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President's Page

Robert E. Ibesen
National President

As you may know, the Board of Directors' annual meeting has recently concluded. While many exciting topics were discussed which will be published in the future, I would like to dedicate this column to the decisions made by the National President's Awards Committee consisting of myself, First Vice President Peter Weber, and Past President George Jacobsen.

First, I would like to thank all the lodges and districts for submitting the forms required to participate in this program. It is very encouraging to read about all the exciting and worthwhile activities conducted throughout our society. At the same time, it is very difficult, as I'm sure you can imagine, to select five winners from the many entries received. Yet, because of the extra hard work which went into these activities, I am very pleased to announce the winners of the 1986 President's Awards. Please join me in congratulating the following:

Best District for 1986 — Midwest District

Best Single Social Activity — Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY — Slide Show Faero Islands

Best Single Civic Activity — Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL — Brian Perschnick Fund

Best Annual Activity Schedule — Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI — 24 activities

Best Newsletter — Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. and Lodge No. 345, Orange Co., CA

The Best District for 1986 has received a certificate and a check for \$200. Each of the winning lodges have been awarded a certificate and a check in the amount of \$100. Two special recognition awards were also given by the Board of Directors. Certificates have been awarded to **Lodge No. 1 of Omaha, Nebraska** and **Lodge No. 35 of Chicago, Illinois**, for their assistance given to 20 tourists from Denmark. Both of these lodges conducted sightseeing tours, furnished transportation, and hosted special gatherings in their honor.

In addition, each lodge winning a District President's Award received \$25 and a certificate. Congratulations to the following lodges: **Pacific-Northwest District**, Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington, single social activity; Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C., single civic activity; Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington, annual activity schedule; and Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C., newsletter. **California-Nevada District**, Lodge No. 299, Solvang, California, single social activity; Lodge No. 346, Riverside, California, single civic activity; Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, California, annual activity schedule, and Lodge No. 345, Orange County, California, newsletter.

Nebraska District, Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska, single social activity; Lodge No. 206, Blair, Nebraska, single civic activity; Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Nebraska, annual activity schedule; Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska, newsletter. **Iowa-Minnesota District**, Lodge No. 326, West Branch, Iowa, single social activity; Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa, single civic activity; Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa, annual activity schedule; Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa, newsletter.

Midwest District, Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin, single social activity; Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois, single civic activity; Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin, annual activity schedule; Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois, newsletter. **Michigan-Ohio District**, Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Michigan, single social activity; Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan, single civic activity; Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan, annual activity schedule; Lodge No. 225, Canton, Ohio and Lodge No. 301, Akron, Ohio, newsletter. **G.C.E.L. District**, Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, New York, single social activity; Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut, single civic activity; Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, New York, annual activity schedule; Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, newsletter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the conclusion of our membership campaign "It's Better To Give Than to Receive." December 31, 1986, is the deadline, so you need to get busy signing up those new members. Whoever has won "Recommender of the Month" the most times will be declared "Recommender of the Year" and will be awarded a personalized plaque along with \$300 to be given to the charity of his or her choice. In case of a tie, the "Recommender of the Year" will be awarded to whoever sponsors the most new members.

In conclusion, I, on behalf of the Board of Directors, would sincerely like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we all celebrate Christmas together — Danish style — we can renew our brotherly love and fraternal spirit and look towards the future to spread this spirit to others.

Living History From the Heart of the Heartland

by Wilber Williamson

(Information in the following article has been taken from Thorvald Hansen's book "We Laid Foundation Here" and from "A History of the Danes in Iowa" by Thomas Peter Christensen.)

Early immigration to the United States from Denmark was slight. The census figures for 1850 listed fewer than 2000 foreign born who named Denmark as their country of origin. However the last half of the 19th century marked a dramatic increase in the number of Danes who came to this country. By 1870 the number had risen to 30,000, and by the end of the century the figure was to reach nearly 154,000. A number of factors that promoted this increase included religion, such as Mormonism that brought Danes to the Salt Lake, Utah region; poor economic and social conditions in Denmark; the war with Prussia and Austria in 1864, which resulted in the loss of the territories of Schleswig and Holstein; and the passage by Congress of the Homestead Act of 1862, which offered free land to the pioneer.

The State of Iowa benefited from this migration from Denmark, the census of 1880 showing that Iowa ranked second among the states in the number of Danish-born residents. Ten years later it ranked first. By that time the number of Danes in Iowa had more than doubled and by 1890 had reached 17,000. Until 1890 most of the Danish immigrants were small farmers and laborers. After 1890 the crafts and professions were better represented among the new immigrants.

Not all of the Danish immigrants came directly to Iowa from Denmark. Many had gone originally to Wisconsin, Illinois, and other states before joining their countrymen in Iowa. Towns such as Davenport, Clinton, and Cedar Falls were to a certain extent distributing points for Danes within the state. Many of the immigrants settled in rural communities where farming became the main activity. Some of these communities included Elk Horn, Kimballton, Fredsville, Latimer-Coulter, Rutland, Newell, and Ringsted.

The largest Iowa settlement of Danes centered in Shelby and Audubon counties in the west central area and included the communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton. Elk Horn is the oldest Danish village in Iowa, the "Plymouth Rock" of the Iowa Danes. A Danish folk high school was built in 1878, a Danish Lutheran Church in 1882, and an orphanage in 1890. From that time until 1894 when the split in the Danish Lutheran Church occurred, Elk Horn was the hearth-stone of the Danish Lutherans throughout the United States. The rift in the Church in 1894 promoted the development of the Kimballton community. An observer of the Elk Horn-Kimballton area at that time said, "One may drive about 24 to 26 miles from southeast to northwest where nearly all are Danes. From southwest to northeast not quite so far."

The Elk Horn-Kimballton area has continued to be a strong and vital community where Danish culture and traditions have survived to the present day. A Danish Immigrant Museum has been established to tell the immigrants story and to collect and preserve a vital chapter in Danish-American history. Because of the strong Danish heritage as well as the local enthusiasm and support, the new museum will be built on the west edge of Elk

Horn. In the last two years Danish-Americans have generously donated to the museum, a museum director, June Sampson, has been appointed, and architectural plans have been prepared for the building to house the collection.

Because of the strong impact of agriculture, not only on the Danish communities but also on all areas of the State of Iowa, an important institution has been established. This is the living History Farms located on the outskirts of the Des Moines metropolitan area. The Living History Farms is a private, non-profit, historical and educational foundation. It is a 600 acre, open-air, agricultural museum that tells the story of farmers and farming in the Midwest, from the Iowa Indians to the modernistic solar farm home. Interpreters, dressed in historic clothing, recreate the daily routine of early Iowans. The buildings, methods of planting, even the food is authentic to the periods represented. The farms in this open-air museum include an Ioway Indian agriculture village of 1700s, a pioneer farm of the 1840s, a horse-and-buggy Walnut Hill farm of the 1870s, a 1900 farm, and a farm of today and tomorrow. The latter includes the William G. Murray Solar Farm home that draws its energy from the sun, wind and earth with ultra-modern technology. For those visitors that are interested in life styles of farmers over the years, a visit to the Living History Farms should be most rewarding.

Of the Danish immigrants who settled in Iowa considerable numbers congregated in Iowa towns and cities. Council Bluffs was one of the early Iowa towns where Danes assembled. Other towns which have long had colonies of Danes are Davenport, Burlington, Sabula, Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Sioux City, and Des Moines.

A subsequent article will look in more detail at the influence of the Danish community in Des Moines. But one incident concerning the city could be mentioned. Henrik Cavling, a Copenhagen journalist, had traveled extensively in the United States in the 1890s. He commented concerning the reaction of Iowans to the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument that was in Des Moines: "What do you think of the inhabitants in Iowa deciding that Rohl-Smith, a Danish artist, should take for his model of the muse of history, the lean, flat-chested wife of a well-known senator; and that the boy to stand by her side should reproduce an 8 year old grandson of Lincoln, who has crooked legs and a head shaped like an onion. Rohl-Smith said no, but the people believed it. In addition there was a terrible commotion in the press and in the pulpits when it was found out that the artist had modeled Mother Iowa with undraped shoulders. Four old generals were sent to Chicago to look Mother Iowa over, and they finally decided that she was all right."

