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Cover photo: Sunrise over the Simmons Island lighthouse in Kenosha, Wisconsin, home of DBIA Lodge No. 14. The bright red lighthouse stands as a sentinel into Kenosha's deep water harbor. The beach shown in the foreground is Simmons Island Beach, a popular summer spot for both locals and tourists. The pier on which the lighthouse stands is a mecca for local fishermen, who take perch, trout and salmon on a variety of baits from Lake Michigan.

This photo first appeared in the Midweek Bulletin and was later used as a logo for the "Enjoy Kenosha" image ad campaign run in the local media. It was taken by then Midweek Bulletin Associate Editor Diane Giles. The Midweek Bulletin is Kenosha's weekly community newspaper.



President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

Over the past several months I have addressed our District Fraternal Coordinator program and have given examples of what they are capable of doing in their endeavors to assist lodges and individuals within the Danish Brotherhood community. Those of you who have experienced the program in actuality may have some feelings about it, good or bad, but remember, these are volunteers trying to assist in the rebuilding of our organization.

Pam Dorau recently interviewed the District Fraternal Coordinators with a telephone survey to get their reactions and input. She composed a questionnaire consisting of thirteen items which she felt would give an over-view of progress thus far. I have received a copy of that questionnaire along with the responses from the individuals involved and I would like to share them with you. I might add that the responses are anonymous and that even I do not know the particular individual whose comments are included. I feel, however, that you will find it interesting.

Pam began by asking as to **how many lodges the coordinators had met with since the inception of the program?** The answers range from only one lodge to as high as nine. The point, however, is that all did attempt to meet and introduce themselves. **How many officer training and planning sessions have been held?** Half of those responding held none with the other half indicating sessions of from one to as high as six. **How did you conduct the lodge officer training and planning session?** Excerpts as follows: We talked first to only officers regarding their duties, then we involved all members in completing the lodge planning worksheet. We handed the officers the lodge handbooks. I gave all officers copies of their duties, one of them became upset because he had served so many years in that position he felt no one needed to tell him how to fulfill his responsibilities. **Was this held at a regular lodge meeting or was it a special meeting for lodge officers?** Answers: Regular lodge meetings. We held one meeting with lodge officers but the rest with all members. A special meeting was held with lodge officers only. A little bit of both. **Have all the lodges you have agreed to serve received their handbooks?** In most cases the answer was yes. Some, however, are delayed because of lack of meetings or that some opportunities haven't presented themselves. **How are you planning to support the various lodges throughout the year?** We're willing to do anything and wish the lodges would ask for our assistance. We are going to start making our second visits and plan to give ideas to lodges about activities that other lodges in our district are doing. I am planning to visit lodges and stress the need for improvement. **Have you made any plans or thought of if and how you are going to conduct your group meeting with all officers of each lodge you have agreed to serve?** At this point I don't know if it would be valuable but we might try it. I have not planned a group meeting because of the distance involved but have talked to delegates at our district convention. Yes, we want to and we might join with the other District Fraternal Coordinator in my area and see if it would be wise to **do it together**. Yes, but I am in the process of asking the lodge officers what they think of it.

What is the most common problem or difficulty you are facing? Getting people to ask for help, a lot of members feel they don't need any. They won't even let us visit their lodge! Little or no participation from members and business meetings unorganized. I wonder if they are just being nice by letting us visit or are they really listening? Older members are too stubborn to change or even listen to any possible changes. Whew!!

What is the one main problem or difficulty our lodges are facing? Older members and/or certain individuals control the lodge, we need new involvement. Lack of interest, many lodges have a hard core group at the helm all the time, they need new involvement. Attracting new members, lodges don't offer anything and their plans are not exciting. Lodges need more young people and a good variety of programs.

Do you think the program is assisting lodges in solving their problems? I don't know if we have solved any problems but we certainly have made suggestions. Yes, some, the ones that are listening and the ones that are willing to try new ideas. No, not currently, but maybe in the future. It can help if the lodges will listen, I believe with time it will benefit our lodges. I think it is too early to tell.

How do you think the National Headquarters could assist in solving problems? I think the home office has been very informative, our local insurance representative has been most helpful, the handbooks are excellent. Very excellent information is provided by the home office, nothing more could be done. The home office is doing everything it can, they're always available. I would like to see a member of the National Board attend all group meetings, not to talk, but to listen to comments.

Would you be willing to serve again next year? If our other team will, of course. Definitely yes. Yes, if we are still living here. No, we are planning to move to a different state. Yes, if my husband promises not to have another accident! Yes. **Any other comments?** We really enjoy being District Fraternal Coordinators and meeting all the neat people in the Danish Brotherhood. I'm really having a great time in my district. I wish lodges would be willing to coordinate their meetings closer together so we could coordinate travel plans. I feel this program is too late for some of the lodges.

Those who responded to the survey will keep their anonymity and I wish that space would have permitted all responses. I took editorial liberty of excerpting them and I hope you find the comments as interesting as I have. I thank those who have worked so hard this past year at fulfilling their volunteer responsibilities as a District Fraternal Coordinator. I thank them for being candid and participating in the survey. Some of them I know personally and I know where their interest and yes, their heart, lies with respect to our Danish Brotherhood. It was never intended that they should do it alone. I would hope the lodges will pick up the torch these individuals are carrying and cause a contagious reaction for all members of the DBIA. Along that line I hope you will look forward with me to next month when we cover an individual lodge survey which I also found most interesting and one which I feel tells much of what is available to us if we only look for it.

Please remember Operation Care and Share or any other worthwhile community program that will help enhance the lives of those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies Held



Terry Branstad, Governor of Iowa helps turn over first dirt.



DBIA National Past President Robert E. Ibsen wishes the museum the best for a successful future.

Elk Horn, Iowa, welcomed dignitaries and visitors from all across the land on Labor Day for the Danish Immigrant Museum's Ground Breaking Ceremonies. The approximately 900 guests were addressed by such dignitaries as Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, the Honorable Jim Ross Lightfoot, U.S. Representative to Congress, Niels Julius Lassen, Royal Danish Consul General, and the Honorable Mike Peterson, Iowa Representative to the Legislature. Bertha Andersen traced the history of the sight which was donated by the Elk Horn Lutheran Church while Signe Betsinger, President of the Danish Immigrant Museum delivered the keynote address, "A Dream Coming True." A plow drawn by two horses driven by Karl Hansen of Kirkman, Iowa, and assisted by Governor Branstad, Museum President Signe Betsinger, Museum Director June Sampson, and Royal Danish Consul General Niels Julius Lassen, turned over the first dirt.

Other dignitaries attending included Robert E. Ibsen, National Past President of the Danish Brotherhood; Nancy Nyholm, National Secretary of the Danish Sisterhood; Blanche Peterson, President of the American Scandinavian Foundation Des Moines Associates; Myrvin Christophersen, President of Dana College; Charles Frederiksen, member of the Danes of Ames and Story County; Robert and Velinda Nielsen of the Danish American Fellowship; Karen Madsen McCumsey, Executive Board Member of the Danish American Heritage Society; Linda Steffensen of the Danish American Junior

Club/USA; Ronald Jespersen, President of the Danish Interest Conference; Arthur Puotinen, President of Grand View College; Poul D. Andersen, Vice President of the Rebild National Park Society; David Crosson, Administrator of the State Historical Society of Iowa; and Sallie Haugen DeReus of Vesterheim, the Norwegian American Museum.

After the official ceremonies, guests enjoyed a picnic lunch and entertainment provided by the Tivoli Choraliers and Kimballton Folk Dancers.

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Skovsøen 1988



Twelve Danish college students from Denmark served as counselors.

Skovsøen Danish Language Village of Concordia College's International Language Villages has just concluded its 8th and most successful village or camp. It was an outstanding event in all respects — as many repeat villagers (campers) said, "the best ever." Eighty-one campers attended representing 17 different states from coast to coast, New York to California, by far the greatest number ever to attend Skovsøen. In addition to that, there were 12 Danish college students from Denmark serving as counselors, 8 boys and 4 girls. They came to Skovsøen through an international organization known as "Youth for Understanding." They were a fine group of young people who in turn were most inspirational to the campers. The campers were immediately, of course, given total immersion to the Danish language and customs. The Danish counselors were both excited and enthusiastic, and amazed at the Danish language village and program. The communication with the YFU and the providing of Danish counselors promises to be a continuing relationship and a great development for Skovsøen Village in years to come. This year, YFU in Denmark had 40 applications for the 12 positions and with the enthusiasm of the 12 people that were here, there would appear to be no problem for this to be a continuing program.

The melding of the 81 campers with the whole staff, including the 12 Danes, was outstandingly done by Ann Kim, her second year as Dean of Skovsøen Village. She very skillfully initiated all the personnel, staff and villagers to the total program

resulting in accolades from every sector. Forty-five of the villagers received scholarships from Skovsøen, Inc., the non-profit support organization headquartered in Minneapolis. Eighteen villagers received scholarships from the Danish Brotherhood in America in Omaha, Nebraska, from their national scholarship program involving the local lodges, and all villagers who submitted their applications through Skovsøen, Inc. in Minneapolis, received one additional grant from Concordia College International Language Villages itself.

