning themselves vigorously.

Emma studied the fans. Some were fancy, folding fans, some were plain. Some were made of heavy paper and contained advertising from a nearby funeral home. Those were usually left in the pews between services as a sort of extra benefit to those who came to church but couldn't afford a fancy folding fan. Emma was one of these.

The oppressive heat caused her to wipe the perspiration from her neck with her handkerchief. She wasn't wearing gloves. Some of the ladies wore white gloves in the summer. For the life of her, Emma couldn't understand why someone would want to wear gloves in the summer. Winter, yes, certainly, to keep the hands warm, but in the summer? One didn't need to keep warm then. In fact, gloves probably added to a person's heat and required one to fan oneself even faster. It seemed like a ridiculous custom to her.

She was thinking about this when Pastor Andersen intruded on her thoughts by raising his voice to emphasize a point in his sermon and at the same time raised his right hand and shook a pointed finger.

"Almost a shout," she thought and looked up to follow the direction in which he was pointing. She saw the model ship hanging from the ceiling, above the center of the aisle. It was a reminder to pray for the seamen.

"They certainly need it," she thought.

There never was a rougher, tougher, bunch of men. Not in her experience. They worked hard, swore much, drank and caroused. They were certainly not a very desirable group to be with and in need of much prayer. At least, so it seemed to her.

"And God loved these seamen and used them," Pastor Andersen declared, interrupting her thoughts.

"How could He do that?" she wondered and began counting the number of sailors in church. There were five, including one sitting a few rows in front. She recognized him from having met once before. A little wiry fellow, sitting so stiffly in his uniform. . . From the **Thingvalla**. . . what was his name? Oh yes, Karl. Except he said that he planned to change it to Charles. Such impudence! Changing your name to appear more American. One should always be proud of one's Danish heritage.

She looked at the back of Karl's neck and silently sent him disapproving looks. He must have felt them, for he squirmed about quite a bit.

She remembered how they had met. He bumped into her in the church doorway and apologized profusely. Claimed he couldn't see her. . . was blind in one eye. Hmph! Who would believe such an excuse? What did he say his name was? Oh! Christensen. Certainly a common enough name.

"And Jesus said, 'Do you love me?'" Pastor Andersen inter-

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rupted once again.

Now he caught her full attention. Her recent experience with love hadn't been too rewarding. She wanted to hear more. Peering over the shoulder of the old woman who sat in front of her, she observed the page of the Gospel that was being discussed and quickly thumbed her way to it in her own Bible. The Gospel of St. John, Chapter twenty one.

"Jesus asked the Apostle Peter again, 'Do you love me as a dear friend?'" , quoted Pastor Andersen. "He was speaking to a sailor . . . a fisherman, when He said that!" The pastor seemed to stare directly at Karl when he made the statement.

Emma studied the muscles at the back of Karl's neck to see his reaction. Karl didn't move a bit.

"Peter answered, 'Yes, Lord, Thou knowest I love Thee as a dear friend.' . . . 'Then, feed my sheep,' Jesus replied," the pastor continued, becoming louder.

"A third time Jesus asked the question and the Apostle Peter became disturbed, perhaps unhappy. Hadn't he said 'Yes' twice already? Didn't Jesus listen to him? . . . So, Peter replied, maybe a little peevishly, 'Lord, you know everything. . . You know I love you!' . . . Then Jesus replied, 'Feed my little sheep'." the pastor continued, now speaking softly.

Elsker du mig? (Joh:21)

*Elsker Du mig, så Herrens Ord til Peter lød
I gamle langstforsvundne Dage.*

*Efter han havde besejret den grumme Død,
Vandred han til sin tilbage.*

*Elsker Du mig, så endnu det lyder,
Til hver eneste Sjæl på Jord.
Osgå til os, han da byder,
Gøre hvad vi kan at udbrede hans Ord.*

*Elsker jeg ham, han som var rede,
For min Skyld at sætte sit Liv på Spil?
Glemme jeg aldrig til ham at bede,
Stræber jeg stedste at gøre som han vil.*

*Herre, De kender alle Ting så nøje,
Ved hvor svag og hvor syndig jeg er.
Intet er skjult for Dit hellige Øje,
Du jo ene ransager alle min Færd.*

*Tidt Du ser at Verdens Lyst mig besværer,
Dig, og Dit Ord, jeg da ej tænker på.
Synden i min egen Barm jeg nærer.
Ak! ja så ofte vil den Overhånd få.*

*Men ser Du Synden så dybt i mit Hjerte,
Længselen derinde den ser jo, og Du
Ser over Synden jeg føler kun Smerte,
Til Dig at tjene, dertil står min Hu.*

*Herre, hvis engang i Dit Rige,
Du vil stille det Spørgsmål til mig,
Da vil jeg med Peder ydmyg kun sige,
Du som alt ser, Du ved jeg elsker Dig.*

"You see, my friends, it is not enough to just speak of love. No! Love requires some action. It must be shown as well as spoken of. . . We cannot just say we love our dear ones, our friends, our neighbors. . . those coming to us from our homeland. No! We must show them our love by our actions. . . our lives. We must care for and feed them, both spiritually and physically," the pastor's voice faded.

Emma's thoughts strayed to her own experiences with love. There was her brother Niels, who came to America first, found work and saved his money to pay for her passage; her brother Olaf, who often stood between her and her stepmother and took the blows meant for her, all the while crying, "Hit me mother." There was Miss Rørbye who opened heart and home to her while Emma was yet a small child, providing a place of refuge to study and learn. Then there was Mr. Barfød, who spoke often of love but disappeared quickly when his true marital status became known. Yes, Pastor was right. Love must be shown.

She looked, once again, at Seaman Christensen sitting so rigidly in his seat. Maybe she could invite him home for some coffee. After all, he was far away from home and alone. Even on a hot day coffee would be good.

Later she wrote a poem about the morning's sermon.

Do You Love Me? (John: 21)

*Do you love me? Thus the Lord's word to Peter
sounded,*

*in olden days, long gone by.
After He had conquered grim "Death,"
He wandered back to His own.*

*Do you love me? Thus it still sounds,
To every single soul on earth.
Also to us He then bids,
Do what you can to spread His word.*

*Do I love Him? He who was ready,
For my sake, to place His life in peril.
I will never forget to pray to Him.
I will constantly strive to do as He wishes.*

*Lord, you know all things so well,
Know how weak and how sinful I am.
Nothing is hidden from your holy eye,
You who alone searches thoroughly all my con-
duct.*

*Often you see that the world's pleasures trouble me.
You and your Word, then I don't think about.
Sin in my own bosom I nourish.
Oh yes! So often it will get the upper hand.*

*But if you see sin so deep in my heart,
The longing therein, see also. And you
See that over sin I feel only grief.
But to serve you, to that purpose is my mind.*

*Lord, if someday in your kingdom,
You will place the question to me,
Then I will be able, with Peter, humbly to say,
You who see all, you know I love Thee.*

The 1986 "Howard E. Christensen" Award is Presented



National Director Paul Carlsen congratulates Vernon Olsen.

At the California-Nevada District Convention held July 17, 18 and 19 in Solvang, Mr. Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon,

California, was presented the plaque for being declared the 1986 recipient of the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. Mr. Olsen's name has also been added to the plaque which resides at the National Headquarters.

Again, the Board of Directors along with the entire membership of the Danish Brotherhood in America thank Vernon for his outstanding dedication and accomplishments to our society. CONGRATULATIONS!