For those of you, who will be attending the National Conventions of the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood in September, 1987, you will have the opportunity to see for yourself whether Mother Iowa is a proper hostess. We are confident you will decide that she is **all right!**

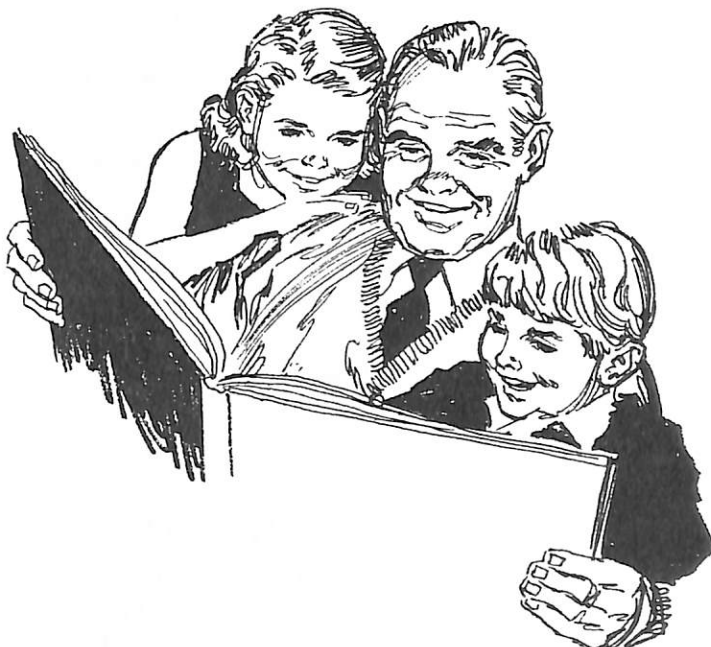
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Why Do You Doubt?

by Donald A. Christensen

The meadow was filled with shouts. Laughter rang through the surrounding woods. Men, women, and children were busy unloading picnic supplies from carts and wagons. Cherubic clouds floated through a light blue summer sky. And it was July hot.

Emma Jensen hummed a happy tune while she unloaded food-stuffs. The aroma of fresh baked rugbrød, Karl's favorite bread, made her hungry.

"I can hardly wait to eat," she thought.

Karl interrupted her thoughts by touching her lightly on the shoulder.

"Remember, Emma, my name is now Charles. Try to call me that," he said in a soft, confidential tone.

"I think I prefer to call you 'Christensen'," she replied with a note of disapproval.

Karl smiled and turned to the wagon to remove a plank that was to become a part of the picnic table.

"Someday, Emma, you too will do all you can to learn American words and ways. We can be Danish and American at the same time. That's why we're celebrating this Independence Day. You'll change. You'll see!" Karl nodded as he spoke.

While they spoke other members of the congregation added planks and constructed a makeshift table which was soon covered with trays of smørrebrød. At one end stood huge crocks of cold buttermilk soup and baskets of oat cakes and on the other end large pots of coffee sent wisps of steam and an aroma floating over the whole gathering, whetting already healthy appetites.

"Come now, the table is ready. Let us sit by Rasmussen and his friend Sophie. They are a good pair. They make me laugh a lot," said Karl. He took Emma's arm and escorted her to where the other young couple stood.

"Oh, Karl, I'm glad you came. Anton is planning to run in the sack race this afternoon. He says he is sure to win because there really is no competition. I told him that he shouldn't be too sure. I think you would be able to give him a good race," said Sophie with a twinkle in her eye.

"Well, I don't know. . . I've never run in a sack race, but if he means to enter the foot race I know that he will have to run as fast as the wind to beat me," replied Karl with a smile. "And the

loser shall pack the wagon and drive the team home while we shall rest comfortably sitting in the back." He nodded toward Emma as he spoke.

"Oh, Christensen! You shouldn't talk so!" said Emma, her face reddening.

"Done . . . and we'll see who sits in the back," replied Anton as he bowed solemnly and offered his hand. "Now . . . Shall we eat?"

They all laughed, then stood silent waiting for the pastoral blessing.

Lunch was eaten and digested during some long-winded speeches by the congregational president and members of the board of deacons, some of whom spoke with a broad Jysk accent that Emma could barely understand. She had a hard time fighting off drowsiness.

Others must have felt the same way, for there was a collective sigh of relief, especially from the young people, when the announcement was made that it was time for the games and races to begin.

The course for the foot race was a semi-circular one, chosen as a test for hardiness and endurance as well as speed. It started at the north end of the meadow then entered the woods where the trail, marked by red and white pieces of cloth, wound through the undergrowth and over rocks and fallen trees before emerging on a path approximately one half mile farther at the south end of the meadow. From there it was an unobstructed run of about forty yards to the finish line.

The contestants, each bearing a serious and determined look, walked to the starting line. Karl eyed the competition, noting that Rasmussen was the tallest and he the shortest of the runners.

"Being short may be an advantage when going through the woods. I'll slip through places that he'll have to go around," he thought, and I'll need to get enough of a lead so that he won't catch me on the straightaway to the finish line."

He looked for Emma, but she, with some of the others, had already left the group at the starting line and had taken a position at a point where they could see both along the pathway exiting from the woods and the finish line.

"Ready! . . . Set! . . . Go!" the starter shouted and simultan-

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eously whipped a red scarf toward the ground. The runners scrambled along the path toward the woods amidst cheers and shouts of encouragement. Rasmussen took the lead but Karl was only a few strides behind as they completed the climb up the incline and entered the woods.

The crowd continued to call out to the racers while grunts and thrashing and the snapping of branches and twigs marked their progress through the woods.

At the point where the trail emerged, Emma stood watching and waiting. It seemed like hours to her but in reality it was only minutes before she spotted Karl leading the pack; running like a madman with arms flailing; leaping over puddles and fallen tree trunks.

"Rasmussen!" he shouted, turning his head. "You'll never..."

A low branch interrupted his taunt, catching him along side the head and sending him into a tailspin. He landed on his backside with a loud splat smack in the middle of a mud puddle. The other racers, trying to control their laughter, passed by quickly, dodging around Emma as she hurried to his side.

"Christensen... Christensen! Are you hurt?" she called.

"Owww!" he moaned, sitting up and holding the side of his head.

"You... You're all right?" she asked, out of breath, as she reached the spot where he had fallen.

"Well, if being wet and covered with mud and having a lump on my head the size of an egg is considered 'all right', then I certainly am all right," he spluttered. "Here, give me a hand," he said grumpily and reached out.

Relieved, Emma couldn't control her smile.

"You do look rather ridiculous sitting there. Reminds me of a piglet I saw once," she said bending low over the log that

guarded the puddle and gingerly offering him her hand.

Karl took her hand and struggled to his knees. Then, while still holding her hand, he pulled her quickly to himself and kissed her firmly on the lips.

"Oh... Oh!" she gasped, pulling away and wiping the mud from her crimson face. "Oh! Christensen, No! You shouldn't have! What will the others think? Oh! Oh my..."

Gathering up her skirts, she turned quickly and ran... deeper into the woods.

"Thank you for coming! I think we should share the mud too!" Karl shouted after her and sat down again wondering about what he had just said and done.

Emma heard the words. They were almost drowned out by the noise of her heart, pounding as it never had before. She followed the trail until it broke into a small clearing. Selecting a grassy spot in the sun, she sat, breathing deeply while struggling to sort out all the emotions stirring within.

A half hour slipped by before she could focus on the bluebells and buttercups that poked their heads through the dead leaves at her feet. Now she noticed how hot she had become, and the woods, cool and inviting, beckoned to her, so she rose and began walking slowly back toward the picnickers.

Along the path the sun's rays probed the cathedral-like darkness, illuminating otherwise invisible specks of dust floating in the air; highlighting for a moment a flitting butterfly and pollen-searching bee.

High above, a mockingbird sang its joyful solo, while other birds, with voices of lasser note, chirped and warbled in chorus. Emma scanned the lacework of leaves hoping to find the source of this music. Finally, tired and feeling shy and awkward about facing the group of picnickers again, she sat on a fallen log. She closed her eyes to shut out the world while sorting through all

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her thoughts.

“God, is he the one you’ve sent for me? Him, the little one with the bold spirit and hot temper? When I think of him my heart pounds. I think I love him and that he loves me. . . . and you too. What am I to do? I have so many doubts and fears.”

She prayed, sitting still for a long while, hands folded in her lap.

“Ahem . . . Emma?”

Karl stood three or four paces behind her holding his cap in his hand, nervously fingering its band. He had approached so quietly that she hadn’t heard him.

Hvorfor tvivler du?