All 10 nationality Language Villages conclude their camp on the last Friday of the session with an "International Day," where they all participate at one place in a variety of activities including ethnic food, folk dancing, singing and music, games, crafts, costumes and customs. This year several thousand villagers, staff, friends and relatives participated in a very well organized festival. The last Saturday of each camping session, each village has its own closing program with many a tearful farewell and cries of, "see you next year!"

Skovsøen, Inc. of Minneapolis is a non-profit corporation organized solely for the support of Skovsøen Danish Language Village. As such, it grants scholarships to campers plus seeks campers and gives guidance and assistance to the village in a variety of ways. All contributions are tax deductible and only through contributions is Skovsøen, Inc. able to continue its scholarship program. It was an inspiring Skovsøen this year of 1988.

Understanding Life Insurance

To help you understand the life insurance and annuity certificates offered by the Danish Brotherhood, we will attempt to explain the basic features of each plan in this and in future issues of the "American Dane" magazine.

Whole Life — also called Ordinary Life or Straight Life, is considered the standard model of conventional permanent cash value life insurance contracts. Almost any other permanent insurance contract is merely a modification of Whole Life. Add a feature here and the name changes. Add a special benefit or shorten the premium paying period and the name changes again and the premium changes accordingly.

Whole Life has three distinguishing characteristics:

1. **INSURANCE PROTECTION TO AGE 100** — the face amount will be paid as a death claim if all required premiums have been paid up to the time of death and if the insured dies before age 100.
2. **PREMIUMS ARE PAYABLE TO AGE 100** — level premium payments are made from the date of issue to age 100. However, the certificateholder does not have to pay premiums that long. He can quit much earlier and receive a reduced paid-up certificate or he can surrender his certificate for its cash value and dividends.
3. **ENDOWS AT AGE 100** — the cash value grows steadily and if premiums are paid to age 100, cash value will then equal the face amount. The face amount is paid to the certificateholder at age 100 if living.

Remember, although the certificateholder can take his cash value and dividends if left with the society (dividends are not guaranteed) and end his insurance protection before age 100, he has the privilege of paying premiums to age 100 and keeping his certificate in force. **So the Whole Life premium to age 100 arrangement is not an obligation that binds the certificateholder — it is a right he may exercise if he wishes.**

To summarize the advantages of Whole Life:

MAXIMUM PROTECTION — compared with other permanent insurance plans, Whole Life provides the largest amount of insurance protection for the smallest premium.

CASH FOR EMERGENCIES OR RETIREMENT — although Whole Life emphasizes protection more than accumulation of cash value, the cash value increases steadily and can be substantial at retirement — especially when issued at a young age.

CONVERSION PRIVILEGE — the Whole Life certificate may be purchased when the certificateholder needs insurance protection the most. He can change it later to any other type of permanent insurance with greater accent on cash accumulation.

FLEXIBILITY — many high cash value type certificates terminate and insurance protection ends long before age 100. Very often, insurance is still needed to offset the cost of death. With Whole Life, the certificateholder can keep the insurance in force as long as he wants to (up to age 100) or he can cut it off earlier (if he doesn't need the protection) and use the cash value as a retirement fund.

Limited Pay Life — the name of limited pay life certificates such as 20-Pay and Life Paid Up at Age 65 will tell you how long premiums are payable. The point to remember is that limited pay life is exactly the same as Whole Life except that the premiums are payable for a limited time such as for 20 years or to age 65. Life insurance protection is provided to age 100 and the certificate endows, that is, the cash value is equal to the face amount of the certificate at age 100.

EMERGENCY FUNDS, FUNDS FOR RETIREMENT — in contrast to the Whole Life certificate on which premiums may be paid to age 100, limited pay life premiums are squeezed into shorter paying periods, and the shorter the paying period, the higher the premium. As with the Whole Life, a portion of the premium goes into building cash value for emergencies or for retirement. When the premium paying period is shortened and consequently each premium payment is increased, a greater amount is credited to cash values. Therefore, age for age, when the premium paying period is shortened, the cash value builds up faster. When the premium paying period is lengthened, the cash value builds up at a slower rate.

SHORTER PREMIUM PAYING PERIOD — the cash value of a limited pay life certificate builds up faster during the premium paying period and slows down thereafter because:

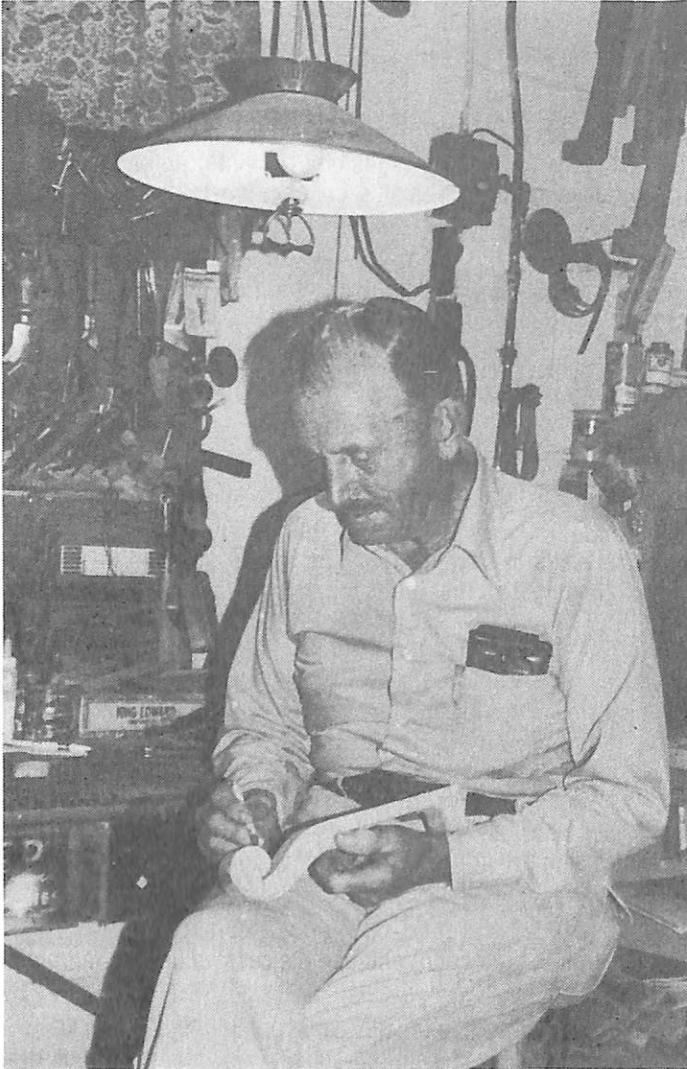
1. each year, a part of the premium goes into the certificate cash value;
2. these funds are invested and earn interest. When there are no further premium payments, the cash value grows more slowly because this growth must depend on interest earning. However, the increase in cash value each year is guaranteed and at age 100 will exactly equal the face amount.

Limited pay life certificates will appeal to many including the person who prefers to confine the insurance premium to the years of highest earning and the person who likes to have the cash values grow more rapidly.

Single Premium Whole Life — as the name implies, a single premium is paid at the time of issue of a certificate. It is similar to a limited pay life in that the single premium provides protection to age 100 and the guaranteed cash value will be equal to the face amount of the certificate at age 100.

One of Denmark's Finest

by Loretta Sorensen



Chester starts out with a block of wood, carves out the basic shape and then the scrolling and final shaping is done.

Mention the name Chester Olsen in the Wakonda, South Dakota area and there are few people who haven't made his acquaintance. "Chet" and his wife Agnes have farmed north-east of Wakonda for 44 years, so it's not surprising that many people know them. But what's made Chet almost a "household name" around Wakonda is the music he plays and the instruments he makes. About 30 years ago he decided to try making a violin; since then he's made 70 violins, more than 80 guitars, a banjo, a ukelele — even a harp (getting ready for the hereafter!).

Chet's father and grandfather were farmers near Irene, South Dakota. Grandfather Jens came from Denmark in 1870 to Racine, Wisconsin. Chet's father, Andrew, was born in Wisconsin, and came to South Dakota with his family to homestead a farm. Margaret Jensen (who would become Chet's mother) came from Denmark to the United States as a child. Her family lived in Minnesota where her father probably worked in a lumber mill.

"I was always a music lover," Chet recalls, "ever since I was just a little kid. My mother always sang in church, and all of us kids like music. My brother and I were always looking at the musical instruments in the catalog. I wanted a violin so bad I tried to make one out of wooden cigar boxes. I'd fashion a neck

and such, but when I tried to tighten the strings the thing would buckle on me. Sometimes when my folks were gone, we'd be looking at the catalog, and we'd leave it lay on the kitchen table with the pages open to the instruments thinking that our folks couldn't help but see it when they came home."