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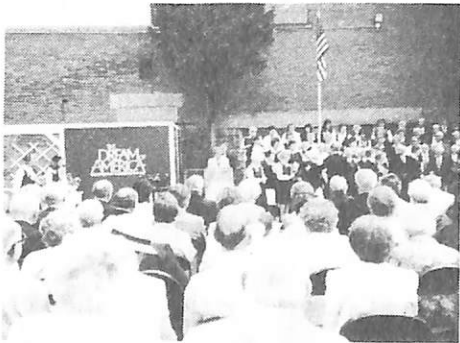
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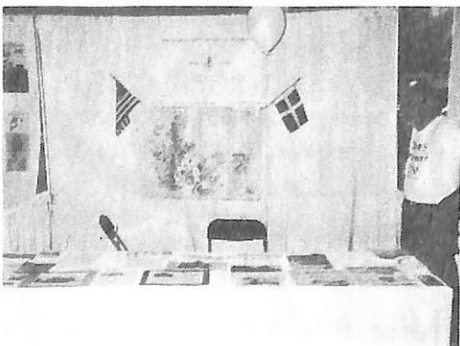
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PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT PACIFIC- NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA. — Many of our members attended the opening day for the big exhibit "The Dream of America" on June 5. About 500 people turned out. Many dignitaries were there including the Governor of the State of Washington, the Mayor of Seattle, all of the five Nordic Consuls in Seattle, the Danish Consul General from Los Angeles, and the Danish Ambassador from Washington, D.C. Our Nordic Princess was on hand to greet the public.



Opening day festivities for the "Dream of America" exhibit were very impressive.



Kris Jorgensen works in our booth at the Ethnic Fest.

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

The best idea for September goes to Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA. See page 17.



The "Statue of Liberty" made out of Lego blocks drew a large crowd.

Our display at the annual Ethnic Fest was rather modest, but the highlight of the fest was something that we Danes can be proud of — the replica of the Statue of Liberty, built with Lego blocks made in Denmark. The Mid-Summer Fest at the N.W. Danish Home was a beautiful day. A new Danish Princess for 1986-87 was presented. She is Dena Al-Kehedairy. Her mother is Danish. Our "Danalag" folk dancers also turned out that day and showed us how the Danes danced in the early days.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The July 2, 1986 meeting was called to order with 41 members present. Jens Jensen introduced guests Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perez from California and Wayne Jensen, a social member who is presently curator of the museum in Tillamook. Don Bogh introduced Connie Kurtz, former DBIA lodge member and an airline employee for SAS.

Debbie Turner reported on Folkfest. There have been rumors that because of insurance problems, Neighborfair might be canceled; but Debbie was told that there was no truth to this. It is still not known if Carlsberg will be available. Karlene had talked to a head person in St. Louis and 60

cases can be shipped to Vancouver, Washington, but it is not known if it will be allowed to come across the state line.

Stig Hansen brought up how we wanted Ed Hirsch to vote in the lodge's behalf, regarding the purposed sale of the N.W. Danish Home. Ed asked if our annual dues to the home have been paid. Mag Esrom stated because of an annual contribution to the home, we are lifetime members. Mag feels the home has become a liability, a hassle involving many lawyers, and issues going back and forth. For the record, Jens Gimbel stated that everything regarding the home is not all negative. The original purpose for the home was a great one. One major minus is that the N.W. lodges are not financially stable to maintain the home in the future. Therefore, it would be best to sell and help with the future in scholarships for the children and home help for the elderly. Fred Batchelor made a motion that we give Ed Hirsch the official point of view to sell. Jens Gimbel also stated that secret ballots will be mailed out to N.W. Home members. Ed has our lodge's vote, but we all may have a vote by paying \$5.00 to join the N.W. Home.

Stig Hansen brought up an idea suggested at the last board meeting; to have a no-host cocktail party at Nendels to honor our 25-year and more members. There would be hors d'oeuvres and music by Kaare Nielsen. The cost would be \$3.00 per person with the lodge paying for our long-time members. Jens Gimbel suggested that we send the honored members personal invitations.

A new Law Committee was elected by the membership consisting of Don Bogh, Asbjorn Fisker, Stig Hansen, Ed Hirsch, and Lisa Mortensen.

A delegate and alternate will be elected from this committee to attend the National Convention in September, 1987. This election must take place no later than 11 months prior to the convention.

Joyce Gimbel reported on her visit to the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, Washington. The exhibit will be there until December, 1986. Joyce said the exhibit was very interesting and well worth the visit.

Stig Hansen reported that at the September meeting, there will be a discussion

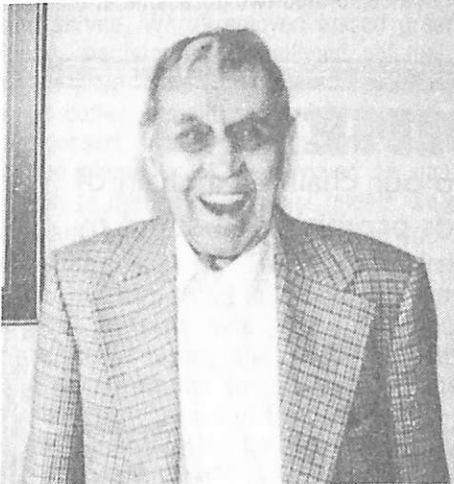
of home brew with samples available.

Cathy Bjork reported on Scanfest activities. Scanfair will be on December 6, 1986, in the same ballroom, but this year expanding to part of the second floor. Cathy suggests we apply now to get the best spot.

Joanne Kantor, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — Our lodge has had a very busy month consisting of many activities.

At our June meeting, there were 49 members present and as usual we had a good social gathering after the meeting. At our meeting, Brother Hans Christopherson, one of our oldest members, celebrated his 85th birthday. Hans has been a member since June 7, 1937.



Happy 85th birthday, Hans!

On June 14-15, the Brotherhood participated for the first time in the Chinese Dragon Boat Race. We were invited to organize a team. We started practicing six weeks prior to the races. The 13.5 meter boats hold a crew of 22 persons, including a drummer and a steersman. There were teams from the Rotary Club of Vancouver, Vancouver Firefighters and Police Department, Coast Guards, and the YMCA. Names of some of these teams were Yellow Submarines, Dragon Ladies, Water Spirits, and, of course, The Vikings.

On race day, thirty teams competed for various trophies, in particular, the Hong Kong/Cathay Pacific Cup, to determine the championship team, who would then participate in the races in the Hong Kong International Race the following weekend.

On Saturday, June 14, the Vikings started in the first race of the day, and as usual, the Vancouver weather was wet. The Vikings placed third in the first race and with that we advanced to the next day's races.

The weather was much better the next race day. The Vikings raced three times and won one race and placed third twice.



"The Vikings" are ready to show their stuff.



"The Vikings" in action.

Out of the thirty teams that were participating, the Vikings placed eighth over all. All the Brothers that were there had a great time, with spirits riding high. We all hope that we can participate in next year's races.

A special thanks goes to Herluf Pedersen for organizing and managing our team, Conny Winther, our special equipment manager (Snaps and Gammel Dansk), and Ole Damsgaard for providing Gammel Dansk.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

California-Nevada District

The 65th Annual California-Nevada Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention was held in Solvang on July 17-19, 1986.

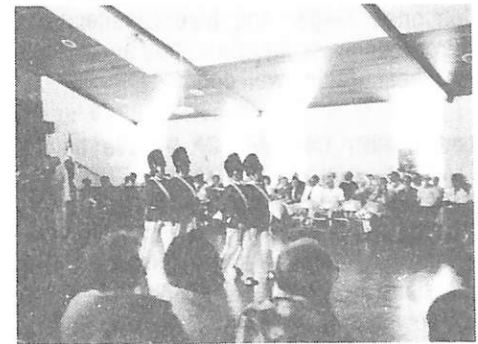
The theme for the convention was "Musical Fantasy of Tivoli;" however, it was much more than that. A part of Tivoli, with its special atmosphere was there, manifested in three important ingredients, music, flowers, and light. The Veteran-erne's Jazz Band from Denmark did an outstanding job on Thursday evening, playing popular Danish and American music and songs, as well as their performance during the dance Friday and Saturday evenings.