*Hvorfor tvivler Du mit bange Hjerte?
Troer Du ej på Herrens Magt?
Tør Du ej betro ham al din Smerte
Hvorfor er Du dog forsagt?*

*Sommeren er her med Solskin og Varme
Sommeren er her med Glædskabens Bud,
Bringer Lys og Fred til os arme,
Vidner om en Kærlighedens Gud.*

*Løft Dit Hoved, lyt til Fuglekoret,
Synger højt i Himmel blå.
Hører ej gennem Sangen, Du nu Ordet,
Hvem som beder, han skal få?*

*Nys lå alt i Vinterkulde,
Dagen var mørk og Dagen var trang.
Herren rejste alt dog op af Mulde,
Blomster spired atter frem i Vang.*

*Kan han da så Naturen vække,
Herlig op til Liv igen,
Hvad i Verden kan dig så forskreakke,
Når Du troer at han er Din Ven?*

*Når kun til ham Du trofast vil bede,
Kommer Du nok igennem Livets Vinterhed
Og så vil han Dig engang lede,
Til en Sommer skøn og blid.*

“Emma?”

She opened her eyes and turned toward him.

“I’m sorry if I’ve offended you. Will you forgive me? Look, I went back and cleaned up. I’m almost a new man!”

With arms outstretched, he slowly made one complete turn.

“Come take my hand and we’ll join the group. They have already started the singing.”

Emma smiled, rose and went with him.

Later she wrote a poem about her experience and called it **Why Do You Doubt?**

Why Do You Doubt?

*Why do you doubt my fearful heart?
Trust you not in the Lord’s power?
Dare you not entrust to Him all your suffering?
Therefore why are you despondent?*

*Summer is here with sunshine and warmth.
Summer is here with the Creator’s message of joy.
Bringing light and peace to us poor ones,
Bearing witness to a loving God.*

*Lift up your head, listen to the chorus of birds,
Singing high in the heaven so blue.
Hear you not, through the song, now the words,
“Whoever shall ask, he shall receive?”*

*A hint lies already in the frost of winter,
Days were dark and days were difficult.
Still, the Lord raised all up from the mold.
Flowers once more sprouted in the field.*

*If He can surely waken Nature,
So gloriously up to life again,
What in the world can frighten you so,
When you trust that He is your friend?*

*If only to Him you faithfully will pray,
Then you will come once more through Life’s winter.
Also He will lead you one day,
To a summer, beautiful and mild.*

Model and Plans Presented for Museum

Plans for the new Danish Immigrant Museum were approved by the Museum’s Board of Directors and Advisory Council at



their annual meeting held recently in St. Paul, Minnesota. The architectural firm of Astle/Ericson and Associates of Omaha, Nebraska, presented the conceptual drawings and model for the 64,000 square foot structure to be erected on the twenty acre site on the west edge of Elk Horn, Iowa.

The floor plans, elevation drawings and model are the result of months of planning. Board members, museum staff and architects worked to incorporate the Museum’s needs for exhibits, meeting rooms, offices, workshops and storage in a building that was compatible with the site and the setting in the Danish American villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton, Iowa.

Plans in other areas of the Museum’s development are continuing on schedule. Signe T. Nielsen Betsinger, of St. Paul, Minnesota, was re-elected as president of the Board of Directors. She welcomed three new members to the Board: Judy Andersen, Los Angeles, California; Norman Riis, Ames, Iowa; and Poul Steffensen, Omaha, Nebraska.

This architect’s drawing shows the future Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

The Rock of Ages

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once there was a stone-aged boy. His name was Ages. He was short and thin and always cold.

One day he made himself a fur vest. It kept him nice and warm. Except when the wind blew.

"I need something to keep my vest closed," he thought.

He walked along a mountain top looking for... well, he really wasn't sure.

But he did come upon a round, flat rock. It had a hole in the center of it.

Ages never saw a rock like this one. He got on top of it and laid down. Soon, he was asleep.

Suddenly, the mountain began to shake. Ages jumped up just as the rock rolled down the mountain.

Ages saw the rock get smaller. It rolled until it got caught in a tree. A branch stuck out of the hole in the rock.

Ages climbed down to a ledge to get a closer look. He stared at the hanging rock. Then he looked at the sun. Again he looked at the hanging rock. A shadow appeared on the rock from the branch. Ages watched the sun. It moved a little. So did the shadow on the rock. Ages watched time pass.

The mountain shook again.

The branch broke and the rock rolled down the mountain.

Ages saw the flat rock get smaller. Then it disappeared. "Where did it go?" thought Ages.

He climbed down to another ledge to find it. The rock stood in some tall grass. Ages went over to look at it when he heard a noise. Ages turned around. A large beast came toward him. Ages picked up the branch that held the rock. He put the round, flat rock in front of him. The beast ran into it instead of

Ages. Ages fell down, but he was not hurt. The beast limped away.

The mountain shook once more.

Ages grabbed onto each side of the branch that held the round rock. They both rolled down the mountain, the rock wheeled faster and faster and became smaller.

Ages was scared. Yet he was excited at the same time. Never had he traveled in such a manner.

Quite suddenly, Ages fell off the rock and onto some wildflowers.

The rock continuing rolling. Ages saw the flat rock get even smaller. It became smaller than his fist.

Ages climbed down the mountain to find the rock.

A wind blew. Ages was very cold. He remembered what he had started out to do that day. "I must find something to keep my vest closed," he thought.

He stumbled and fell to the bottom of the mountain.

Nearby was the tiny round rock. Threads of the branch stuck out of the hole of the flat rock.

Ages picked it up. He looked at it and smiled. He pushed the threads and the rock through his vest. The vest stayed closed. Ages stayed warm. He now had a Button.

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A Report on Liability Insurance from National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome L. Christensen

At the recently held DBIA workshops, the membership voiced concern and interest regarding liability insurance for lodges. Many were having trouble obtaining liability insurance and those who had it said it was costly. Many asked about the possibility of the National Headquarters obtaining a blanket or umbrella liability policy covering all lodges.

The National Headquarters has researched and consulted our insurance agent regarding the possibility of a blanket liability policy. Our insurance agent in turn consulted with the Omaha Branch of the Royal Insurance Company, a national company, in this same regard. The results are not favorable.

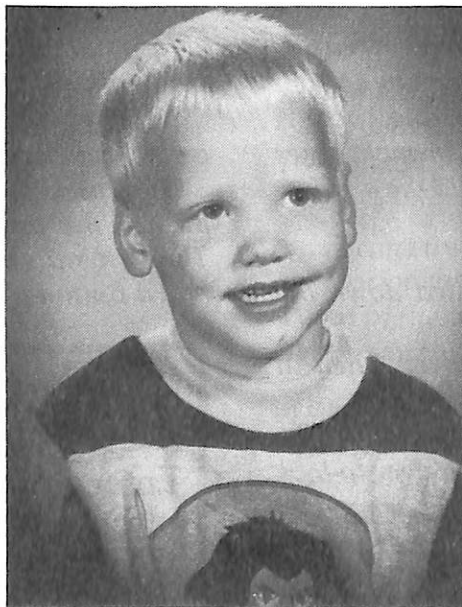
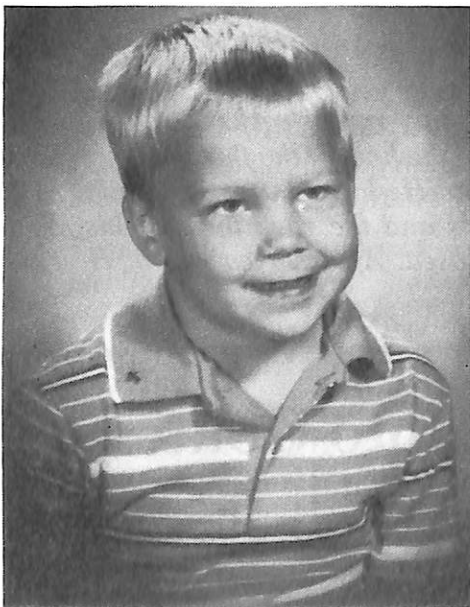
Royal Insurance Company was given a list of our lodges and their locations as well as a general idea of the types of activities in which they involve themselves. Of course, this was very difficult in itself, as our lodges are involved in such a variety of activities and programs. Our insurance agent reported to us that

the Royal Insurance Company "came to the conclusion that the local lodges are not combinable for purposes of issuing public liability insurance in one policy." Royal said, in part, "it has been determined that the various operations of the respective local lodges are not combinable," due to the fact that "the exposures of each lodge can vary widely in accordance with the information provided in your submission."

The National Board of Directors and the National Headquarters Staff have reviewed the findings of the Royal Insurance Company and concur with them. It is our belief that the individualities of each of our lodges make it imperative that they get liability coverage to parallel that individuality and that will suit their needs. Further, local representation of liability insurance is very important for lodges to consider.