Finally in 1923 Chet's parents bought him a violin. The violin, case, bow and instructions on how to play cost \$9.95, a good sum of money at the time. Chet walked or rode 3½ miles into town to take lessons from a man named Phillip Norder.

"I took eight lessons and learned to play Swanee River. Then I realized that I could play without reading the music. I could hear a tune and pick it out on the violin by ear. That was the end of the lessons — I've never taken one since."

Back in the 1920s the whole country would wait for the sheet music to come out for the "newest" hits. Chet's sister played the piano; she'd watch the store for the sheet music, they'd all learn the latest song and play together.

"We'd come home from the field at noon and the horses had to have an hour to eat and rest. So as soon as we ate our dinner, my sister and I would be in playing our music. I often wondered about Dad — I thought he'd get after us. But he never did, he'd usually sit and listen to us. He wasn't musical himself, but he liked to hear us play."

In 1926 Chet was 16 years old. In addition to playing the violin, he was now playing the guitar; his brother Lee played Hawaiian guitar. Lawrence Welk had a radio program on WNAX at Yankton, South Dakota. When Chet and Lee auditioned for the program, they were invited to play for a fifteen minute segment. Their music was well received, and they were invited back to play for half an hour.

"People really seemed to enjoy the music," says Chet. "Chan Gurney (the owner of the station at the time) wanted to hire us to play on a regular basis. But there was no way in the world that our folks would let us go. I've often wondered what would have happened if we had taken the job."

Chet married Agnes Frier in 1939 and they got down to the business of farming and raising a family.

"I never really forgot about the music," Chet remembers. "Every so often I would bring out the violin and try to play something. It didn't go too good because I was so out of practice. Then I decided to try making a violin."

Chet remembers the "project" as being "nerve-wracking," but he never gave up on it and soon enough he had made a violin. He played it, but it was crude, and he thought maybe he should try again.

"You'll never make just one violin," says Chet. "You'll always keep on trying again, thinking you'll be able to improve on the next one. And everyone's different; you never know for sure just how it will be till you're done."

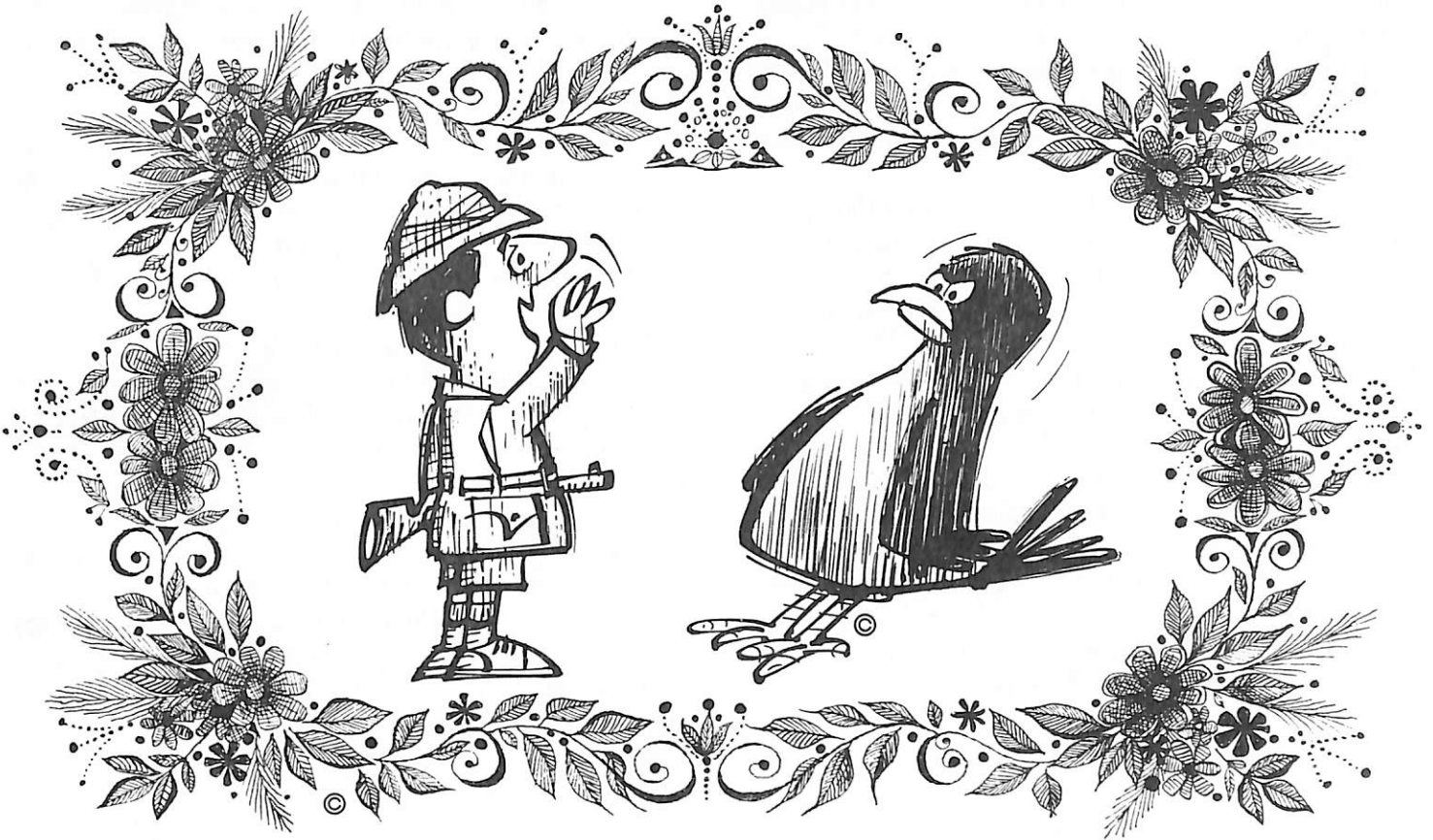
Chet didn't start making violins with the intention of selling them, but he has sold many violins and guitars. He also does a lot of repair and restoration of violins and guitars. Just recently he discovered some old sheet music in the case of a violin he was repairing. It was printed in the 1920s, "Greet the Old Folks Back Home," and it was written in Dane. Chet can still speak some Dane and was able to pick out a lot of the words.

In 1972 Chet became involved with the South Dakota Old-Time Fiddlers when Wilbur Foss was working to preserve old-time music in this area. "It had been a long time, but we had a

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The Bird and the Hunter

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown



ONCE UPON A TIME there was a hunter who thought a lot of himself.

He was so arrogant and conceited that people believed him when he bragged and showed off his abilities. Soon people began asking the hunter his advice on many matters. And if his advice proved to be right then he boasted even more. But if his advice proved wrong, the hunter would turn things around and scold and shame the person.

The hunter would say, "My advice is right! You just didn't listen correctly of the things I told you and that is why things went wrong!"

One day, the hunter went into the forest, feeling very smug and set a trap for some birds. A short time later, he caught a very beautiful bird in his net.

The bird could speak the language of Danish men and spoke to the hunter.

"You have caught me," said the bird, woefully. "But I'm really of no value to you. I'm only a small bird and if you sell me you will get very little for me. If you choose to eat me, I'm not very tasty. If you put me in a cage I will only disgrace you by telling everyone how you caught a poor innocent bird who was minding his own business."

The hunter never encountered anything like this before and he moved closer to the bird to hear what

else he had to say.

"Now," continued the bird, "if you set me free and let me go back to the mountains where I came from, I'll give you three pieces of advice which will be of utmost importance to you!"

We know from before just how great the hunter was at giving advice and this bird touched upon his nature in which he prided himself.

"All right," said the hunter. "I will agree to do as you say and will set you free on the condition you give me your advice first and then I will set you free."

The bird was more clever than this. "What if you trick me and still keep me trapped even after I tell you my secrets. I think the best thing to do is promise me that you will let me out of this net after I have given you my wisdom."

The hunter promised over and over again trying to hide the smirk on his face.

The bird tried to remain calm. "Sit down and listen to what I have to say, for it will enlighten you as never before."

The hunter did as he was told.

The bird cleared his throat and began. "First, remember if you do a thing and then regret that you did it, don't try to undo what you have already done, because there can be no gain in such an attempt."

The hunter nodded his head.

"Secondly," said the bird, "if someone tells you something which seems unusual don't believe him too quickly because only fools are taken in by everyone."

The hunter nodded his head again.

"Thirdly," said the bird, "take this advice. When a place is too high for you to reach, do not try to climb up to a height which is more than your ability because you will surely stumble."

The hunter listened to all this advice and thought to himself, "This bird is very clever. I'm sure he has more wisdom to offer." And he moved even closer to the bird and said, "What other choice words can you teach me."

The bird smiled. "I know one more piece of advice," he said, "but first you must set me free as you promised and then I'll tell you the most important thing of all."

The hunter thought about that and released the bird.

The bird's wings trembled as he freed himself from the net. He soared to the top branch of the tall tree and from that height said, "Foolish Hunter! You let me escape and you didn't know that in the hearts of birds of my species there lies a precious gem which is more valuable than the king's crown."