They performed in surroundings typical for Tivoli. The place was drenched in flowers, thanks to the many members' tireless efforts by growing and arranging them in the most beautiful manner, while the backdrop was a striking replica of Nimbs Restaurant in Tivoli and perfected by a thousand small electric bulbs, an absolute masterpiece.

The installation of officers was highlighted by the beautiful Escort Team in new, very authentic looking red Garder



Ellen Weber, Hazel Kjellsen, along with Ann Carlsen and National First Vice President, Peter Weber, admire the replica of Nimbs Restaurant in Tivoli.



The Sisterhood Drill Team highlights the installation of officers.

Uniforms, thus even here keeping up the spirit of Tivoli.

The newly elected district officers for the Brotherhood include the following: President, Edward Madsen; Vice President, Kenneth Nielsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Ebba L. Norby; Trustee, Owen Miller; Trustee, Bob Lassiter; Trustee, Arthur Norgaard; Conductor, Karen Rowse; Inner Guard, Kaj Kristensen; and Outer Guard, Jim A. Larsen.

All meetings of the Sisterhood as well as the Brotherhood were well attended. During the Brotherhood's meeting, an Alternate Funding Committee was appointed to make suggestions. The committee consists of Bill Jensen, Chairman, San Diego; Gail Perkins, San Diego; Soren Christensen, Holger Danske; Sue Patterson, Riverside; Richard Rowse, Alhambra; and Anne Kofod, Los Angeles.

During the banquet, National Director Paul Carlsen presented Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon the 1986 "Howard E. Christensen" Award. Congratulations, Vernon!

An honorary life membership was awarded to Johannes Jaeger.

Lodge No. 346 of Riverside, California, was presented the award for the best social activity, while the award for the best annual activity went to Lodge No. 143 of Petaluma, California. Lodge No. 345 of Orange County, California, received the

award for the best newsletter and finally, Lodge No. 299 of Solvang, California, was awarded the best civic activity.

It was decided that plans will be made for the 1987 convention to take place July 16-18 at the Holiday Inn in Riverside, California.

The children's program was highlighted by a boat trip on Lake Cachuma and attended by 13 well behaved children who all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Naturally, many members have been involved one way or another and spent countless hours on a project of such dimension. They have worked under the direction of the two chairpersons, Johannes Jaeger and Else Lassiter, and they all deserve our admiration and thanks for a beautiful job well done.

Lodge #39, Oakland, CA — We held a "Welcome Home Party" on July 25 for the delegates that had attended the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang. It was a well attended evening together with the Sisters from Danmark Lodge No. 17.

The next big event will take place on September 26 and will be a "Pin Party Night" where two Brothers will receive 50-year membership pins and one will receive his 25-year pin. Melvin Oredsen and Fred Jensen have promised to treat with something extra that evening, so come and join us.

October 24 will be the yearly "Italian Dinner" evening, with happy hour from 6 to 7 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The dinner will be cooked and served by John Mottoros and his helpers. This is another night you should not miss.

Aage Lundquist, Cor.

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — Congratulations to Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California upon receiving the 1986 "Howard E. Christensen Award."

S. O. Bengtsson has resigned as the lodge's very capable treasurer for almost 20 years. Svend and Julia have moved to Santa Rosa and that is a long way from our lodge in San Francisco. The new treasurer is Knud Ove Knudsen.

Welcome to our newest member, Hans P. Holm.

The lodge's annual birthday party will be held on November 8 at the elegant Villa Hotel in San Mateo. Chairman Per Jantzen and his committee have promised us a beautiful evening.

We would like to salute the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges in Petaluma for arranging the concerts and homestay for the visiting Danish Boys Choir. Spear-headed by Lillian and Walter Miller, it was

a gala event which really put Petaluma on the map!

Kenneth Larsen, Pres.

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — The Danish Brotherhood in America will hold its 32nd National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning September 24, 1987.

The 1987 Convention promises to be one of the most important in recent years; it is possible that recent developments among lodges in the Midwest could give new and interesting direction to our great fraternal movement.

Due to graduations and other affairs falling on our recent meeting nights, meetings have been poorly attended. Nevertheless, we always enjoy a pleasant evening among friends. Meetings are usually short, typically less than an hour. Then there is a

social gathering with ladies of the Danish Sisterhood where coffee and a variety of open face sandwiches and other delicacies are served.

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend all future meetings. **L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.**

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — I am sorry you have not heard from our lodge for the last couple months. My father, Soren Henningsen, died May 25 at the age of 89, after being with the Brotherhood for 62 years. It is also my sad duty to inform you of the death of Brother Einer Knudsen. Thanks to all the Brothers who attended the memorial for my Dad. This meant a great deal to me to be part of such a fine organization.

We celebrated two occasions at the past

VELKOMMEN!

We have added more links to our chain — a chain of people who have joined hands promising to stand by each other.



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
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Arthur E. Anderson	14	Kenosha, WI	Roger Phillipson
Louis D. Mellone	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Willy O. Jensen	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Bruce E. Laken	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Batten
James M. Hammelev	14	Kenosha, WI	LeRoy Ellingham
Fred R. Ekornaas	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Jessica T. Kohrt	34	Dwight, IL	Mark Kohrt
Dennis A. Larsen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Henning S. Jensen	299	Solvang, CA	Johannes J. Nielsen
Guy Delain	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Ole Damsgaard
Per Milandt Hansen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	John Mikkelsen
Andrew Korsgaard	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Nadjeschda Avergaaard
Karen I. Korsgaard	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Nadjeschda Avergaaard
Norma J. Loveday	346	Riverside, CA	Sue Patterson



It's Better To Give Than To Receive
New members can add to our chain, too!



Congratulations!

William Kastman of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin has been declared "Recommender of the Month" for July. He sponsored 3 new members.

We salute Robert for enlarging our chain of members and for truly believing that "It's Better To Give Than To Receive!"

In keeping with the true spirit of fraternalism, a \$50 donation will be given to a charity of his choice. Watch for details in future issues of the **American Dane**.

regular business meeting; Peter and Madelle Pedersen's 53rd wedding anniversary and my 50th birthday. We would also like to congratulate Anna and Erik Kofod on their 25th anniversary on July 23.

It was decided to have a fish dinner for our October 17th social.

Erik Kofod carried the new Danish flag from the lodge on June 15 at the Church. Anna brought pictures and they were lovely. A warm welcome to the new pastor.

Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — We want to share our recent activities with you, and we hope that all of you are enjoying a relaxing summer.

In May we honored the local Sisters with a Mother's Day dinner which we prepared and served. We all enjoyed tossed green salad, medisterpølse, scalloped potatoes, green peas, rolls and butter. The Sisterhood coffee committee furnished cookies for dessert. Tables were decorated with potted plants which were given as door prizes to the ladies. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nielsen who would leave the area shortly. Their two daughters have been very active in the Youth Group, and the Niensens were presented with a scrapbook covering the years involved. The guest speaker for the evening was Annette Johansen of Sønderborg, Denmark, a Rotary International exchange stu-

dent who showed us slides of Denmark and gave a very interesting presentation of life in that country. Annette graduated from Analy High School, Sebastopol, California, this June and returned to Denmark in July.

On June 22, our annual chicken barbecue was held, and over 200 people enjoyed the good food and fellowship — the weather also cooperated beautifully.

In June we also enjoyed hearing the Men and Boy's Chorus from Esbjerg, Denmark. This group gave a concert at Elim Lutheran Church in Petaluma, and we were all very favorably impressed with their talents.

Sympathy has been extended to Brother Walt Miller and his family in the sudden death of Walt's son-in-law, Stanley Brooks, who was married to his daughter Janet. Stan died very unexpectedly in June during a softball game. He leaves Janet and two small sons. We were all saddened by this loss.