If the Home Office can be of any assistance to any lodge regarding this topic, please don't hesitate to contact us at 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131 or call (402) 341-5049.

Introducing



Jon Dennis Wadding, born November 19, 1981 and **Jay Richard Wadding**, born September 27, 1983, sons of Dennis and Roxanne Wadding of Emmons, Minnesota. Both boys enjoy riding their bikes and three wheelers, playing cars and trucks, watching TV — Walt Disney, cartoons, and wrestling — visiting with neighbors, swimming, attending local high school athletic events and doing and going places with their dad. Jon also attends Sunday School and preschool.

They joined Lodge No. 75, making it the first time that four generations have belonged. They joined their great grandfather, Soren Sorensen, a member for 73 years who is 95 years old; their grandfather, Richard Sorensen, a member for 39 years, and their mother, Roxanne Wadding, a member for 25 years.

Welcome Jon and Jay!

Are you a new Young Viking member? If so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article describing yourself and the hobbies or activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

Dana College Receives Estate Gifts

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College, announced that the college has received two estate gifts amounting to approximately \$600,000.

The first gift, estimated at \$400,000, is from the estate of the late Jim Jensen of Omaha. Jensen, an Danish immigrant who owned and operated Pioneer Towel and Linen Supply Company of Omaha, developed a special attachment for Dana because of the college's unique Danish heritage. During his lifetime, he was a frequent visitor to the campus and a generous benefactor. Now, at the death of the last of his immediate family, Dana again benefits from his generosity.

The second estate gift remains a mystery to Dana officials. Some weeks ago, the college received notice that it had been named as beneficiary in the estate of Willy Andreasen of Fort Pierce, Florida. A check of the college's records of alumni and donors has revealed no information as to how the late Mr. Andreasen may have become acquainted with Dana College. He, like Jim Jensen of Omaha, was a Danish immigrant and it is assumed that his interest in Dana was sparked because of the college's Danish heritage.

In announcing the two gifts Dr. Christopherson said, "Being able to announce these gifts is an especially encouraging experience for me. It is my sincere hope that other friends of Dana will recognize the importance of estate planning and follow the examples of these two generous men."

The Dream of America

Fifty-two million people left Europe in the years 1840-1914. Thirty-five of them immigrated into the U.S.A.; 300,000 of them came from Denmark. Dreams of gold, adventure, a job, or cheap — even free — soil pulled them across the Atlantic; hopeless social conditions, unemployment, lack of farmland pushed them away from their homeland.

The Danish National Museum, Copenhagen, and the Prehistoric Museum Moesgaard, Aarhus, told the story of Danish emigration to America in a spectacular exhibition in 1984-85, which attracted enormous public attention.

This exhibition has now been transferred to the U.S.A., where it can be seen at the Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle, Washington. Adapted versions of the exhibition will possibly be shown in other American cities at a later date.

Along with the American version of the exhibition, a book has been produced, which presents Danish emigration into the U.S.A. in a larger perspective. It is entitled

"The Dream of America," and the articles tell the story of who the emigrants were, and what kind of society they left. They also tell about the strenuous journey, the arrival in the New World, and the realities of the country they had dreamt of. They present the immigrants' lives in the slum area of New York as well as in the middle class quarters of Chicago; in the dugouts on the Nebraska prairie as well as on established, well-equipped farms in Wisconsin. And they illustrate the aspects of Danish culture which were carefully preserved in Danish settlements — particularly in the Midwest.

The authors are all Danish experts in their fields, or Americans of Nordic descent attached to Scandinavian departments at colleges or immigrant museums.

The book can be ordered from the Prehistoric Museum Moesgaard, Attention Annette Damm, 8270 Højbjerg, Denmark. The price is \$10. If more than 30 copies are requested, the price will be \$8.00 a piece.

Book Service Available

Nineworlds Publications, a new mail order book service specializing in Nordic and Celtic subjects, is now available to serve customers across the country.

Titles in stock cover the myth, legends, folklore, history, and culture of the British Isles, Scandinavia, and continental Europe.

Owners Madeleine Hutter and Stephen McNallen had long lamented the fact that excellent books pertaining to their area of study — the history and culture of ancient Northern Europe — were almost inaccessible to the general public and even to scholars. In addition to the rarer works on European prehistory and folklore, McNallen emphasized, Nineworlds would stock the better known favorites. "We want a comprehensive inventory that will appeal to the scholar and the casual reader alike — and we want to continually enlarge our list of offerings."

A catalog of current books may be obtained from Nineworlds Publications, P.O. Box 1792, Breckenridge, Texas 76024.

The Howard E. Christensen Award

The Howard E. Christensen Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1987 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the award winner must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures will be forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary later on this month. The National Headquarters is looking forward to securing at least one nomination form from every lodge by the new deadline of **February 15, 1987**.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local Lodge President or Secretary after December 15, 1986, or the Danish Brotherhood

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The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month.

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Congratulations to our Lodge Treasurer and Past National President, Kris Jorgensen, and his wife, Marianne, who observed their 25th wedding anniversary in November.

Did you notice the brand new American flag with gold fringe, gold tassels and the golden eagle on the pole at our last meeting? We think that Craig Emmick and his wife Gayle have something to do with that.

Our triumphant soccer teams, "The Danes," went to Canada for a couple of matches with the Vancouver Danes, and came back with all the silverware on September 20, 1986. The results are as follows: Young Teams - Seattle 5, Vancouver 0; Old Teams - Seattle 6, Vancouver 2. Vancouver says it will be different next spring. Congratulations!

The tentative date for the officers installation has been set for Saturday, January 24, 1987, at the Sand Point officers Club.

At the October 1st meeting, the Sisterhood gave us a special treat after the meeting with marzipan layer cake, pastry, and wine. Also, Secretary Bente Noble showed a very interesting film about the early Vikings. Thank you, Bente!

The Nominating Committee for 1987 lodge officers has been elected. They are as follows: Mel Hollister, Craig Emmick, and Ted Kofoed. **Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Mark Saturday, December 20, on your 1986 holiday activities calendar now so you'll remember to join us for all the fun and excitement this special evening brings to everyone attending each year. Children of all ages are invited to participate in the program so bring your instruments, songs, recitations, tap dancing shoes or any other props you will need to entertain everyone. Adult admission is only \$1.00 each (18 years of age and under are admitted free). And please remember that each family is asked to bring some cookies, candy or a cake. We know Santa will be with us and other surprises expected.

Merle Kinder, Chairman, Sharon

The best idea for December goes to Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI. See page 20 for details.

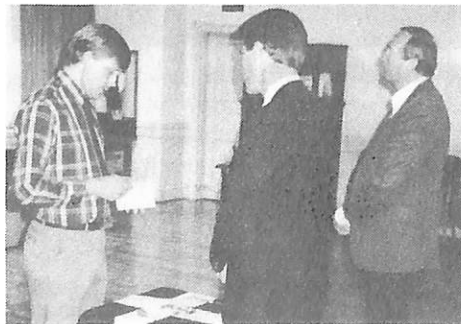
Kinder, Iver Hansen, Bill Garras and Lawrence Charneski were elected to the Law Committee at the September meeting. Sharon Kinder was named delegate to the Brotherhood's National Convention and Lawrence Charneski, alternate.

Please note that the January meeting has been changed from the first Thursday to Thursday, January 8. We are not planning to have our installation of the 1987 officers-elect at the January meeting because of the anticipated winter weather. We plan to invite the Northwest District Presidents to Spokane sometime later in the year and act as installation officers. Come and spend an evening in January anyway.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The October 1 meeting was called to order by President, Stig Hansen, with 24 members present.

New member, Steve Sorensen, was present for initiation. Conductor Larry West escorted him outside and a motion was made that he be accepted into the lodge. Following the initiation a recess was called so all could welcome Steve into the lodge.



President Stig Hansen initiates new member Steve Sorensen as conductor Larry West looks on.

It was noted that the Victor Borge concert will be on Friday, December 15, 1986, as part of the Scanfair. Stig Hansen has the ticket applications.

The hayride was discussed. George Larsen stated there were the best open-

faced sandwiches he had ever eaten. Larry stated everyone had a lot of fun and it was one heck of a meal.

Mag Esrom brought up that our lodge should decide to join as lifetime members of the Northwest Danish Home. He stated that it is important to stay involved in the outreach and scholarship programs. Asbjorn Fisker made a motion that we become lifetime members of the Northwest Danish Home with the \$100 fee. Lisa Mortensen seconded and the motion carried.