And the bird chirped, humiliating the arrogant hunter.

The hunter was furious at having let such a treasure fly right out of his hands. He climbed up the tree, pulled himself up to the very top branch in an effort to catch the bird, but the hunter lost his grip and slid down the trunk of the tree to the ground, moaning and groaning all the way.

The little bird chirped some more and laughed. "Look at you," he said. "How very right I was in what I told you. I said that you should not try to make up for something you had left undone and you let me out of your net. Now you regret it."

The hunter nodded his head and rubbed his bruised legs.

"Second," added the bird, "I warned you not to believe it if you were told something unrealistic. How foolish of you to believe me when I said that there is a precious gem in my heart. No such thing exists in the body of living things."

The hunter nodded again and sighed in disbelief.

"And," continued the bird, "I told you that doing anything not within your own power would cause you to stumble to the ground. You dared to climb this high tree to trap me again which shows that you didn't listen to the three pieces of advice I gave you. You are indeed not as bright as you think you are!"

And off the bird flew, leaving the hunter to reflect on his foolishness and lack of wit and wisdom.

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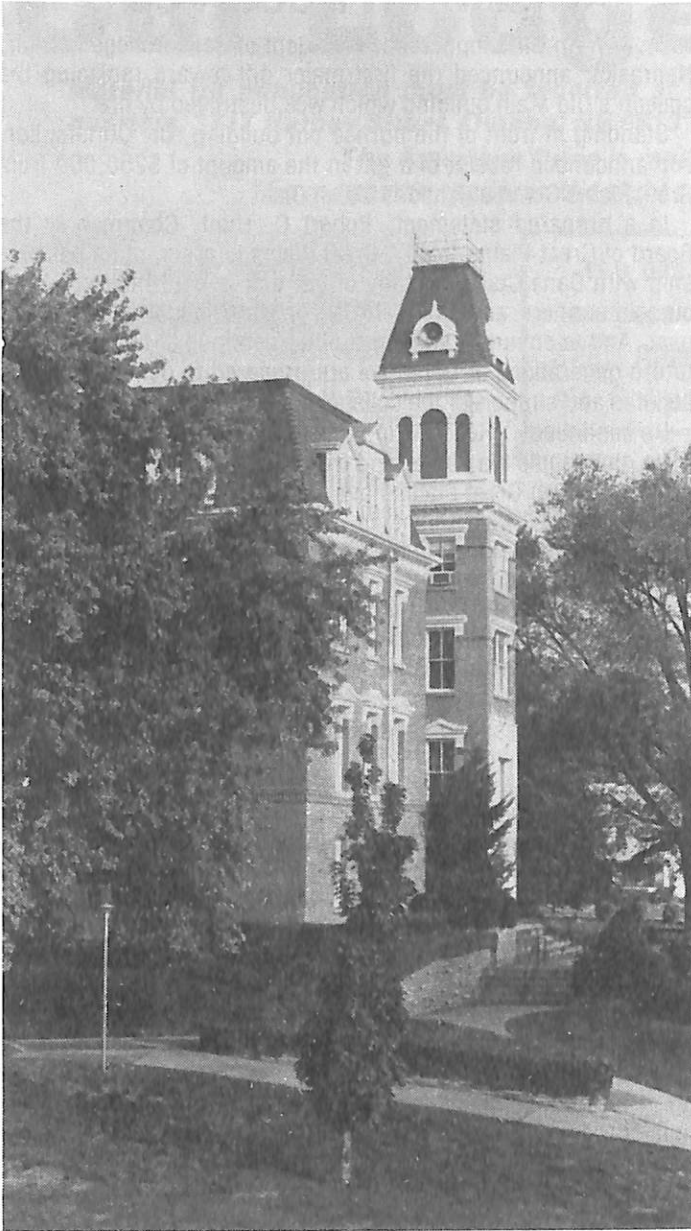
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Old Main Destroyed by Fire



Old Main at Dana College before the fire.

Old Main, the historic 102-year old original building on the campus of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning, August 25, 1988.

The cause of the fire, which began in the ceiling of a first floor hallway in the north wing, was electrical wiring. The north wing was the area of the building scheduled for renovation next year.

According to an investigator from the State Fire Marshal's Office, open wiring stapled to wooden beams was the only possible ignition source.

Preliminary estimates of damage have been set at \$1.5 million. However, it is impossible to place an exact dollar figure on the loss because of the vast amounts of teaching equipment, books and classroom materials housed in the various classrooms and faculty offices housed in Old Main. The personal loss to individual faculty members is beyond estimation.

Fortunately, the teacher credential files of Dana graduates were salvaged. And, as students, faculty members, staff and area volunteers continue to sift through the debris, other irre-



Old Main at Dana College after the fire.

placeable items are being discovered.

Members of the Dana community and a crowd of area alumni and friends gathered in the shadow of the burned-out building. Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson characterized it as "a time for prayer, for reflecting and for thanks for the blessing Old Main has been to us. Then we will pull things together, get our community of alumni and friends all over the world to rally behind the college and come back stronger than before."

The building and its contents were covered by insurance and representatives of the insurance company are in the process of evaluating the loss.

Constructed of hand-made brick from the Blair Brickyards in 1886, Old Main was the oldest educational building in Nebraska in continuous use for its originally intended purpose.

The Danish pioneer founders who hauled those bricks by horse drawn carts to the hillside location, which was to become the home of Dana College, would be proud of their 20th century counterparts today.

Faculty and staff members, students, friends in the community and the Dana football and volleyball teams spearheaded the cleanup process for the opening of the 1989 academic year held on August 31.

According to President Christopherson, "approximately fifteen classrooms and the same number of faculty offices were destroyed by the fire. Fortunately, we have enough other spaces on campus in which to relocate offices and classrooms on a temporary basis.

Old Main was constructed in 1886 with additions in 1893 and 1905. The four-story structure was of French Second Empire style architecture — a picturesque collective style popular in Denmark at the time Old Main was built.

It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

In its earliest days, Old Main housed all of the facilities of the college — everything from the President's residence to dormitory rooms, classrooms, dining room, kitchen, library, and chapel.

The braced-timber, wood-frame structure sat on a brick foundation with a brick veneer exterior. It has remained essentially the same for the past 102 years.

Some remodeling work was completed in the building during the 1950s. A major renovation program, divided into three phases, was started in 1984. The first two phases of the renovation had been completed at the time of the fire. The third phase was scheduled for the summer of 1989.

College officials are currently considering all possibilities for the replacement or rebuilding of Old Main.

Gift Toward Replacing Old Main Received

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, announced the first major gift toward replacing the college's Old Main building which was destroyed by fire.

Standing in front of the burned out building, Dr. Christopherson announced receipt of a gift in the amount of \$250,000 from Great Plains Communications Co. of Blair.

In a prepared statement, Robert C. Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Great Plains, said "Great Plains is proud of its partnership with Dana College. Many of our employees, their children, our subscribers and their children have attended Dana in the past. And to ensure that opportunities continue to be available to future generations at Dana, we are prepared to demonstrate our belief in and support of the college in a tangible way."

He continued, "Recognizing the importance of Dana College to Blair, the people we serve, and the entire state of Nebraska, the stockholders of Great Plains have voted to tighten their belts and make a major investment in Dana, Blair, and all of rural Nebraska. As Chairman of the Board, I am pleased to present our gift of \$250,000."

Hunt further indicated that it was his hope and the hopes of the Great Plains stockholders that other businesses and individuals in the Blair and Omaha, Nebraska areas as well as alumni and friends of Dana from across the country would rally behind the college and respond generously to the need.

Attention all DBIA Members

In late August a man telephoned the DBIA National Headquarters stating he was trying to assist a Danish couple. He told the home office that his name was David Lenny and he worked for the Knights of Columbus (another Fraternal benefit society). He mentioned that a couple by the name of Herman and Amelia Ostergaard had moved to the United States four months ago. According to "Mr. Lenny" they were on their way home after attending Mr. Ostergaard's aunt's funeral. Since the Ostergaard's were the only family living in the United States, they were forced to use personal funds to pay for the aunt's funeral. On their way back to their rented quarters in Colorado, they experienced car trouble and did not have enough money to pay for the repairs. The National Headquarters requested a telephone number from "Mr. Lenny" so they could inquire further and see if any funds were available. However all attempts to contact "Mr. Lenny" proved unfruitful as the telephone number given had been disconnected.

Two days later, the home office received a telephone call from a member of the G.C.E.L. (General Committee of Eastern Lodges) District stating that they had been contacted by "David Lenny" who was trying to assist a Danish couple stranded at a gas station in New Jersey.

The Knights of Columbus home office was contacted, where it was found that they did not have an employee by the name of David Lenny. Any attempts to contact the gas stations mentioned or return any calls to "Mr. Lenny" proved to be useless. In other words, there is no Danish couple by the name of Herman and Amelia Ostergaard who need our assistance. The story is a complete scam and no financial assistance should be given.