Our delegates have attended the State Convention in Solvang. Since the convention was held the same time as our monthly meeting, the regular meeting was canceled.

We look forward to an active fall season.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We would like to remind our members of two very important meetings that remain in 1986.

The first meeting will be held on the first

Friday of October at the Hill and Valley Club in Hayward when we have first nominations of officers for 1987. Who would you like to see as officers for Lodge No. 184 in 1987? Come to this meeting in October and place those names in nomination.

The final meeting of 1986 will be held in December, again on the first Friday of the month at the Hill and Valley Club, and second nominations and election of officers for 1987 will take place.

We urge all members to attend these two remaining meetings to support the officers and the lodge. But, for those who will not attend these meetings, we hope that you and your family have a happy Christmas and New Year holidays.

Lynn Troxel, III, Pres.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — During the July 9 meeting, a tasty pot roast dinner was served by Max Hanberg and crew.

The second scholarship was awarded to Christine Djaernes, after it was determined that the school was primarily responsible for the rejection the first time around.

Chris Andersen and Svend Hansen were awarded their 25-year membership pins.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Summer months are "slow" months in many of the lodges, but not so with the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges in San Diego.

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Starting July with a bang, the Silvergate lodges welcomed the Fourth of July in a glorious way with fireworks. And it is known far and wide that the Danes know much about celebrating Independence Day. The annual picnic on that day was held in the perfect spot, at Bill Jensen's home in balmy El Cajon. All sports were available, pool, barbecues, etc. The fireworks display from nearby Kennedy Park topped a great day!

The general meeting of July 9 was our chance to commission the delegation to the DBIA California-Nevada District Convention held this year in Solvang. And on July 17-20, our group was in attendance at a well-planned conclave. Golf tournament was planned for the free time; youth activities a-plenty. We had one of the largest groups there. The Solvang lodge had a very nice weekend planned. And as you have probably guessed, San Diego put in for the convention of 1988. It was passed and approved! "San Diego here we come" is what they were saying by the end of the convention.

For the next year or so our lodges are going to be very busy planning for the convention in 1988. There are going to be lots of committee meetings and decisions to be made. You know everybody loves a party, and everyone has different ideas. If you have an idea or thought, please come to our monthly meetings and voice them. We are in need of good ideas to make the convention in San Diego fun for all.

Lillian Suda is anxious to share information on the September 12-14 Camp-Out to the Camp Ma-Tar-Awa. Lillian also has membership details so be sure to contact her.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The 65th Annual District Convention of the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood was held in Solvang on July 17-19. It was especially fitting since this year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of Solvang, plus the fact that Solvang as a new city, has just had its first birthday. Throw in Hans Christian Andersen's 150 years Jubilee, as well as Lady Liberty celebrating one hundred years of greeting newcomers to our shores. We as Americans have plenty of reasons to feel a bit proud of our contributions to this great country, as well as establishing little enclaves like Solvang to help preserve our heritage.

We want to thank the Brothers and Sisters of the Solvang lodges for a wonderful 1986 convention. Present from our lodge were our two delegates, Kate Krake and Richard Rowse, and Karen Rowse

(Inner Guard, California-Nevada District), Viggo and Millie Bech Nielsen (alternates), John and Helene Kristensen, Inger Dix and Jens Andersen.

Our own Karen Rowse progressed from Inner Guard to Conductor for the district. Congratulations, Karen!

Members elected to the Law Committee for our lodge included: Frank Jepsen, Richard and Karen Rowse, John Kristensen, and Jens Andersen. The election of a delegate and an alternate will take place at the September meeting.

A good time was had by all at the swim-barbecue party. About 20 people attended this fun event.

Inger Dix, Treas.

Lodge #332, Modesto, CA — Our members have certainly been enjoying the long, hot summer. The June 20th meeting was preceded by a delicious spaghetti dinner in the home of John and Opal Craig. We were pleased to welcome guests from Denmark. Bente and Lene Krough were house guests of Vernon and Bessie Olsen.

Members have found the best way to celebrate the 4th of July is to relax among the picturesque settings in Tahoe at the homes of Vernon and Bessie Olsen, and Alvin and Gunvar Olsen. Guests from the Petaluma Lodge were Ken and Dorothy Peterson, and guests from the Oakland Lodge were Mr. and Mrs. Aage Lundquist. Thirty-three people attended this three-day adventure. A walk to the lake to view the spectacular fireworks display was a special treat.

Delegates and other members who attended the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang returned home with words of praise for an unforgettable experience.

On August 3, members were invited to attend the annual Chicken Barbeque put on by the Danish Sisterhood at the home of Bob and Alice Sorenson. The chicken was cooked to perfection and the swimming was refreshing. A fun time was had by all.

Members were saddened to hear of the recent death of one of our members, Hans M. Andersen. He was the oldest past Supreme President. **Marge Scheuber, Cor.**

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — July's regular meeting was our annual family picnic. We had plans completed weeks in advance for the picnic, and it seemed that all was going well. The food had been purchased, the park site decided on, games, props and prizes thought out, gathered and bought. But as it is sometimes, the best laid plans of mice and men change.

Not for the 65 people that attended the picnic, but it sure did change for Ken and

I. With a sudden kidney stone attack, Ken was in and out and in and out of the hospital. We soon realize that none of us are indispensable, and that is how it should be and must be. The picnic went on as planned. Many of our members called to check on Ken's well being and everyone that I spoke to told us how well everything went. We were congratulated over and over on how well our kids took over. We say that we have such a great group of Danes in our lodge that we "get-a-long" whatever. So many people pitched in to help, unload tables, chairs, cookers and raking leaves, etc. and then when the party was over, loading it all back up, cleaning up all the stuff. A great big thanks goes to all for coming out and helping out so much.

Everyone agreed that the aebleskivers were excellent as well as the hot dog feast and I heard that it was the best potluck lunch we have ever had. The games went great with the whole gang entering into the competitions of the day.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Solvang Lodge No. 299 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 177 for a well organized and beautifully executed convention. What a picturesque community for a convention. The weather was perfect. The dinners supplied by the convention were superb, Western/Danish style.

Several of our Young Vikings attended the youth activities, and we hear that they had a great time at the lake outing, park time, swimming and etc. We're so glad that the California-Nevada conventions are mindful of the youth in our organization. We want these young members to be aware of all facets of the Brotherhood, so they will eventually have the desire to fill in when called upon.

We were surprised and very pleased to receive the Best Local Lodge Newsletter Award from the district, along with a check to be presented to the lodge.

It is the desire of your board to make additions and possible style change to the bylaws; not changing the current laws, but rather with the thought of upgrading and adding to them the customs that have become unwritten laws. We will be considering this for the next few months, so do become involved in your lodge and take part in this endeavor. At our last lodge meeting in accordance with the National Bylaws, we elected a five member law committee: Howard Kjellsen, Chairman; Ken Olsen, Hazel Kjellsen, Mark Olsen and Gerry Olsen. At the same meeting, Ken Olsen was also elected to be delegate to the 1987 National Convention. Howard Kjellsen was elected as alternate.

It has been suggested that we all look for a particular item, one that you no longer have a need for — old eye glasses. Prescription or magnified glasses can be used by others who cannot afford them or live in countries where they are unobtainable. We will collect these glasses for the next few months and give them to the appropriate organization. Please see Helga Bjorn about this.

Congratulations to "The Great Danes" of Holger Danske. They placed sixth in the top 20 teams of the 1986 Danish Brotherhood National Handicap Bowling Tournament. The congratulations were reflected in a certificate of merit from the National Board of Directors and a check for \$35. Members of the Great Danes team include Cal Christensen, Captain; Norm Kjellsen, Bill Chappel, Howard Christensen, and Soren Christensen. **Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Everybody in the Midwest District remembers the convention in Racine on September 6 and 7 at the Sheraton Hotel and sponsored by our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 5. There will be business meetings and a sit down dinner with dancing Saturday evening.