Brotherhood member, Peter Nielsen, is looking for soccer players to field a team for indoor soccer this winter. Play will be on weekday evenings and be against other teams in an organized league. Dust off those old shoes, and start stretching those old, tired muscles so you can compete like a true Dane should. All those interested, young and old, should contact Peter for additional details and information.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 44 members present. We installed five new members into our lodge. They are Jan Jorgensen, Leo Mide, Ole Olsen, Mark Svensson, and Carsten Mide. This brought our members present to 49. Four new applications were accepted: Erik Sorensen, Bent Jensen, Frede Laursen, and Peder Engelund. At the meeting, we elected our delegate to the Thirty-second National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Brother chosen was Herluf Pedersen. Over the last few years, we have got more and more young, new members. With that in mind, the interest for sports has risen. We elected a Sports Committee. The Chairman/Coordinator is Keld Christensen. Also on the committee is Conny Vinther, Jorgen Larsen, Herluf Pedersen, and Jorgen Schroder. After the meeting, the Brothers enjoyed an open-faced sandwich, a beer and snaps.

We sponsored a bus trip to Reno. There were 36 passengers on the bus. Both Brothers and Sisters participated.

The weather was very good through all five days. Our first stop was just outside of Eugene and there Maverick Tours provided us with a wine and cheese party. There

was western style music to dance to.

On Sunday morning, we started early for Reno. We reached Reno and began the struggle to lose our money, but we were lucky that three of our brothers had already been there for a couple of days warming the tables and slot machines.

On Monday, a casino tour was provided with lots of free ticket coupons and a little bit of spending money. Some were lucky, some were not.

On Tuesday, many took a tour to Virginia City for sightseeing, then proceeded onto Carson City where a lunch was provided in the Golden Nugget. As we left Carson City, our bus driver took us on a scenic tour of Lake Tahoe.

On our way home to Vancouver, passing time on the bus we played bingo, horse-racing, and lots of stories were told. Everybody had a wonderful time, new friendships were made, and old ones were renewed. Many thanks go to Herluf Pedersen, for coordinating such a wonderful trip, and we hope that we can do it again next year.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We've been busy and enjoying various activities throughout the year and I would like to take this opportunity to describe a few.

In April we held a garage sale to add money to our treasury. After the sale closed, workers and others had a pizza party.

In June, 59 people attended our annual



Many celebrated St. Hans Fest overnight.

St. Hans Fest at Triangle Lake. Thanks to Knud and Karen Toftemark for the use of their property.

Thanks to Martin and Hanne Taekker for hosting a campout at their summer home at Heceta Beach, August 16. Over thirty members enjoyed their hospitality, fine food and refreshments. The group finished the day with dinner at Mo's Seafood Cafe in Florence.

Our annual Harvest Party was held just before the September regular meeting. Everyone filled up on a meal of aebleskiver and fruit soup. A plaque from the Pacific-Northwest District honoring the lodge for best annual activity schedule was presented.

The Norsemen, a male Norwegian choir, entertained at the social hour after the October regular meeting.

Daneland Mobile Home Park Recreation Building was the site for our annual Danish brunch on October 19th. Eighty-eight people enjoyed "everything from pickled herring to cheeses," plus kringle, layer cake and coffee. With Danish music as a background, many stayed for quite a while to visit and share vacation experiences.

Danes sure have a good time when they get together.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — Knud Ove Knudsen has been elected delegate to the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, during September, 1987.

Jorgen Alsted is our new anniversary member. He became a member of our lodge in 1961 and is owner of a Danish furniture store in Berkeley.

We have arranged for a joint Christmas party on Thursday, December 18, 1986, at the Odds Fellows Building. Dinner will include salad, turkey with all the trim-

mings, dessert, wine and coffee. Music will be provided by Andy Nielsen. Price for the whole evening is \$5.00 per person. Please make reservations before December 15.

Installation of new officers will be held on January 28, 1987.

Henning Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — On October 8, a delicious top sirloin dinner was served to 52 members and guests and the following meeting presided by Johannes Jaeger was attended by 20 members.

An application for membership by Roy Alexander was accepted and a review of the Danish Days Banquet revealed that it had been a great success. After some discussion it was decided that the upcoming installation of officers will take place in the Memorial Hall.



The Drill Team from left to right: Ingrid Hansen, Ellen Weber, Marie Jaeger and Birgit Nelson.

We would like to once again voice our appreciation to the Sisterhood Drill Team which made our installation ceremony at the California-Nevada District Convention so impressive.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Yard Sale, traditionally held in a central location of Old

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
9-19-86	Holger Mortensen	73	Askov, Minnesota	263	Askov, Minnesota	1958
7-10-83	Carl Alfred Larsen	92	Holbaek, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1924
9-28-86	Jim Richard Jensen	77	Rosendale, North Dakota	301	Akron, Ohio	1936
9-29-86	Jerry Wallace Sorensen	60	Trufant, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1946
9-24-86	Levi J. Taft	88	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1937
9-6-86	Andrew C. Hove	81	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1954
5-18-86	Harold Nelson	50	Brunswick, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1952
10-16-86	Allan W. Anderson	64	Wausa, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1961
9-19-86	John G. Johnson	60	Drammen, Norway	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1975
10-22-86	Emanuel L. Therkildsen	93	Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1928
10-7-86	Jack P. Thielen	60	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1966
10-8-86	Fred Jensen	80	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1940
9-18-86	Aage Jensen	84	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1945
10-12-86	Marie Hansen Sorensen	82	Hardy, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1962

Town, is now history. This brings true expressions of appreciation to our hostess, the participants, and all of our faithful repeat and many new customers.

Our Christmas Party will be held at the Norway Hall on December 6, 1986. Reservations are necessary so we can plan table set-ups and the gifts for the children. Contact Alva Jensen, Alma Jensen or Joanne Chapin for reservations. We are still planning our annual talent show for the children. If you have a child interested in performing that night, we would like to encourage any participants and please contact Linda Jensen or Kathy Jensen to enable them to set up the program. If anyone is interested in helping out with table decorations, decorating the hall and/or preparation of sandwiches, please let them know when you make your reservations. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The committee will be supplying open face sandwiches and coffee. Each family should bring their favorite Christmas dessert.

Please mark your calendar for the installation of officers on January 9, 1986. We are looking forward to continuing the success of last year's installation dinner. It will be a New York Steak dinner with all the trimmings and we are working on some special entertainment. We will probably be having several out of town guests that night and hope you can help us welcome in the new officers as well.

Attention is focused on getting committees together for plan-making; 1988 will find Danish Viking descendants massing here for the California-Nevada District Convention. With determination to have another success, the local lodges are laying good foundations. A folk-dancing group is forming, the promises of great fun, as when previous groups trained and performed. The spin-off is a fun-and-feast circuit and it is a place many might want to share in rewards and benefits. Karen Suda would like to hear from any willing participants.

Congratulations to Bill Jensen for having been elected chairperson of the Danish Brotherhood for our 1988 convention. We were very pleased that he has accepted this position.

The lodges are into the bowling year and welcome qualified members. Tuesday nights in the facilities of Town-and-Country Lanes is where you can get to better know your fellow Danes. Contact Sharon Heckbert for information.

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — Thirty-seven members and guests attended the September barbecue at the Carpinteria
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Lions' Park. The event was a Brotherhood picnic and a commemoration of the Sisterhood's founding 47 years ago. Henny and Henning Jensen made the green salad, salad dressing and garlic bread. Shirley Lauritsen made the potato salad. Astrid Giffin kept the finances straight. Harvey Jensen donated the soft drinks, beer and ice. The CALAVO Association of California donated ripe avocados and all the people present tried chili-cados for the first time. The Sisterhood provided a sumptuous birthday cake. The Brotherhood wishes to thank all who helped to make the event a success.

Two barbecues have been set for 1987 — May 17 and September 13, both at Lions' Park in Carpinteria.

There was no delegate elected by the non-insured members to attend the National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, but several non-insured members have expressed intentions of attending as visitors.
Carl Lauritsen, Cor.

Lodge #332, Modesto, CA — Fall activities began with a harvest of good food in the home of Ebba Norby hosting our September meeting. It continued in October at the home of Harold and Ellen Olsen with tasty home-cooked food from their garden.

Members are looking forward to celebrating their 40th year by traveling to the Westley Hotel for dinner and dancing. Emil Knapp's lively accordion music will certainly entice members to try a polka or two. We hope many will attend this fun-filled event. Members are to call Vernon Olsen for reservations.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — The October meeting was called to order by President Ken Olsen. We had our usual openings of the meeting. We are very pleased to accept the membership applications of Gary and Marianne Langdale.