The police department in Omaha, Nebraska, was contacted. They suggest that if "Mr. Lenny" does, in fact, try to get in

touch with any DBIA members they should immediately contact their local police department. Your local police department will, in turn, give the information to the proper authorities.

Many times scams such as this are directed towards fraternal benefit societies as well as churches and other non-profit organizations. The reason for this is because of our fraternal spirit and commitment towards our fellow man. Although we must be careful in our fraternal efforts so as not to be taken advantage of, we must not let solicitations such as this discourage our objectives. It is encouraged that DBIA lodges establish guidelines or procedures to protect themselves against fallacies. At the same time, the guidelines or procedures should be flexible enough to allow for legitimate causes.

In addition to this announcement, the National Fraternal Congress of America, the Danish Consul General and DBIA District and Lodge Officers have been notified. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

ANNUAL DISTRICT FRATERNAL COORDINATORS MEETING

**The annual meeting of the District
Fraternal Coordinators will begin on
Friday, October 28, 1988, at the Na-
tional Headquarters Building, 3717
Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.**

Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received at the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131 by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

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 #268, Junction City, OR — On July 30 Walter and Phyllis Reinhard of Florence, Oregon, opened up the doors of their new retirement home on the coastline for members of our lodge. Twenty members enjoyed a nice potluck dinner and a few hours of visiting. It was a very nice day.

On July 17, our lodge and Lodge No. 348 hosted a 33 member accordion orchestra from Denmark, who in return gave us a concert. After the concert, the lodges served coffee and cake to the approximately 150 people who enjoyed the music. The musicians left on the 18th for California.

Theodore and Lorene Jensen of Junction City were the honored guests at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Married at the bride's home in St. Helens, their wedding took place on August 21, 1938. They have lived in Junction City for ten years. Ted is a 52-year member of our lodge and has served the chairs and has been president twice in his many years of membership. His son and grandsons are also members of our lodge.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 36 Brothers present at the meeting in August. During the meeting, we installed four new members into our lodge which included Erik Hansen, Dan Olsen, Paul Sorensen and Carsten Jensen.

A motion was passed to pay the dues to Omaha in the amount of \$705.00. A report from the Sports Committee was given by Keld Christensen and Herluf Pedersen that everything was finalized for the big tournament in Seattle and also regarding the winter season for soccer. This year there will be three teams registered in the various leagues. They are as follows: over 30, over 40, and over 50.

The Gold Pot, in the amount of \$91.00, would have been won if Jacob Iversen had been present. The consolation prize, in the amount of \$10.00, was won by Axel

The best idea for October goes to Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, California. See page 16.

Johannsen.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a nice sandwich, a beer and a snaps.

Our lodge participated in the soccer games in Seattle. We have three teams representing Vancouver. They were the Vancouver Danes Young (Open Division), Vancouver Danes Over (Over 30 Division), and VanDanes (Women's Open).

The games were played at a beautiful soccer facility called 60 Acres located in the city of Redmond. The opening ceremony took place at 8:45 a.m. on August 13. The Danish Consul, Martin Metzton, demonstrated his soccer skills by performing the opening kick-off.

Overall, Vancouver Danes Young Team won their division with three wins. Vancouver Danes Over 30 placed third in their division with two ties and one loss. The VanDanes Ladies placed second in their division with two ties. It was a wonderful day to remember and we will see you all in Solvang for the 3rd Annual Danish American Soccer Tournament.

In line with Danish tradition that "no major soccer event shall take place without a major party," a banquet was held at the Swedish Club. Approximately 300 people attended. Great party! During the evening, the trophies were given out. It was great to see that every team received something.

Peter Praegel, Cor.
Jorgen Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — A big thank you to the committee who helped coordinate the overnight stay and concert by Sjaellands Accordeon Orkester. Many of us got to visit with a member or two of this fine musical group and all of us enjoyed the midsummer's evening with Danish flavor.

Most of us would agree that our time at Misty Meadow over the Fourth of July was once again the best ever! The estimate was that 60 people showed up for barbecue chicken plus the wonder-pot-luck. The

evening was fun, the company terrific. Thank you ever so much Knud and Karen!
Susie Staats, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT California-Nevada District

The convention was opened with a moment of silence for our dearly departed brothers followed by the salute to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

President Nielsen introduced the two national guests — Clyde Langsted, President, and Jerome Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer. The two guests were escorted to the front of the room and seated next to the President.

President Nielsen introduced his Parliamentarian Al Tunsen and he was escorted to the front of the room to be seated next to the President.

District Secretary-Treasurer, Ebba Norby, announced that the Solvang Lutheran Home had sent the District a beautiful Danish Blue Plate of the Queen's Visit to America for our last year's donation. This plate was again to be raffled off during the meetings of the convention.

President Nielsen reported memories of a very memorable year. He had good travels and renewed old acquaintances as well as made new friends.

President Nielsen reported on all the installations and the courtesy shown to him. Pictures from all the installations were passed around the room.

Trustee Art Norgaard reported that they found all the books in order. Trustee Bob Lassister reminded the convention floor of all the due dates and that non-compliance of these dates make it a very trying and difficult job for the Secretary-Treasurer to organize and prepare the required reports.

At this time Howard Kjellsen, District Fraternal Coordinator for the district, spoke giving an update on how this new program was going and the importance of this program for our future.

National President, Clyde Langsted,

spoke giving greetings and expressed how pleased he was to be in California. He updated the convention floor on the benefits of our society and the importance for our organization to continue growing.

National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome Christensen, spoke with a little program of the importance of pride of membership.

Poul Dalby Andersen, Editor of *Bien*, spoke of the progress of his newspaper and the convention floor expressed gratitude of this being the only Danish newspaper on the West Coast.

Johannes Jaeger Nielsen reported on the museum in downtown Solvang that is now open and is a very costly effort but will be very rewarding for the community.

President Ken Nielsen made a suggestion on the convention floor that possibly in the future a camper club could be formed.

To start a scholarship within the district should be a reality and a committee was voted to study ways and means of how this could be funded. The committee to come back to the next convention with a possible plan includes Jim A. Larsen, Lodge No. 143; Ebba Norby, Lodge No. 332; and Edward Madsen, Lodge No. 299.

The criteria for a Hans M. Andersen Award was discussed and Art Norgaard read his resolution submitted for this award. Qualifications and information will be sent to each lodge in the proper amount of time for this award.

Clyde Langsted thanked the convention for the payment of his convention package but since on per diem from the Home Office, he would donate his monies to the Solvang Museum. Jerome Christensen pledged the same.

Santa Barbara Lodge No. 322 invited the confirmation of the 1989 convention to hopefully be held July 20-22. Literature was passed out on all the sights of the city and the plans are in the working.

Both Los Angeles and Alhambra Lodges said they would jointly like to host the 1990 convention at a location to be selected at a later time. This invitation was graciously accepted by the convention floor.



Congratulations to Danish Brotherhood President, Karen Rowse, and Danish Sisterhood President, Elinore Holm.

The following were elected as officers: President, Karen Rowse; Vice President, Kaj Kristensen; Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller; Trustees, Jim A. Larsen, Ebba Norby, Edward Madsen; Conductor, Sue Patterson; Inner Guard, Jim P. Larsen; and Outer Guard, Johannes Jaeger Nielsen.

The following Resolution Committee Report was heartily accepted. "We the officers and delegates constituting the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood in America, at the 67th Annual Convention in San Diego, California, July 28, 29 and 30, 1988, do hereby resolve that we express our sincere appreciation to the Danish Brotherhood San Diego Lodge No. 306 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 136 and their Chairpersons Gail Perkins and Petra Ferullo and their committee.

May it also be resolved that we extend our thanks for Thursday night welcome and entertainment set up by the convention committee.

May it also be resolved that the 67th District Convention acknowledges thanks to Clyde Langsted, National President, and Jerome Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood in America for their comments and support of our convention.

May it also be resolved at this convention that we express our thanks to Peter Weber for his many years of service on the Danish Brotherhood Board as a representative from the California-Nevada District.

May it also be resolved that we express our thanks and appreciation to Ken Nielsen for his year of service as President.

May it also be resolved that the three member Ways and Means Committee will accomplish the goal of setting up a scholarship fund for the California-Nevada District."

The drawing for the Blue Plate was won by Jim A. Larsen. The income of \$145.00 will be forwarded to the Solvang Lutheran Home.

The District President's Awards were awarded as follows: Single Social Activity, Lodge No. 95, Ferndale; Single Civic Activity, Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield; Annual Activity Schedule, Lodge No. 346, Riverside; and Newsletter, Lodge No. 345, Orange County.

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

A beautiful installation was held with a drill team composed of the youth of San Diego. Clyde Langsted was the installing officer with the assistance of Jerome Christensen as conductor.

The new President, Karen Rowse, closed a successful convention with good attendance.

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — After our meeting in late August, we had a Welcome Home Party for the delegates who had attended the 67th California-Nevada District Convention in San Diego. We heard the reports from the delegates and enjoyed the delicious smorgasbord served.