The convention will also give many of you a chance to see some of Racine's attractions such as our developing lake front marina project, S. C. Johnson Wax Company's building and our Racine Danish bakeries featuring kringle and pastries.

Doug Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Forty-seven shooters participated in the Midwest District Trap Shoot hosted by our lodge and shooting at the Case Gun Club in Racine. Lodges from Kenosha, Dwight, and Chicago were present with Dwight taking first place and Kenosha second place. Thanks to the committee consisting of Erik Hansen, Bob O'Neal, Dan Ervin, Laura Ervin, Matt and Margaret Fosbinder. Also shooting from our lodge were Ray Zieth, Phil Sander and Jay Moore. Of special note was Dan Ervin hitting 25 out of 25!

Congratulations to Charles Kreuser for being named National DBIA Recommender of the Month for May. Thanks to Ray Zieth for continually keeping our roof in shape.

The following Law Committee was selected at a recent meeting: Gordon Andersen, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Roger Nelson, Ben Peterson, and Rick Wade. From this group will come our National delegate to the convention in Des Moines in 1987. Delegates Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. and Roger Nelson and alternates Richard Walker and Berger Rasmussen have been selected for this year's Midwest District Convention.

Notice! Effective January 1, 1987, all insured members will pay their insurance premiums directly to the Home Office in Omaha. You will receive a bill from them. The reason for this change is that we have so few insured members paying premiums to the lodge. Members will still continue to pay their annual dues to the lodge.

Five teams and many of the wives went to Dwight to play golf in the Midwest Outing but we got rained out. Everyone stayed for their fine picnic though and had a great time. They roasted a couple of pigs which were delicious. Thanks to Dwight Lodge No. 34 for a good time had by all.

Our lodge's bowling team, which includes Warren Rasmussen, Rich Walker, Ken Schneider, Henry Studtman, and Bus Baker, finished fifth in the DBIA National Tournament. They won \$40 and donated it to the Building Fund.

A bus load went to see the Brewer game. They lost again but everyone had a good time. Thanks to Rich Walker, Ken Hansen and Duke Ellingham for their work on this event. A big thank you to Dick Johnson for donating the poker table for the Rathskellar.

Danish Night will be October 4. Be sure to keep the date open.

We would like to heartily welcome the following new members: Bill Swan, Harvey Schmidt, Dick Greb, Bob Batten, Richard Edwards, Dick Sylvester, Jim Giordana, John Andrews, Ray Fenema, Stephen Blazeovich, George Stevens, Richard Smith, Joe Fosbinder, Reid Knitter, Charles

England, William Wade, Carl Warnock, Carson Rhode, Richard Myers, Larry Sladek, Brian O'Neal, Richard Maiers, Maynard Tiegs, James Bohn, James Ipsen, John Bokmueller and John Newman.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — On June 24, twenty Danes arrived at O'Hare Airport straight from Denmark. On hand to greet them were several members of our lodge. They drove the Danes to their hotel.

The next day, the visitors were taken on a sightseeing tour of Chicago with volunteers from the lodge acting as interpreters. Some of the Danes spoke some English but others spoke none at all so interpreters were needed. They were impressed with Chicago sights and the wonderful "Danish" cool weather. On Wednesday evening there were 40-45 members on hand to greet them at our meeting hall. They were given a royal reception and seemed to enjoy every minute. Many beautiful sandwiches and coffee cake were served and to those of you who made them, a big thank you. The table looked gorgeous. We hope the rest of their trip was as successful as the first two days. It was fun having them here. They presented President Al Iversen with a beautiful Bell Pull made by a lady in Denmark. Woody Petersen received a good book about Denmark as he was the contact person here.

Thirty-eight members enjoyed a boat cruise on Lake Michigan on June 28. Thanks to Ray Nielsen for planning it. Afterwards, most of the gang drove out to Grethe and Henry Jepsen's home for pizza. Poul Parkes entertained on the piano and a good time was had by all.

The meeting on June 20 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome by President Al Iversen, especially to Poul and Tove Parkes of Pinellas Park, Florida, and to Ruth Dally of Aloha, Oregon.

We decided to purchase ten raffle tickets for the Danish Home's Summer Festival. Also to take a one-half page greeting in a

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
5-30-86	Frank Mattison	92	Columbus, OH	70	Greenville, MI	1960
7-15-86	Alfred R. Stensen	88	Heartwell, NE	16	Minden, NE	1961
6-26-86	Charles M. Greenwood	78	Taunton Sommerset, England	600	Omaha, NE	1929
6-7-86	Theodore Tjader	89	Denmark	172	Philadelphia, PA	1943
6-29-86	Lawrence H. Petersen	73	Greenville, MI	70	Greenville, MI	1948
7-9-86	Alfred Christensen	88	Denmark	70	Greenville, MI	1922
7-11-86	Reinhold Hirlund	90	Nykøbing, Denmark	600	Omaha, NE	1927

Souvenir Anniversary Program from Betty Mollerskov.

Scholarship Chairperson, Grethe Jepsen, told us that two applications for scholarships have been received. They were from Michelle Sloth, a senior at Northern Illinois and Susan Jepsen, a sophomore at Northern. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to each.

Ray Nielsen reported on the Trap Shoot at Kenosha. Four shooters from our lodge took part and didn't do so hot but had a good time. The ladies came along for the fun.

A hand was given to Marge and Richard Bowman for their leadership these past three months.

Ray Nielsen invited all juniors to participate in the Dart Tournament this lodge is sponsoring on October 11. There will be a separate contest for them.

Paul Sloth thanked those who came up to the Danish Home and helped to set up for the picnic. He said he could use some help knocking things down again. Paul invited all to attend this Summerfest.

Cindy Sloth read a letter received from the Museum of Science and Industry about a planning brunch where they are asking for suggestions from groups to make ethnic ornaments to sell at the museum. Cindy wonders if we are interested in doing this.

After the meeting, a film from the Tourist Board of Scandinavia titled "A Place Apart" was shown. It was an excellent film and the Bowmans are to be thanked for providing it for us. They also served punch, and a lovely cake with a witch riding across the cake to help us remember the midsummer celebrations in Denmark. Cake courtesy of Iversen's bakery. The evening was lovely and the sandwiches were great. Thanks to all the sandwich makers and the committee for the last three months for all their hard work.

At the September meeting, there will be a Make It, Bake It, Sew It, or Grow It program, so start planning now on what you will bring.

The folks in Kenosha sure know how to throw a party as the folks who attended the corn roast and brats party will tell you. The food was scrumptious. There was good entertainment, raffles and a great western group playing good toe-stomping dance music. Everyone who went up had a great time. Thanks Kenosha! All the proceeds for this event went into the Midwest District Scholarship Fund after expenses were paid.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — At our July 16 business meeting, Rev. Ernest O. Norquist and Albert L. Larsen were elected as delegates to the 35th annual Midwest District Convention to be held in Racine on September 6-7. Grace E. Gertz and Jeanette B. Norquist were elected as alternates.

Three of our members sang in the Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus having been invited to participate in services on Sunday, July 20, 1986 at the First United Methodist Church, West Allis, Wisconsin. The chorus was under the direction of Anne-Marie Hummel and was well received.

Fifteen members had a good time during the Back Yard Picnic at the Elmer C. Jorgensen's on Sunday, July 20. We partook of refreshing drinks, hors d'oeuvres and gourmet food Sally prepared. It was a warm, sunny day and most of the attendees cooled off in the beautiful in-ground swimming pool. Our thanks go to the Jorgensen's for another successful event.

Seven of our members had a good time at the Corn Roast and Brats event on Saturday, August 2 at the Lodge No. 14 Hall in Kenosha. We thank them for their hospitality.