"Ike" and Patty Kessler have joined our ranks adding another link in our chain of membership.

Visitors of the evening were: Edna and Egan Mikkelsen, parents of Joan Klein, visiting for a month from Denmark; and Cindy Dwyer, granddaughter of Jim and Ardyth.

We made mention of the annual California-Nevada District Convention report for 1986 that was received from the District Secretary. It was a very complete and well organized report.

We still have a need for a bartender, please consider this role. It would be greatly appreciated. Wouldn't it be awful if

we had to close down our attitude adjustment hour, because no one could help out. Maybe you could volunteer for three to six months; anything would help out.

We were so happy to underwrite the expense of Santa's candy canes that are given out by our own Santa Claus during the holiday season. We have had DBIA stickers made to put on the canes this year. So we are giving these out in our name this year. Some 2,000 are given out to senior citizen homes, schools, and etc. This project will cost the lodge about \$250. Jim has already received a \$50 donation.

Congratulations to Howard Kjellsen for sharing the honor of "Recommender of the Month."

We thank Ken Olsen for donating a first aid kit to the lodge. We have needed one for a long time.

We really had a good meeting and as we adjourned, the cooks of the evening cooked the aebleskiver, which was one of the highlights. We want to thank the ones that helped so much and the Vikings also helped by serving the adults. We also want to thank Hazel for leading in the sing-a-long; that was a lot of fun. The cake walk was such a lot of fun also. Believe it or not, our tally showed that at 25¢ a ticket, we sold 176 chances to walk the cake walk. That really helped the treasury. A big thank you to all those who furnished the cakes. We really do appreciate your participation.

We read the letter from National Headquarters at the last meeting in reference to the appointment of Norma J. Loveday to the position of representative for the Los Angeles area lodges. She is a licensed insurance agent and is available to anyone who needs explanation of life insurance and annuity programs. Please feel free to contact her.

We will be having our Christmas Dinner/Party at the Compton Hunting-Fishing Club this year. The date is a week early this year, December 6. We will be decorating our own Christmas tree, so remember, as a tradition within the lodge we always bring a Christmas ornament to put on the tree. Put your name on it and the date. Its fun to look at the ornaments and remember the past years. Give the ornament to Helga Bjorn.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We played homemade bingo at our September meeting after electing our Law Committee of Ken Nielsen, Jim Patterson, Sue Patterson, Kaja Del Grippo, and Vikki Garrison and 1987 National Convention delegate Ken Nielsen and alternate Vikki Garrison.

Many thanks to everyone for their

imaginative gifts donated for the prizes and to the two generous members (who wish to remain anonymous) for donating all the bar supplies used at our September meeting. We sincerely appreciate your unselfish display of brotherhood!

Early in October, Kodan hosted a World Gifts Party, the profits of which will be added to our lodge convention fund. Many thanks to Norma Loveday for this terrific idea; Sue Patterson and Kaja Del Grippo for setting up the party; and all the members who prepared the fantastic refreshments and drummed up the sales. As of the last tally, we are expecting to receive approximately \$160 for our efforts. A tidy sum!

Remember to save your aluminum cans, newspapers, and cardboard. Bring them to our meetings and turn in to either Kaja Del Grippo or Sue Patterson. We're slowly but surely showing a nice income from this project. This is also an appropriate time to say thank you to Kaja and Sue for their work and time in turning in these materials to the recycling centers.

Thirty-nine members and friends attended our Oktoberfest which was held in Kodan's Biergarten (the Nielsen's back yard), which had been decorated with many strings of colorful lights, tiki torches, and a big harvest moon. The food was especially good this year — thanks to chefs Ken Nielsen, Jim Patterson, George Dzida, Anelise Andersen, Vikki Garrison, Norma Loveday, and Sue Patterson. Ken and Jim fired up our orchard heater which helped significantly to offset the crisp cool air. Thanks to Tom Loveday, Ken Nielsen, Kaja Del Grippo and Sue Patterson for supplies, prizes and raffle and arranging for the great music. They were wonderful. The games were lots of fun too.

We are fortunate to have a new licensed insurance representative for our lodge, Norma Loveday. Norma has also agreed to assist other Los Angeles area lodges if requested. The Home Office has thanked former representative Ken Nielsen for recommending Norma for the position. We're optimistic that Kodan's membership

will start growing again now that Norma is devoting her energies to this aim!

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The rains on Saturday, October 25, did not dampen the spirits of about 55 persons who journeyed to Elk Horn and Kimballton, Iowa, by bus and car. The afternoon was spent sight-seeing, visiting and shopping, especially buying Danish meats such as medisterpølse and rullepølse. The dinner at the Danish Inn included such Danish treats as frikadeller, medisterpølse, flaeskesteg, and rød kaal. June Sampson, the Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum to be constructed in Elk Horn, told of the progress being made on the museum.

Trier Rosholm of Tustin, California, celebrated his 100th birthday on November 19, 1986. His children honored him at an open house on November 16, 1986. Trier, the sixth of ten children, was born in Ikast,

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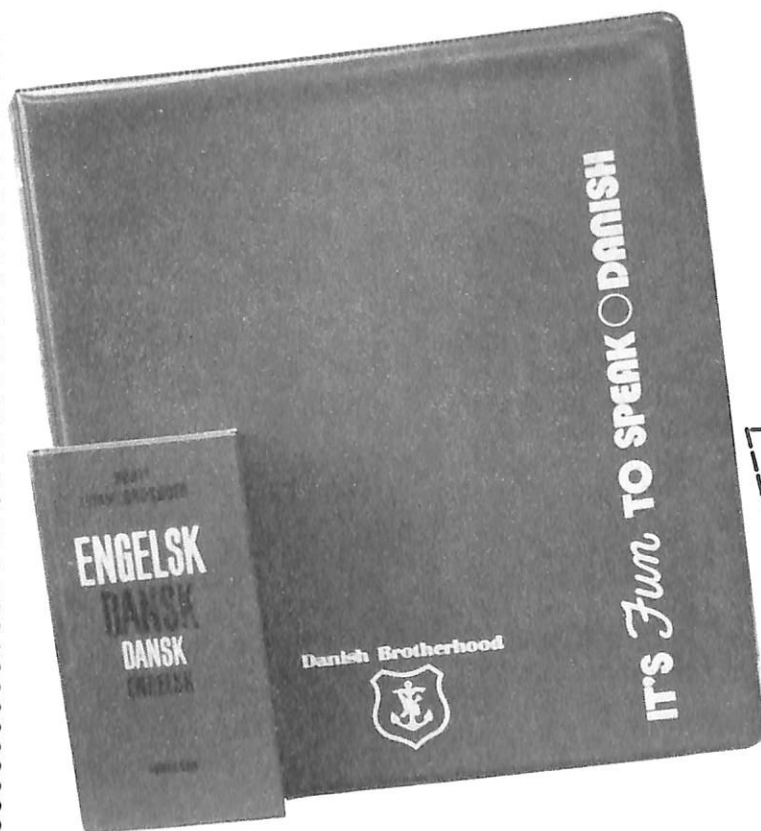
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Happy 100th birthday to Trier Rosholm!

Denmark, to Karen and Niels Joachimsen Rosholm.

In Omaha, Nebraska, he worked as a buttermaker with Fairmont Creamery and Harding Creamery. Later he was employed by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad as fireman, engineer and switchman. Retiring in 1951 he moved from Omaha to California. He married Kathrine Jensen in 1908. She passed away shortly after their 76th wedding anniversary. They had four children, two of whom are now living; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Trier originally joined our lodge in 1906. **Jim Christiansen, Sec.**

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Thanks to the September committee for a wonderful program. It was fun to be back in school again. Thanks also for the delicious sandwiches and coffee.

The October committee of Mr. and Mrs. Laurids Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Christensen, Stan Jensen and Ron Vig provided the entertainment and goodies for our social gathering. Four couples matched their skills at the "Newlywed Game" and we all enjoyed watching.

Harriett Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — It's the first time in the history of our lodge that four generations in one family are members. The family includes Jay Wadding, three years old; Richard Sorensen, a 39-year



Congratulations to the Sorensen family for four generations of membership!