Brother John Mottoros and his committee will serve his yearly well-known Italian dinner on October 28. Happy hour will be from 6-7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Guests are welcome with a charge of \$4.00 per person. Reservation for the dinner are required no later than October 25.

Aage Lindquist, Cor.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — We had a very nice convention in San Diego and it was extremely well organized. San Diego, we congratulate you on a very well-run convention!

Our distinguished guests were Clyde Langsted, National President, and Jerome Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer, who had some interesting information to pass along to us. A very important issue was that the National Headquarters is looking into the liability insurance that each lodge so desperately needs in these times. It is a good possibility that this would be on a group basis like the medical insurance that many of us have through our employer. This would be at a more reasonable rate to the lodges.

Again this year, a plate was raffled off and the proceeds of \$145.00 were donated to the Solvang Lutheran Retirement Home.

We congratulate all the lodges who won District President's Awards for this year.

There were 24 young people present at the convention and they enjoyed their outings during the day and dancing in the evening. They are really into the swing of things and a very nice group!

The 1989 district convention will be held at Fess Parker's Red Lion Resort in Santa Barbara on July 20-22, 1989, and the committees are already hard at work on it. The convention for 1990 will be hosted jointly by our lodge, the Los Angeles Sisterhood Lodge and Alhambra Lodge. We are looking forward to having it with great enthusiasm. These are three great lodges with many hard-working members and

what is important is that we all work together so well. The convention may be two years away, but we are already starting our planning. We are also open to any and all suggestions from our members so let's get our thinking caps on and give the President a call!

We congratulate the district officers for the term 1988 and 1989.

Al Tunsen was the parliamentarian at the convention and what a superb job he does! Nothing, but nothing gets past him. I don't know anyone who knows the bylaws and procedures better than he does. He truly is an asset to the lodges and to the community.

Our guest at the meeting was Kai Breum from Odense, Denmark. He is the brother of our own Peter Breum. He had arrived in Los Angeles the morning of our meeting and was delighted to be in our fair city and to be visiting with us.

We will hold our anniversary party on October 15, 1988, at the Alamo. There will be dinner and dancing and the price for the evening will be \$17.50 per person. What a steal! Do mark your calendar and plan on coming to this special occasion.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Our August 10 meeting started as usual with a fine

meal, this time a steak dinner prepared to perfection by Robert Petersen and crew. Two new members were initiated: Steffen Bramsen and Edward Hansen. A free dinner was awarded to Mark Bates' brother in appreciation for his participation in the construction of a wheelchair ramp with Bethania Lutheran Church.

The scholarship proposal recently submitted by Bob Lassister will be further scrutinized by the following committee: Bob Lassister, chairman, Mark Bates, Jorgen Hansen, Ed Madsen, and Leo Mathiasen.

Reporting on the district convention, Bent Olsen noted that among other things, a special greeting was conveyed by President Clyde Langsted and the convention as a whole to Peter Weber.

Furthermore, the installation of officers included Ed Madsen as Trustee recommended by Bob Lassister, and Johannes Jaeger and Marie Jaeger as Outer Guards in their respective lodges.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — Our July meeting was highlighted by a visit from Howard Kjellsen, District Fraternal Coordinator. That was very much appreciated in view of the fact that it was his wife Hazel's birthday and she was unable to be with us.

Erik Michelsen, delegate to the California-Nevada District Convention, announced in his report at the August meeting that our lodge had received an award for the Best Single Civic Activity for the district. The award was given for the contribution we made to the Bakersfield Special Olympics with proceeds from our annual breakfast.

Following the business meeting, we joined the Sisterhood at Rosemary's Family Creamery for an ice cream social. The theme for the evening might be "I can't believe I ate the whole thing." But most of us did and enjoyed every spoonful. Thanks to the Sisterhood hostess, Inge Kaplan, for making arrangements.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The San Diego lodges are to be congratulated for a beautiful and extremely well organized convention. We congratulate you!

We also congratulate our own Karen Rowse on becoming President of the California-Nevada District. Congratulations Karen! It was so good to see several of our members there to cheer Karen on. We are all so proud of you, Karen. The officers of the district were installed by National President Clyde Langsted who was so ably assisted by Jerome Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, who acted as conductor.

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Congratulations to all the new officers and to our two delegates. They did a fine job. It was a pleasure to see so many young people involved in this convention. Next year the convention will be hosted by Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, and the following year by the Los Angeles lodges and our lodge jointly.

Millie and Viggo Bech Nielsen won first prize as a couple in the Beachcomber Party 'Dress-up' at the convention. Good show!

President Richard Rowse appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Karen Rowse, Viggo Bech Nielsen and Clarice Christensen.

Inge Conrad was initiated into the Brotherhood at the August meeting. Welcome aboard- We are so happy to have you join us.

The last social hosted by Lodge No. 126 in conjunction with Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 and our lodge was a huge success. Approximately 52 members and friends attended this affair. There was plenty of food. The bar was open and that alone spells for a happy Dane. The long tables were filled with happy Danes that tried their utmost to outsmart their opponent in whatever games they were playing. Laughter and joking were heard which blended with the crashing of the blocks when they came tumbling down. It appeared the block game "Jenka" was very popular. There also were games where the group as a whole could participate. Have you ever tried to walk a straight line while looking through a pair of binoculars upside down? Try it sometime. It is fun. Prizes were given to the winners. We reluctantly went home around 11 p.m. For a couple of hours we had played like kids again — wonderful evening! Thanks Lodge No. 126 and a special thanks to their President Karl Duus who arranged it all. We are looking forward to the next game night, hopefully soon.

The 1988-89 folkdancing season began September 23 and will be held every second Tuesday and fourth Friday of each month, except for the peak of the summer heat. For further information, please contact Lloyd Christensen or the Danish Church.

We will be the host for the Christmas party to be held at the Alamo on December 16. Roast pork with all the trimmings will be served. Mark your calendars now to attend.
Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — On August 13 we celebrated our 11th anniversary. The committee responsible for the

evening's social segment set up the room for dinner and the salad bar. A table was set up to receive wrapped gifts that were to be auctioned. It was a fund raiser for Operation Care and Share.

The attitude adjustment hour began about 5:30 p.m. and about that same time the coals for the barbecue were lit. Barbecuing began about 6:00 with everyone doing their own cooking. The salad bar was splendidly arranged with everything possible to make a delicious salad. The committee very generously donated the items they brought for the bar.

A very special thanks goes to Ruth Jorgensen and Patti Kessler, who really helped a lot with all the work involved. Betty and Soren Christensen donated the major cost of a beautifully decorated anniversary cake. It was not only huge but was delicious. Thanks Betty and Soren.

After a leisure dinner, President Gary Gossett called the meeting to order. Visitors were introduced and greeted. We were happy to have two applications for membership — Mary Andersen and Lonny Watson. Marie Christensen sponsored both applicants. The membership voted to accept the applications.

The delegates for the recent district convention gave reports on actions taken and interesting events that transpired during the three days at San Diego. District Fraternal Coordinator Howard Kjellsen reported that he and Hazel would continue to be coordinators for the upcoming year and that they would be attending a training session in Omaha soon.

President Gary presented district awards received during the convention. Bill Chappell, Kandy Chappell and Margaret Motz were winners in the bowling league. The checks they received from the district were donated to Operation Care and Share. The newsletter award was given to our lodge. Thank you district officers for choosing our newsletter for district honors. The check accompanying this award goes into the lodge treasury.

One item of business was discussed without any response. We need storage space for lodge equipment. If anyone has space to store our aebleskiver pan, equipment that goes with it, secretary and treasurer books, historian book, etc., please call President Gary Gossett. We are willing to pay a nominal fee.

President Gary selected a nominating committee for the 1989 officers. Three past presidents were asked — Jim Dwyer, Chairman, Ken Olsen and Howard Kjellsen. When this committee begins their work, please be receptive. The committee will make their recommendations but we all

have the opportunity to nominate from the floor on election night. The slate of officers will be presented in October and voted on in November.

Gary asked Gertrude Nielsen to present the Spencer Nielsen Award. The recipient was Marie Christensen. We all believe that Marie deserved the first award given on behalf of Spencer Nielsen. She is our good-will ambassador of love and kindness — always greeting people with a lovely smile and backing every project we have to the fullest. Marie has sponsored almost all her family into the Brotherhood and many of her friends. Next year we plan to present this award again at our anniversary barbecue so even you can be bidding for the award or looking for a likely candidate. Congratulations Marie!

After the meeting, President Gary conducted a fun auction for Operation Care and Share. The bidding began at \$1.00 and had to have a 50 cents raise each bid. This proved a lot of fun with lots of competitive bidding. Our finances for the project were increased by \$200.00. Several members who did not get in on the bidding later came up and donated to the fund. Congratulations to all of us on a job well done. Thanks to Gary who did a great job as auctioneer.

Commemorating our 11th anniversary, all charter members were asked to stand. It was surprising how many were with us. It goes to show "it is good to stick with a good thing." And that's what we all know our lodge to be.