Insured members elected to the Lodge No. 36 Law Committee are Lars W. Andersen, Grace E. Gertz, Albert L. Larsen, Carol M. Larsen, and John D. Meer-schaert.

We will co-host a Torsk Dinner with the International Institute of Wisconsin on Friday evening, September 26, 1986.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — July 27 was the date of the annual picnic. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all who attended. Games were played and some prizes won. Everyone brought a dish to pass and we all had a good time eating and drinking.

The ladies' bowling team from our lodge was tied for first place with the ladies of Lodge No. 34 in Dwight. This was in the national competition. Prize money of \$100 was given to each lodge for the ladies who were winning bowlers. The men's team won last place in the money winning event. Does this tell you anything ladies?

When this is published, we will be entering our fall months and I hope that everyone is back from vacation and able to attend the meetings. We can only be a good strong lodge by the attendance of all

our members. Please help us get stronger.
Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our Vice President, Loyal Lundorf, said, "You can't keep a good Dane from a picnic or a party." On the fourth Thursday of July, our regular meeting date, the forecast of severe thunderstorms kept some of our Danes at home but not 25 brave Danes who came and enjoyed the delicious foods on the buffet table of the shelter house of Waupaca's Riverside Park. Bolts of lightning, crashes of thunder and three inches of rain in two hours were the chief players at the picnic but did not dampen the enthusiasm for the delicious food or the game provided by Melda and Henry Mortensen.

Our lodge is very proud that our past president, Margaret Miller, was selected as one of Wisconsin's Ten Most Admired Senior Citizens and was an honored guest at the Wisconsin State Fair in Milwaukee. We heartily agree with the much deserved selection of Margaret for this honor. Her sunshine shines through as our present Sunshine Chairman, a post she has held for several years.

We are looking forward to our annual aebleskiver supper on September 24 at Trinity Lutheran Church and to our annual Morten's Goose dinner at the Waupaca Country Club on November 8.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — We participated in the 100th anniversary celebration of Kansas City, Kansas, and the 125th anniversary of the State of Kansas



Esther Schmidt was very popular as she sold Danish treats.



Al Nielsen kept busy at the Festival International stamping passports.

through the Festival International on June 21, 1986.

The Festival began with a parade of national flags and costumes followed by an opening ceremony including the mayors, the governor and other dignitaries. The KC Friends of the Danish Immigrant Museum (including Lodge No. 56 members Lola Danielsen, Al and Edith Nielsen, Ejlf and Esther Schmidt and Gerda and Bob Wallace) operated one sales booth on Saturday selling authentic Danish pastry and crafts. Gerda Wallace demonstrated Danish folk art in a special artist's village during the two day festival.

Many new potential members for the lodge and the museum were identified and much information was exchanged on Danish culture and immigrant history. A unique "Passport" admission ticket provided visitors with a "stamped Visa" as they arrived at each village. The Danish stamp was the Mermaid with "Denmark" title. The proceeds of festival sales permitted a sizable gift to the Danish Immigrant Museum. **Bob Wallace, Cor.**

NEBRASKA PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The annual convention for the Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood in America will be held September 12-14, 1986, headquartering at the New Tower Inn in Omaha, Nebraska. It will be co-hosted by our lodge and Blair Lodge No. 206. Peter Weber, National First Vice President, from Solvang, California, has been assigned by our National President, Robert Ibsen to represent the Board

of Directors at our convention.

The convention will kick-off with a get acquainted social on Friday evening, September 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at Vennelyst Park. There will be activities planned for the young people too.

On Saturday, September 13, all sessions will be held at the New Tower Inn. There will be meetings both morning and afternoon, including the election of new officers. A trip to Henry Doorly Zoo is planned for the young people during the afternoon.

Saturday evening will begin with a social hour with the banquet following. Tickets for the banquet are \$14.00 per person. The program, following the banquet, will include the announcement of the winners of the District President's Awards, winners of the Nebraska Activity and Visitation plaques and the scholarship recipient. Coronation of the King and Queen will precede the installation of the new officers of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Johnny Pintore Quartet.

Sunday morning, September 14, a breakfast will be served by the Sisterhood. It will be held at the American Legion Club. The cost of the breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

To help raise money for the convention expenses, we are selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. Prizes include a \$200 Savings Bond, \$100 Savings Bond, \$75 Savings Bond, \$75 Danish plate and \$25 Danish flag. Our goal is to sell at least 1,000 tickets, so we need everyone's help.

Our August business and social meetings were combined and held on Tuesday, August 5 at Vennelyst Park. There were 76 people present, including a number of guests. Following the business meeting, we all enjoyed homemade ice cream, cake, brownies and coffee. A special thank you to Bernice Eckley and Stephen Oleson, chairmen, and all who helped to make it another successful social event.

Michael Nielsen made a report on the Ethnic Festival, held April 26-27, 1986. Our lodge received a check for \$250 for their participation in the festival. Michael Nielsen and Stephen Oleson were elected to be chairmen again for next year's Ethnic Festival. **Jim Christiansen, Sec.**

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — Our July 12 meeting was held at the I.O.O.F. Hall with President Quentin Johnson in charge.

Delegates elected to represent our lodge at the Nebraska State Danish Brotherhood Convention on September 12-14 are Lennie Kincheloe, Donald Lehn, and Paul Hansen. The alternates elected are Greg Hansen and Quentin Johnson.

For the National Danish Brotherhood Convention to be held in September of 1987 in Des Moines, the Law Committee members elected include Eric Hansen, Ingrid Hansen, Paul Hansen, Arla Mae Hansen, and Greg Hansen. Greg Hansen was elected to be our delegate to the National Convention.

After the business meeting, the Lincoln Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 joined us for a new card game with Doris Kincheloe in charge. This was followed by a delicious lunch of sandwiches, tea and coffee with Donald and Eudean Lehn as host and hostess. **Don Lehn, Cor.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — The following insured members were chosen for the law committee at the July meeting: Laurids Pedersen, Tim Mann, Judy Pedersen, Jennifer Christensen, Merton Kuhr and Lorraine Petersen. One will be chosen to represent our lodge at the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

Our delegates to the state convention in Omaha on September 12-14 are Morris Palle, Harriet Palle, and Duane Nielsen with first alternate as Tim Mann, second alternate as Merton Kuhr and third alternate as Karen Nielsen. **Harriet Palle, Cor.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — Our regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening, August 6. One application for membership was approved by the members. The motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to the organization of a baseball league for kids in the junior high and senior high school age group; also to sponsor a bowling team for the 1986-87 season. The meeting was followed by a very fine lunch of sandwiches and corn on the cob, with Mike Bray being on the lunch committee.

The regular softball season is over now. The Danish Brotherhood team won four games out of twelve this year. This is about the same as they did last year. They have the Post Season tournament to play yet and that will conclude the softball season. All the games that they lost were close. It seems that one team that beat them had a pitcher that was 61 years old. I think the score was something like 14 to 0. But everyone had fun playing and said they would do better next year. **Keith Koegler, Past Pres.**

Payments to Board Members

JULY 1986
Paul Carlsen, California-Nevada District Convention, \$788.00.
AUGUST 1986
Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

Lodge #225, Canton and Lodge #301, Akron, OH — There are many advantages to being Danish. The most obvious of these being great looks, a magnetic personality and a fantastic sense of humor. Now, there is yet another advantage to being Danish — as if the above weren't enough. Just because members mentioned that they were with the Danish Brotherhood when they went to Eastwood Park for the annual Akron-Canton picnic, they received a special discount. The picnic was held on Sunday, July 20. Akron supplied the beer and Canton supplied the pop. Everyone enjoyed sharing the food, fun, and fellowship.

Belinda James, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — August was a very busy month as our members enjoyed a picnic at Wilbur Knudsen's on August 3 and the annual lodge clambake held on August 9 at Gerda Sorensen's.