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member; Roxanne Wadding, a 25-year member; Soren Sorensen, 95 years old and a member of the lodge for 73 years; and Jon Wadding, four and a half years old. The Wadding boys became members of the lodge in October. The Sorensen family have been very faithful members of our lodge. **Viggo Berthelsen, Sec.**

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Members of our lodge hosted a group of Annette Dyrmosse Accordion players. They played at Coe College and gave a great performance. The biggest surprise was that we had no idea how an accordion sounds with a whole group playing. It sounded terrific. We know they also did well in California where they were scheduled to play in San Francisco. **Ulla Wall, Sec.**

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — The September meeting was held at the Crown Room of the Country Squire Motel with a good group of 33 attending.

The committee for our September meeting was Gail and Delores Nelson, Gladys McCrory, Pat Buechler, Marlin and Norma Wise, and Paul and Ina Sien. The committee conducted a Trivia Quiz on Denmark and the state of Iowa. The winning team was the first to taste the Danish treats served by the hosts.



Congratulations to Richard Knudsen!

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award was presented to Richard Knudsen of our lodge in May of 1986. Richard was a most deserving dedicated member serving as the first president of this newly formed lodge. The presentation of the award was made by the second president of our lodge, Robert Nelson. **Marj Holland, Sec.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Before our October 8th meeting, we were served a delicious boller i selleri dinner by the ladies in Sisterhood Lodge No. 5. It's not very often you can get that. After dinner we held our meeting and discussed new officers for the coming year. Card playing, Danish open-faced sandwiches and beer followed.

Don't forget on December 11 we will have our Christmas party and dinner. Cornish hen will be served, cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For reservations contact Betty Mollerskov or Ruth Janssen.

Doug Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #9, Oshkosh, WI — J. Martin Segor was honored on his 100th birthday with an open house at the Bethel Home on October 12. Segor was born in Denmark on October 12, 1886. He came to the United States in 1905 and worked in Illinois until he moved to Oshkosh in 1908.

In 1924, he established Segor Cement Contracting Company, working there until his retirement in 1961 at the age of 75.

Segor enjoys reading, listening to the radio and watching television and observing the growth of Oshkosh through new construction.

His family includes two sons, Robert of Claremont, California, and Philip, Sheboygan, and one daughter, Marion (Mrs. Norman) Petersen, Plymouth. Another daughter, Joan (Mrs. Henry) Dahl, is deceased.

He has one stepdaughter, Adeline (Mrs. Charles) Ritchie, of Oshkosh, 14 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Mr. Segor joined our lodge on October 9, 1909.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — As you members who attend the meetings know, our lodge is having a financial problem because of our great increase with insurance and the rising cost of operating our building. The officers have taken action with the increasing of bar prices and hall rentals, also the bylaw committee will be proposing an increase in membership annual dues. With all of your cooperation and support, we will overcome this problem and have, once again, a strong and healthy lodge.

Thank you to the following members, Art Andersen for donating the new TV antenna; Jack Sorensen for installing it; Ray Zeith for patching the roof leaks; and Rich Walker and Andy Petersen for repairing the sidewalk.

This year at our lodge Christmas party we will not exchange gifts as in the past, but will ask all of you to bring one item of a non-perishable food for the needy families of our community. This is more into the Christmas spirit, giving to people who really are in need of help.

Eighty people attended the "Danish Night" on October 4 and a good time was had by all with delicious Danish sandwiches, movies, and friendship. This is a

lot of work and we thank the committee: Chairpersons Tom and Judy Nielsen, Jim and Linda Kirby, Les and Marie Gardner, Joe and Barbara Jenel, Rick and Chris Wade and Dan Ervin.

The Midwest District Darts sponsored by Lodge No. 35 in Chicago was attended by Gordy Andersen, Bob Ibsen and Rudy and Jeff Bernhardt. Jeff finished on the 2nd place team. Lodge No. 35 is to be congratulated for a great time. We all had fun.

Congratulations to Louis DeFord, Jr., who was co-winner of the National "Recommender of the Month" award for September.

Congratulations to Wendy Nelson, daughter of Roger and Virginia Nelson, who won a Midwest District Scholarship. Next year there will be two \$500 scholarships given away.

The Adult Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 13. This is always a sellout so call early. Many door prizes will be given away.

The Children's Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 21. This event is limited to children and grandchildren of members who are 10 and under.

Our gala New Year's Eve Party is scheduled for December 31 with dinner and dancing. Contact Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., or Roger Nelson for reservations.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST CIVIC ACTIVITY**

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — A special congratulations to Marius Beier who has been a member of our lodge for 70 years. In honor of this occasion, President Bill Clavey, Treasurer Jim Andreasen, and Marius' sisters, Marie Hansen and Lena Eymann, visited him at Humiston Haven in Pontiac and presented him with a certificate and some personal gifts from the lodge. He was very pleased with his gifts and very proud of his certificate. He was going to have it hung in his room right away. He also sends greetings to all his friends and fellow brothers at the lodge.



Sisters Marie Hansen and Lena Eymann congratulate their brother, Marius Beier, on his 70 years of membership.

We fared well at the Dart Extravaganza on October 11th hosted by Chicago Lodge No. 35. Father (Ray E.) and son (Ray V.) Holzauer won first and second with their

partners, John Jorgensen of Chicago, and Jeff Bernhardt, of Kenosha. It was a fun day. Thanks to Lodge No. 35 for hosting another successful Midwest District event.

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
Sidney E. Vaillancourt	14	Kenosha, WI	Raymond Zieth
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Joseph P. Sturino	14	Kenosha, WI	William L. Kastman
Keith A. Wynstra	14	Kenosha, WI	Richard Walker, Sr.
Erik G. Noble	29	Seattle, WA	Bente Noble
James L. Jensen	34	Dwight, IL	Eunice Scott
Devereaux L. Jensen	34	Dwight, IL	Eunice Scott
Steven M. Sorensen	35	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
Sandra L. Sorensen	35	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
Kristin Sorensen	35	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
Eric Sorensen	35	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
James Francis Alby	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Jan L. Alby	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Glenn A. Fritz	49	San Francisco, CA	Einar Christiansen
Lloyd H. Hulett	51	Ludington, MI	Alvin H. Finholm
Wesley N. Rasmussen	70	Greenville, MI	Herbert Hansen
Jon D. Wadding	75	Albert Lea, MN	Richard H. Sorensen
Ormond L. Norgaard	161	Ruskin, NE	Erma Miller
Evelyn E. Norgaard	161	Ruskin, NE	Erma Miller
Matthew M. Mendenhall	164	New York, NY	Martin Olsen
Loretta M. Archuleta	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Steve V. Sorensen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Brian L. Cady	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Ralph J. Drake	167	Portland, OR	Bill Olsen
Roy L. Jensen	170	Cleveland, OH	Bent Jacobsen
Jean M. Jensen	170	Cleveland, OH	Bent Jacobsen
Joy Holechek	211	Grand Island, NE	Arne Espersen
Robert M. Schultz	217	Humboldt, IA	Howard Sorensen
Charlotte M. Schultz	217	Humboldt, IA	Hedwig E. Sorensen
Thomas J. Jensen	227	Detroit, MI	Paul Carlsen
Mike L. Cannon	261	Fowler, CO	Jerry Harris
Metty Christensen	273	Dillon, MT	Harry Abernethy
Frieda J. Abernethy	273	Dillon, MT	Harry Abernethy
Erin Marie John	294	Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Patrick Eric John	294	Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Jeremy William John	294	Barre, VT	Harry Mikkelsen
Evelyn Jensen	325	Nassau Co., NY	George Jacobsen
Ole Olsen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Aage Sylvest
Leo Mide	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Peter Praegel
Jan Georg Jorgensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Christian Mide
Leota Olsen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Einar Leistad
Alice Gorsch	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Arthur Wall
Debra Ann Nielsen	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Norman C. Nielsen
Kristine Lee Nielsen	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Norman C. Nielsen
Krista E. Andersen	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Andy Andersen
Lisa M. Andersen	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	Andy Andersen
Muriel J. Jeffery	600	Omaha, NE	Chester Jeffery
Monty E. Muller	600	Omaha, NE	Elvin Sloth
Dale E. Petersen	600	Omaha, NE	Ray L. Johnson
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Michael A. Gastaldi	600	Omaha, NE	Michael J. Gastaldi
Immanuel Powers	600	Omaha, NE	Maurice Petersen



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



We welcome new members Jim and Devereaux Jensen as our chain continues to grow.
Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — The film, "Chicago, Believe It or Not," shown on October 17, was a very interesting one. It showed so many aspects of Chicago that many of us knew nothing about. It was a well done film and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the committee who made the sandwiches and put everything together!

Another thanks to the planners of the Dart Tournament that took place on October 11th. There were between 30 and 40 participants from various lodges and everyone seemed to have a good time.