We want to invite you and your friends, family and neighbors to attend our first time ever Danish Nights. We are trying to make this a very special meeting. The Los Angeles Danish Dancers will be our special entertainment. We will be featuring Danish customs and artifacts. Aebleskiver will be served along with Danish smørrebrød. Set the date on your calendar.

Keep in mind that we are again saving our old specs. Helga Bjorn has agreed to be chairman of this worthwhile event. Helga will be happy to receive unused glasses at any of the lodge meetings.

Garry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At our district convention in San Diego, we had a good representation from Kodan with seven members in attendance and all had a great time.

Our own Ken Nielsen conducted the meetings and gave a report on his travels as president of the district visiting all the lodges for their installations. Two national guests at the convention were Clyde Langsted, National President, and Jerome

Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer. President Langsted mentioned that the Home Office is looking into getting a group rate for liability insurance for the lodges that would be more affordable which is something all the lodges have requested over the years. Clyde also reminded us that special aid has been increased to \$1,000 a year and they will be giving out more scholarships. A Scholarship Committee has been formed for our district to see how we might be able to fund one and with the price of education going up, it would be greatly appreciated.

We had a report from Johannes Jaeger-Nielsen on Elverhoy Danish Heritage Museum in Solvang. Judy Andersen showed the convention a video tape on the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, so if any of you would like, we have a couple of places that need our support financially as well as with artifacts.

Congratulations to all the new officers and to San Diego for a great convention and to our delegates who did a great job. It was a pleasure to see so many young people involved in this convention. Next year the convention will be hosted by Lodge No. 322 in Santa Barbara and the following year by the Los Angeles Lodges and Alhambra Lodge jointly.

At our August 13 meeting, 23 people gathered out in the cool of the evening in the Lindberg's yard for an ice cream social. We had homemade ice cream and toppings. It was pretty good too! An invitation to Howard and Hazel Kjellsen's 40th anniversary was read as well as a letter from Pam Dorau, Fraternal Director, with regard

to our involvement with Horizon House. The members brought lots of goodies to the meeting for Horizon House and Eric and Lisa Piehl (future members) mentioned that they had some children's things for the home. Lisa has since collected from her home and home of friends, people she works with as well as members of another organization she belongs to, items for children as well as the mothers and brought them to the Outreach Office and they in turn took them to Horizon House. It was very much appreciated by the counselor at Horizon House. Thank you Carolyn and Lindy for letting us have the meeting in your home and for letting us invade your tomato patch.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our lodge officers met on August 25 to plan next year's social calendar and make program assignments. If your name does not appear on a committee and you would like to serve, let us know and you will be assigned the month or program of your choice.

Jim Minikus, a new member of our lodge, and a retired Prudential Life Insurance agent, has agreed to assist us in providing insurance and annuity information to our lodge members. You may call him to discuss your life insurance or retirement needs.

The officers decided to postpone the Membership Drive from October to November. A social will be planned for the

October meeting. Be thinking about who you plan to invite to the November meeting as a prospective member. We're working on a special program for that evening.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met at the Community Action Building September 1. The state convention was discussed.

LeRoy and Vergie Hansen showed some very interesting pictures from Alaska that they had taken on a trip with their family a year ago. The serving committee for the evening was as follows: Merle and Mable Haselbarth, chairpersons, Dorrit Jones, Andrew and Verna Madsen, Elmer and Hazel Jepsen, and Velma Landstrom. Sandwiches and drink were served.

Shirley Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Following the July meeting, lunch was served after which all joined in playing a variety of card games.

Our delegates to the Nebraska District Convention in Minden were Laurids and Judi Pedersen, with alternates Wally and Anita Johnson.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At the July meeting, a motion was made and carried to submit a bid from our lodge to host the 1990 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention.

The annual joint Brotherhood-Sisterhood picnic was held on Sunday, August 28, at the Cherry Glen Recreation Area on Saylor-

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance Of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since The Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
7-26-88	Lawrence R. Fahl	73	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1936
8-3-88	Henry W. Kofod	92	Jamestown, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
7-10-88	Hans P. Johansen	89	Svendborg, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1923
8-12-88	Michael D. Wilson	27	Pontiac, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1982
8-16-88	Peter K. Nielsen	84	Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1942
8-11-88	Edward Aasted	81	Junction City, Oregon	322	Santa Barbara, California	1939
4-3-88	Claus Dillner	41	Germany	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1979
8-28-88	Jens C. Andersen	76	Vejlby, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
8-21-88	Martin M. Petersen, III	34	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1974
7-30-88	Arnold R. Sorensen	82	Menominee, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
8-17-88	Anton M. Christiansen	95	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1915
7-31-88	Christian P. Thomsen	101	Serridslev, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1912
5-29-87	Fremond Nielsen	79	Rolfe, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1978
2-16-87	Magnus Larsen	83	Ottosen, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1975
5-9-88	Richard G. Busarow	57	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1981
11-29-87	Wilma G. Bergsten	67	Albion, Illinois	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1971
8-16-88	Leo S. Hanley	67	Boston, Massachusetts	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1983
8-3-88	Ivan K. Johansen	72	Plainview, Nebraska	206	Blair, Nebraska	1978
8-1-88	Louise Krogh	93	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1977
5-3-88	Earl R. Anderson	81	Freeborn County, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1976
8-8-88	Ellen M. Espersen	82	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1978
8-24-88	Christian J. Brems	82	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
3-25-88	Nelson A. Kistrup	80	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1975

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ville Lake. Fifty people attended the picnic on a day of perfect weather. With the lodge furnishing the fried chicken and the sliced ham, and the guests bringing an assortment of salads, vegetable dishes, and desserts, everyone was able to eat heartily.

With volleyball, badminton, and horse-shoes occupying the more active, and conversation with more sedate members, all agreed that it was an enjoyable afternoon. Special thanks should be given to Elizabeth Ibsen and Jane Gillaspey for planning and organizing the picnic.

Erik Sorensen and Harvey Andersen were the delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention at Albert Lea, Minnesota, over Labor Day weekend. Ed Harris, a member of the District Board, was also in attendance. **Wilbur Williamson, Cor.**

Lodge #121, Tyler, MN — On Saturday, August 6, our lodge had its regular meeting. The special part of the evening was when we recognized Mary Hansen's 90th birthday. The evening was called "Mary Hansen, This is Your Night." The program was given by her children.

A reading was given by Marie Schmahl. It contained information about Mary's past. Slides were shown by Merna and Marvin Thompson. It was a very special evening for our lodge. We salute Mary!

Ilene Sorensen, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk horn, IA — We held a potluck picnic supper at the Elk Horn Park on August 29. Our entertainment was by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jensen. Mrs. Jensen sang familiar songs and played the autoharp. Mr. Jensen played a mountain dulcimore that he had made.

President Ray Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Initiated into the lodge were Ross Mardesen and Carolyn Ortgies.



Welcome new members Mr. and Mrs. John Leistad, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Eskov, Ross Mardesen and Carolyn Ortgies.

Signe Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Boose, and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hansen were delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. **Verdie Christensen, Cor.**

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our annual picnic which was held on August 10 was an extremely successful event. Approximately 85 people attended which was about twice as many as last year. This is a sign of better times ahead for our lodge. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Our lodge was host for the golf outing with a banquet after. Even though rain caused us to finish prematurely, everyone seemed to enjoy the golf they did play. The banquet was great. The food was very delicious as was the fellowship and dancing afterwards. Credit should be given to Ray Nielsen of Lodge No. 35 in Chicago for shooting an eagle. Congratulations Ray!

The Midwest District Fraternal Coordinators Ray and Wanda Nielsen and Henry and Grethe Jepsen, from Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, will be attending our meeting on October 12. Mark your calendars and come and see what they have to offer.

Remember our new dues structure beginning January 1, 1989 will be \$20 for members under 65 years of age and over 65 will be \$15. Social members must pay an extra \$5 per year per capita tax.

Glenn Nygoe, Pres.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our annual picnic drew about 175 adults and children. It was a beautiful day and very relaxing. This year brought on something different. Our special thanks to Kenneth Hansen who donated two one hundred pound pigs that were expertly cooked by Gerald Merfeld and Jerry Talamonti. It was delicious with all of the other dishes brought to pass from those attending. Free beer, soda, coffee and ice cream were furnished by the lodge. Adult and children's games were played and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the committee chaired by Rick Wade and assisted by Todd and Jeff Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, and Ken Learmont II. Thanks to Gerry Hoeke, Jack Sorensen, Mat Fosbinder, and Tom Richer for raffle items. Special thanks to Tom Nelson for once again furnishing the truck. Congratulations to Ann Rohde, daughter of Brother P. Carson Rohde who will receive a Midwest District Scholarship this year.

July 30th found 90 people enjoying another successful western night corn roast. After a great meal of corn and brats and all the trimmings, Betty Jean and the Country Express did their usual good job of keeping the floor full of dancers playing all their requests. It was a great time and if you were not there, you missed a good

one. This one takes a lot of work and we congratulate the hard working committee headed by Dan Ervin assisted by Jeff and Chris Bernhardt, Todd Bernhardt, Bob O'Neal, Tom and Judy Nielsen, Mat and Marge Fosbinder, and Bob and Elaine Ibsen.