We are planning a potluck supper and teacup auction for our October meeting and hope to see you all there.

Paul Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Schenectady Elks Lodge. Dinner is served at each of these meetings. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your lodge brothers and an excellent meal.

Two brothers have earned 25-year pins, Edward "Skip" Jutras and Carl Hansen. At the June 4th meeting, "Spec" Jutras accepted his son's pin for him since he lives out of town. Carl Hansen was presented his pin at the August 20th meeting. Congratulations Brothers!

On July 4th, Captain Kaye Sorenson was interviewed by TV station WNEW, Channel 13. Brother Kaye immigrated to the United States in 1923 from Denmark. He became one of Albany, New York's finest, rising from patrolman to Captain when he retired. Kaye said the last sight he saw when leaving Denmark was the mermaid in the harbor and upon arrival in New York he was greeted by the Statue of Liberty. Two great ladies, one saw him off to a new life and the other welcoming him to a new life in the USA. Several of the brothers saw the interview. Congratulations Kaye.

The annual fishing party will be held September 14 at George Severson's camp at Lake George. There will be a \$5.00 fee for members and a \$15.00 fee for non-members.

Lawrence Barry, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — At our July meeting we had a visitor from Seattle,

Mr. George Olsen from Denmark; Inger Larsen from Kongens Lyngby; and Elizabeth Pedersen's goddaughter, Lisa. Our youngest visitor was Catrine Joy, 3 months old, daughter of Helene and Soren Christensen.

A committee was appointed to plan our 60th year anniversary dinner.

Helen Kofod reported on her efforts to find us a meeting place for 1987.

Tom Sullivan entertained us with folk songs and jokes with great success.

On Sunday, July 13, our members participated in the picnic at the Danish Home in Metuchen. Eighty young ladies from Denmark "Aarhus Pigegarde" performed to great delight for all present.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Charity is Declared

In the August, 1986 issue of the **American Dane**, Robert Erickson of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin was declared "Recommender of the Month" for June, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better to Give Than to Receive," Mr. Erickson has donated his award of \$50 to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a primary resource for assistance and expertise in the following areas: education, improving the criminal justice system, prevention, legislation, public awareness, and advocacy. The center offers a national clearinghouse that collects, compiles, exchanges, and disseminates information.

Robert is to be saluted for enlarging our chain of Danish Brotherhood in America members!

Attend College in Denmark

Scandinavian Seminar announces its 1987-88 College Year in Scandinavia program. Now in its 38th year, this unique foreign study program in Denmark, Finland, Norway, or Sweden is open to college students, graduates, and other adults (over 18) who want to study in Scandinavia, learn one of its languages and become immersed in another culture. The application deadline is April 1, 1987.

On the College Year in Scandinavia program, students are placed individually at Scandinavian Folk Colleges or other specialized institutions, where they live and study with Scandinavians of diverse backgrounds. The Folk Colleges are small,

Danish Marchers

The Aarhus Girls Band from Aarhus, Denmark, was recently hosted by Scanticon-Princeton, where they gave a benefit concert, followed by a march and performance in downtown Princeton. The band consists of 80 girls, ages 12 to 23, who wear uniforms that are copies of the Danish Royal Life Guards. The group also participated in New York City's Statue of Liberty celebration.



Aarhus Girls Band gets ready to perform.

The band was founded in November, 1955, by the musician Carl Tschentscher. During the years, the group has developed musically and is trained by professional instructors in its daily work.

The Aarhus Girls Band has participated in arrangements in Denmark as well as in foreign countries and has always achieved great honor and recognition for its beautiful concerts and magnificent tattoos.

Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood will begin on October 16, 1986, at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

residential educational communities intended mainly for young adults. Both historically and socially, these schools have played an important part in the development of all the Scandinavian countries and there are now over 400 of them in all.

The fee of \$8,000 covers tuition, room, board, and all course-connected travel within Scandinavia. Financial aid in the form of low-interest loans and supplementary grants is available for students who demonstrate a need.

For further information on this or other intercultural educational programs, please write to Scandinavian Seminar, 24 Dickinson Street, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002.

It's Better To Give Than To Receive

Announcing:

The Recommender of the YEAR Award

Effective January 1, 1986, the new membership campaign was expanded to include the "Recommender of the Year" award. Keeping with the spirit of true fraternalism, whoever wins the "Recommender of the Month" award the most times in 1986 will be awarded \$300.00 to be given to the charity of his or her choice.

In addition to the \$300.00 given to the charity of his or her choice, the "Recommender of the Year" will receive a personalized plaque and be recognized in the American Dane.

It's Easy

All the records will be kept at the National Headquarters and normal application procedures will still be followed. Your representative can assist you in calling on the new member to complete the insurance application or simply send one copy of the membership application to our Home Office for follow-up by our Sales Director, Andy Andersen, or call him, collect at (402) 341-5049 Monday through Friday.

In case of a tie, the "Recommender of the Year" will be awarded to whoever sponsors the most new members.

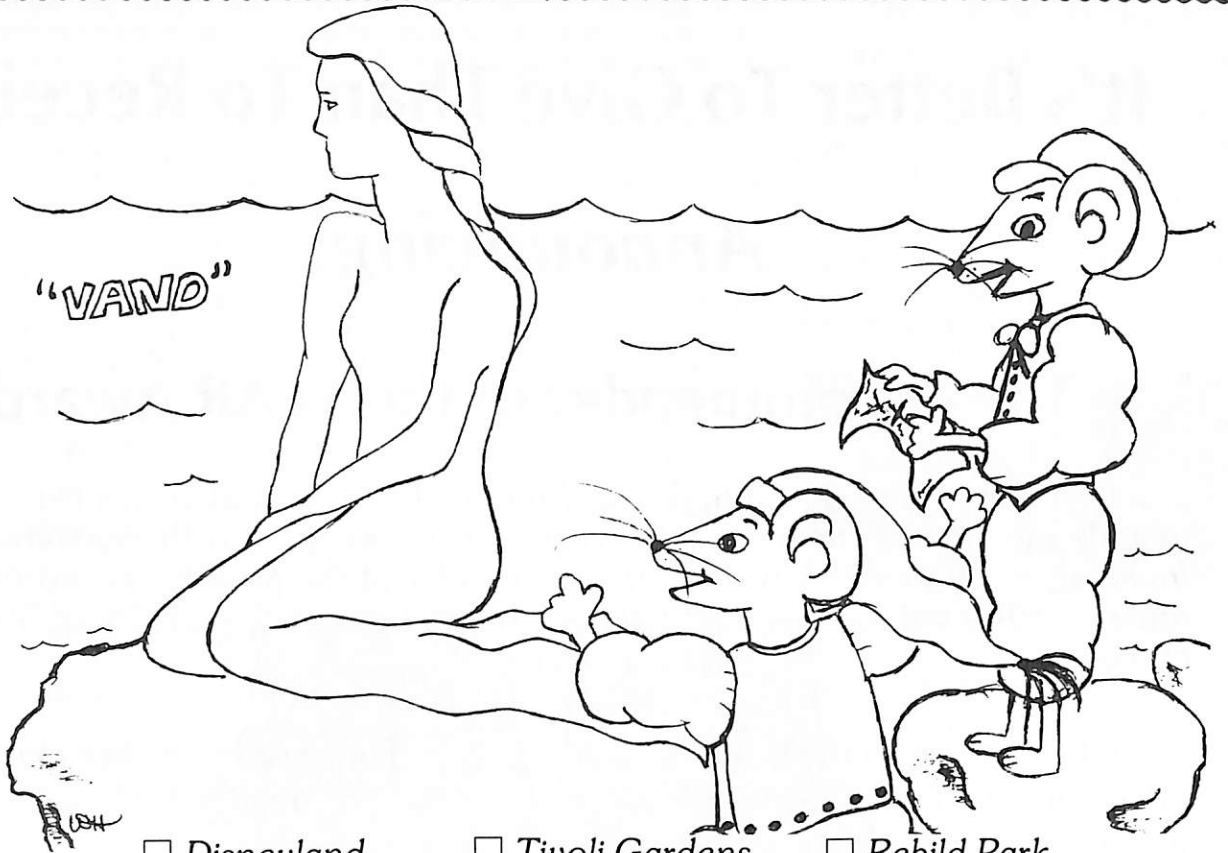
In cases where a tie has been declared for the "Recommender of the Month," a \$50.00 donation will be given to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the name of all contending recommenders. If no charity is declared, the donation will be awarded to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also.