There are still people who do not have enough food on their tables — and look at all that we have! Especially at this holiday season our thoughts go to those less fortunate than we are. You can help by bringing your non-perishable items or canned goods to the next two meetings, and they will be given to families in need. They are always gratefully received.

Members and friends are invited and children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends, etc., are urged to attend our Christmas Party on December 12. Each family is asked to bring a hot dish or salad that serves 10-12 people. These dishes will be put on a potluck table. The committee will provide rolls, dessert, ham and drinks and hot dogs for the kids. Don't miss this Christmas party. It is a good way to start the Christmas holiday season.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Members and friends were privileged to hear an excellent concert presented by the Danish Accordion Ensemble under the leadership of Jeanette Dyremose on Thursday, October 23. A supper, prepared by some of our ladies, was served to the Ensemble prior to the concert. Sally Jorgensen was chairperson.

Our 1986 Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at the Bethany United Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served and cooked by the church ladies. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Skovsøen is a Danish language camp in northern Minnesota, run by Concordia College. At our September 17 meeting, Tina Hansen gave a comprehensive report about her two week stay there this summer. Campers learn to speak Danish, use Danish money for purchases, etc. A good spokesperson for the camp, her enthusiasm alone makes one want to attend next year! We thank her for coming to speak to us. We also thank Elsa Berlin, assisted by Barbara Larsen, for pastries and coffee.

We co-hosted a Torsk Dinner on Friday, September 26, with the International Institute, serving 110 diners. We had 22 door prizes, our bake sale featured kringle and breads from Racine. Chairperson Elsa Berlin thanks all for their donations and hard work. The Scandinavian Chorus provided entertainment.

Our thanks to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 4 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 who made the excellent arrangements for the 35th Midwest District Convention. Our delegates, Al Larsen and Ernie Norquist,

attended all sessions. On Saturday evening all enjoyed a delicious pork roast dinner, followed by "short speeches," raffles and dancing.
Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — We are planning to have our Christmas party on December 14. We would sure like to see everyone of our members present at this party. You are also invited to bring your relatives and friends to this yearly event. We also are in need of more children at this party. It is rather discouraging for Santa when he has presents to give out and no one to give them to. I know that a great meal has been planned and there will be plenty to eat as usual.

During our November meeting we had our annual election of officers and at our January meeting we will plan to have installation of officers. All of the meetings are important and it would be so much nice if we could have a larger turnout. Why don't you make a special effort to come to the meetings. We have a short meeting and a really good social hour.

Lois Skrably, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We held our monthly meeting on October 23. Plans were made for our Christmas potluck party at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church. **Instead of exchanging gifts that evening, members are asked to make a \$2.00 or more cash donation to be given to Tomorrow's Children, a local home and school for autistic children.** Merry Christmas to all!
Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

**DECEMBER ASSESSMENT
NUMBER 1050**

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December 1, 1986
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lodge treasurer as per above will be
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Congratulations!

Harry Mikkelsen of Lodge No. 294 in Barre, Vermont has been declared "Recommender of the Month" for October. He sponsored 3 new members.

We salute Harry 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**.

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1987, will be considered beginning February 15, 1987. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1987 will be considered by the Committee for the 1987 awards.

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

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

Remember: Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #225 and 301, Canton and Akron, OH — Akron President, Jim Young, will represent his lodge at the National Convention in Des Moines. Tage Højfeldt is the alternate representative.

At our Danish Christmas party, we will eat promptly at 7:00 on Friday, December 5, 1986. Please bring a wrapped gift for each child. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

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Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Our October meeting turned out to be fun and profitable. The potluck supper was successful and \$52 was made from the silent auction. Thanks to all who brought food and participated in the auction. And thanks to Art Iversen for surprising members who attended the meeting with a pumpkin.

Unfortunately, the hayride was canceled. But we hope to hold a sleigh ride in the winter.

If you plan on attending our Christmas party with children, let Winnie Edmonds know the number and their ages as soon as possible. Members, children of members, and grandchildren of members, under the age of 12 will receive a gift from Santa; but you must be present. The lodge also requests that each member bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres for the festivities that night.

Paul Christensen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Many of our members attended the Grundlovsdag (Danish Constitution Day) celebration on June 1, 1986, at the "Danish Home," Croton-on-Hudson, New York. We enjoyed



Our member, Birgit Jacobsen, was on hand to autograph the poster which was printed from her original oil painting.



Everyone enjoyed watching the youngsters folk-dance.



Victor Borge was even on hand.

remembering this occasion with photographs at our last meeting.

Our meeting on October 10 had a good turnout. We were happy to see one of our oldest members, Berg Jensen, present. Last year Berg Jensen received his 50-year pin. Also, we were happy to see Edna Rostrup back from her hospital stay. Her husband, George, made a moving speech thanking our lodge for the friendship shown.

Elizabeth Pedersen gave a comprehensive report from the G.C.E.L. Convention held in Penn Yan over Labor Day weekend.

During the evening we sold a platter donated by Karen and Hans Olsen. The

Payment to Board Members

OCTOBER 1986

Erling Braumann, Midwest District Convention, \$348; Semi-annual Board Meeting, Robert E. Ibsen, \$388; Peter Weber, \$488; Clyde R. Langsted, \$468; Erling Braumann, \$478; Paul Carlsen, \$420.50; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$451.60; Kenneth Pedersen, \$223.50; George J. Jacobsen, \$448.

NOVEMBER 1986

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

Olsens now live in Florida, but Hans is still broadcasting his Scandinavian Radio Program in this area weekly. Leif Pedersen as usual did a superb job as our auctioneer.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

New Book Tells Danish American Sculptor's Story

In 1894 the Petersen family emigrated to America and brought their nine year old son, Christian. They settled on a farm in Illinois where Christian showed a youthful interest in sketching farm animals. Soon, however, this Danish American's story turned from the typical to the extraordinary.

This career is the theme of **Christian Petersen Remembered**, a new book released by the Iowa State University Press. There are more than 100 of Petersen's sculptures featured in the book's photographs. Conversations with family, friends, students and colleagues bring to life the quiet, complex man whose visions were set in stone and clay.

The Danish Immigrant Museum is pleased to present a special mail order opportunity to members of the Danish Brotherhood in America. You may order **Christian Petersen Remembered** for \$19.95 plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling directly from the Museum, P. O. Box 178, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531. Members of the Danish Immigrant Museum may apply their 10% discount to this price.

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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 every month, one for each of the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

November winners: Joseph Adam Christensen, Matthew Schumacher and Matthew Lunde.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Kaffekage (Danish Coffee Cake)

2 cups milk	1 1/2 yeast cakes
3/4 cup shortening	3-4 egg yolks
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. cardamom
salt	flour

Soak yeast in 1/2 cup lukewarm water. Scald milk with shortening, sugar and salt. Stir enough flour in to make a medium batter. Add egg yolks and cardamom. When not too warm, stir in yeast, let rise, then add enough flour to make stiff dough. Let rise again. Roll out, brush with melted butter, sprinkle with a mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle with currants or seedless raisins. Roll. Place on well buttered pan and brush again with melted butter. Sprinkle over top, let rise. Bake at 350° for about one hour.

Work in Scandinavia 1987

The American-Scandinavian Foundation is seeking qualified American students and recent graduates for its reciprocal training program which offers a chance to live and work abroad. Positions are available in the following fields: agriculture, chemistry, computer science, engineering, forestry, horticulture, and pulp and paper science.

Trainees will be placed with Scandinavian firms for two months or longer, May through December, 1987, to gain practical work experience while living in a Scandinavian community. Trainees will receive sufficient income to meet living expenses during training. English is sufficient with no foreign language requirement. A work permit is arranged by ASF.

All applicants should be majoring in the field in which training is sought with minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 or C+ in major, at least a junior by summer 1987, with some previous related work experience, able to meet round-trip airfare, and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

The deadline for submitting applications is December 15, 1986, and requires an application fee of \$35.00. For more information and application forms, specify the exact field in which you are interested and write to Exchange Division, The American-Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021.

Viking Adventures

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Have You Seen This Child?



Pamela Mayfield

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.

DOB: 7-10-79
 AGE: 7
 DATE MISSING: 1-10-85
 FROM: Houston, Texas
 HEIGHT: 2'9"
 WEIGHT: 50 lbs.
 HAIR: Brown
 EYES: Brown
 SEX: Female
 RACE: Black
 LAST SEEN: Pamela was last seen walking home from school with her brother Michael who is also missing. They were abducted by an unknown individual.

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