Representatives, Home Office personnel, and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

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Disneyland Tivoli Gardens Rebild Park

Jens and Erik want to thank you for telling them that the famous little mermaid statue written about by Hans Christian Andersen, a famous Danish writer, lives in the Copenhagen Harbor. Now that they are in Copenhagen, they would like to visit the famous amusement park in the city. Can you name it for them? If you think you know, just check one of the boxes above. As you color the picture you can practice saying "water" in Danish just like Jens and Erik are doing.

Then send your entry to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. Be sure to include your name, address, and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded each month, one for each of the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

August winners: Lars Tyler Pedersen, Nick Rakic, Jennifer Ross, and Jenna Jensen.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

WANTED: Original Danish family recipes, traditional and adaptations. Food journalist seeking contributions for cookbook and oral history that explores immigrant recipes and traditions. I am also interested in old stories about the Danish immigrant experience as it relates to food or cooking in any way. Contributors will receive by-lines in published book. Please write to **Julia DellaCroce, 120 W. 81st Street, New York, New York 10024.**

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Makaroni og Skinke
(Macaroni and Ham)

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| 1/2 lb. cooked macaroni | 5 eggs |
| 3 Tbsp. butter | 1 lb. diced ham |
| 3/4 cup flour | Pinch of salt and pepper |
| 3 cups milk | Butter |

Cut macaroni into small pieces. Make a white sauce of butter, flour and milk. Mix the beaten egg yolk, ham and macaroni, then stiffly beaten egg white and spices. Put in buttered baking dish and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Pour melted butter over top. Bake one hour in a 350° oven. Serve with brown gravy.

This dish is very good when cold, sliced and served on a lettuce leaf with mayonnaise.

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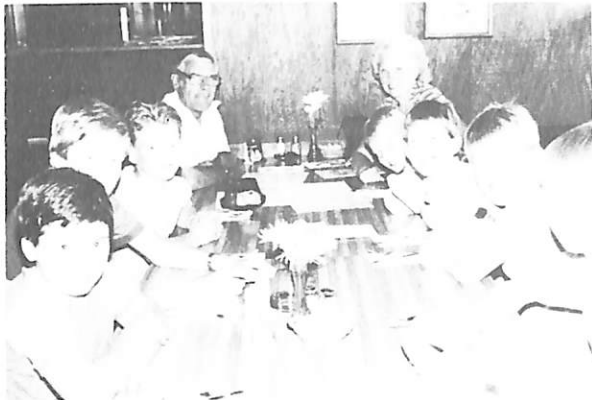
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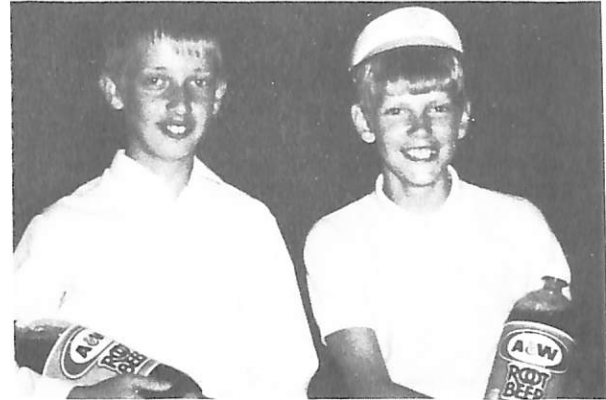
Keeping Together — Progress

Working Together — Success

Petaluma Enjoys the Danish Men and Boys Choir



Choir members get ready for "American Pizza" with hosts prior to Novato concert.



Two of the choir members were anxious to take "root beer" back to Denmark.

There were many misty eyes among the Petaluma, California hosts and hostesses of the Men's and Boys Choir of Esbjerg, Denmark as they said farewells early Saturday morning, June 28th. The choir group of forty-four had just completed a whirl-wind tour of Petaluma and vicinity. They were anxiously headed to southern California with a full schedule ahead of them. The California trip was organized by composer, conductor Per Gunther of Esbjerg and the tour also included Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Juan Capistrano and San Diego with special performances at Disneyland and Sea World.

The group arrived in Petaluma Tuesday night, June 24, directly from Denmark and were greeted by their new families. The northern California schedule was arranged by Henning Jensen of Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco, and housing and other activities were coordinated by Walt and Lillie Miller of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 143 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 126 of Petaluma.

The choir spent Wednesday getting acquainted with their hosts, most of whom were members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Some enjoyed TV, others swimming; some were taken to nearby landmarks, and others relaxed after their long trip from Copenhagen. Later that night they were in nearby Novato for their first concert at the Presbyterian Church arranged by Anna Lisa Clark of that city.

The next morning they were taken by bus to Muir Woods, entertained and had lunch at Aldersly, a home for the elderly in San Rafael; spent a short time in San Francisco and were back in Petaluma at the Danish Soldiers Club facilities at Kastania Ranch for a hamburger barbecue hosted by their families. As dusk fell at the picnic grounds, the choir sang the Danish National Anthem as the flags of Denmark and the USA were lowered.

On Friday, many choir members returned to San Francisco because the previous day's visit had been too short. For others, local activities were enjoyed prior to their evening concert at the Elim Lutheran Church in Petaluma. Elim Church, founded largely by Danish immigrants in 1926, had observed its 60th anniversary during the year. The church was overflowing with the Danish community including Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood members. The choir and organist's performances were superb.

The choir was honored to be accompanied by Flemming Dreisig at the organ and piano for their concerts. He is a professor of organ music at The Royal Academy of Music in Copenhagen and is presently the organist at the Holy Ghost Church in Copenhagen.

The choir of Trinity Church in Esbjerg, Denmark, was founded in 1964 by Per Gunther and since that time have been singing as the church choir at most services. The boys join the group at about 8-9 years of age and are generally educated for ten months prior to acceptance into active choir work. Today the men's voices consist of boys who joined the choir as sopranos several years ago. The group is well known to Danish radio and TV and have made many recordings. Their most recent tours to the USA were to the East Coast in 1982 and to the San Francisco area in 1979. Their annual tours have included Norway, Sweden, Germany, Holland, England, Belgium, France and Canada.

Their outstanding performances, dedication to the choir, and their enthusiasm for life will long be recalled by all Petalumans. We hope that their next itinerary to the USA will once more include Petaluma.

Have You Seen This Child?



William "Billy" Dale Gunn

DBIA joins with NFCA to locate Missing Children

The Danish Brotherhood in America and the National Fraternal Congress of America have joined together to help locate missing children across the country. Each month a photo and information will appear in the **American Dane** magazine.

DOB: 2-21-69
 AGE: 17
 DATE MISSING: 6-16-84
 FROM: Klamath Falls, Oregon
 HEIGHT: 5'8"
 WEIGHT: 115 lbs.
 HAIR: Brown
 EYES: Blue
 SEX: Male
 RACE: Caucasian
 IDENTIFYING MARKS: Half moon scar on forehead
 LAST SEEN: On 6-16-84 in Klamath Falls, OR, was dropped off at friends house by step-father. No one at friends house and Billy was not seen again.

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