This year our horse race bus trip to Hawthorne was extended to three buses due to its popularity as a fun event. Coffee was the order of the day when all arrived at the lodge early. Beer, wine coolers, soda and Bloody Marys were served along with snacks on the bus. Lunch was served at the track with all having reserved seating at tables for the entire day. There were winners and losers but all were really winners who went on this fun day. Once again we thank our chairman, Ed Zydowsky, who does such a great job on this every year. Helping out were Dan Greenwald, Bob Ibsen, Duke Ellingham, Gene Keck, Rich Walker, Carl Larsen, Todd Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, Don Tredup, and Bruce Roders.

In the spirit of fraternalism, we recently donated 12 tickets for a variety show performance to Rhode Opera House. The tickets were for handicapped individuals to attend. This was sponsored by Vietnam Veterans in Kenosha.

Don't forget the basketball game — Danish men's and women's teams playing Carthage College on Tuesday, November 15.

Welcome new members George Follensbee, John Antaramian, and Robert Powell!
Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Congratulations to Frank and Ethel Perschnick on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

On Saturday, October 22, Chicago Lodge No. 35 will sponsor the Dart Extravaganza. All teams will be determined by the "luck of the draw" — two person teams. Entries are needed by October 10.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — It's not too late to reserve your tickets for the October 14 presentation of a fine film entitled "Doing It Danish." The cost is \$5.00 per ticket which covers the cost of the film, open face sandwiches and kringle. There will also be an open bar. Call Woody Petersen or Ray Nielsen for reservations.

Mark your calendars to attend the Midwest District Dart Tournament on October 22 in Evergreen Park, Illinois. Coffee and kringle will be served when you arrive and a lunch will be catered. The cost is

\$5.00 per person. Contact Ray Nielsen if you can participate.

The temperature was way up in the 90s the day of our picnic and in spite of the terrific heat, a good crowd showed up at Isaac Walton Park in Homewood. The beer and soft drinks went like hotcakes. Over 200 hamburgers were served along with plenty of hotdogs. The table was overflowing with delicious casseroles, fruit and salads. Everyone who brought food to share deserve a big thank you for the delicious food. The children and young people enjoyed the games and so did the older adults.

The committee headed up by Doris Whitcomb and Audrey Christiansen did a great job as did all the other folks who helped make the day a success. A special thanks to all who brought raffle gifts and those who purchased tickets. A report from the financial wizards tells us that we just about broke even and could not have done so without all the donations. Thanks to all!

President Paul Sloth presided at our

August 19 meeting. Visitors including Harley Larsen, Marian and Ed Ericksen, and Carole Baily were made welcome. There were many applications received at the picnic awaiting initiation.

A letter was read from Elaine Vincent thanking the lodge for the wonderful time at the picnic. Also, thank you letters from Susan Jepsen and Marc Connery for the scholarships they received were read.

The Danish Home wrote thanking us for the donation for their August birthday party.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — The chartered bus for our members and friends to attend Scandinavian Day on September 11 in South Elgin, Illinois, had to be canceled. Only 24 people responded.

On October 14 we will serve a Danish roast pork and red cabbage dinner at the International Institute. Social time is 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. This is our only fund raiser for the year. Don't place an additional burden on already over-worked

committee members by making them take time to ask you to come to help. Each able-bodied person is requested to contact Chairperson Elsa Berlin to offer your help. There are many facets involved with hosting a dinner. It is essential that we have your total support. We also need donations of raffle items and door prizes.

The 8th annual Midwest District Dart Extravaganza will be held October 22 at the American Legion Post 854 in Evergreen Park, Illinois. Cost includes an entry fee of \$5.00 and \$5.00 for lunch. Reservations deadline is October 10.

During our August 17 meeting, we continued to pursue plans for our 100th year celebration in June of 1989. Thanks to Al and Carol Larsen who served refreshments following the meeting.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Our annual lodge picnic was held on July 31 at the home of our secretary, Andrea Mylin. Despite the 100 degree heat, more than 25 members came out for a good time. After a delicious potluck lunch, Rose and Jerry Knudsen organized an afternoon of games. Everyone joined in a dart competition, pine-wood derby, egg toss, toilet paper wrap and a most refreshing water balloon toss. Prizes were awarded to all adult and junior Viking winners.



President Einar Danielsen congratulates 1988 scholarship recipient, Melissa Mylin.

The members shared a proud moment as President Einar Danielsen presented a scholarship award to member Melissa Mylin. Congratulations Melissa!

Carol Hunecke, Cor.

Payment to Board Members

SEPTEMBER 1988
Clyde R. Langsted salary \$244.00

VELKOMMEN!

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



Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
John M. Antaramian	14	Kenosha, WI	William Kastman
Donald K. Holland	14	Kenosha, WI	Lawrence Boyd
Harry C. Jensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Ellen T. Jensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Jack C. Hansen	15	Des Moines, IA	Edith Paulsen
Virgil C. Jacobsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Alice M. Jacobsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Willard R. Hansen	15	Des Moines, IA	Svend Christensen
Joanne L. Rasmussen	15	Des Moines, IA	Clark Rasmussen
Roma L. Anderson	16	Minden, NE	Leonard Anderson
Ruth J. Burchell	16	Minden, NE	Ralph Burchell
Dorrit E. Jones	16	Minden, NE	Herbert Nielsen
Elin Bendtsen	32	New Haven, CT	Jacki Hansen
Kathryn L. Petersen	35	Chicago, IL	Elsa Petersen
Marion J. Eriksen	35	Chicago, IL	Elsa Petersen
Edward C. Eriksen	35	Chicago, IL	Elsa Petersen
JoAnn Harrison	35	Chicago, IL	Paul Sloth
Hazel D. Boulden	62	Sioux City, IA	Charles Boulden
Gordon L. Petersen	67	Fresno, CA	Howard Petersen
Taylor C. Pedersen	161	Ruskin, NE	Kenneth Pedersen
Vikki Sleight	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen June Pihl
Leif Madsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Vicki L. Kolmos	170	Rocky River, OH	Poul Kolmos
Steffen J. Bramsen	299	Solvang, CA	Arne Jacobsen
Edward A. Hansen	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Jensen
Mary Anderson	345	Orange County, CA	Marie Christensen

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — At our meeting on August 25, we enjoyed seeing pictures of our second place prize-winning Fourth of July parade entry. A team of horses pulled the wagon on which Danish-costumed members were riding.



Our float captured second place in the Fourth of July parade.

Loyal and Jean Lundorf had again assumed the chairmanship of our September 22nd aebleskiver supper. Plans were also discussed for our November 12 Mortensaften Dinner with Fred Rasmussen in charge.

Delayne Green of Waupaca presented a very informative slide program on her visit to the U.S.S.R. and displayed items she had purchased in Russia.

Open faced sandwiches, bars and coffee were served to conclude the evening.

Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — On Saturday, August 30, Lodge No. 30 in Muskegon, Michigan, celebrated their 100th anniversary by hosting an annual picnic. Members of our lodge shared in this celebration.

A year ago I made a plea for help. The Brotherhood must be kept as current as possible whenever members are in need of assistance. Please bring this matter up at our meetings if you are aware of any situations that we can help resolve or make it a little easier for a deserving member.

Remember general meetings are held for the purpose of keeping the membership informed of lodge activities and functions.

Karl Larsen, Cor.

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Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Welcome to our new members Arthur Nann who was initiated at our March meeting, and Joseph Billich who was initiated at our April

meeting. It is good to have you with us.

How good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. The leadership asserted by President Eric Brown and the timely aggressive and "LUN" humor by William Brose seems to be rubbing off on others as we swing into the summer months. The skill and craftsmanship of our master carpenter, Chris Miller, who can turn any shanty into looking like Kronborg Castle, have given a well deserved facelift to our picnic buildings, and our plumbing expert, Milton Lund, made sure that the piping systems were in shape for the season. The buildings and grounds look great and the members are turning out in full force.

On June 11, we had our outdoor meeting with the wives present. A total of 62 were present but it sounded twice that as old friends, new friends and members greeted one another, enjoyed the fine buffet dinner served after a short business meeting, and listened to some of the good old Danish tunes being played in the background on a beautiful evening that was made to order.

On July 10, the Home held its annual picnic and the Pilgrims of Danes from anywhere you can possibly name made their appearance. Big and small, young and not so young all came out and enjoyed the day that was second to none. The younger ones had a ball splashing in the pool. Others enjoyed card games, some were dancing to the familiar tunes from Denmark, which always sets the foot and the heart beating faster. The auction of paintings with Danish backgrounds went great, the chances on Royal Danish porcelain were mouth watering to any collector of these delightful items all carefully arranged and controlled by Martin Olsen, a colorful resident at the Home. The hot dogs, soda, beer, and, of course, the chilled akvavit made a superb topping of the day. Out of the 150 or more attending, many were heard to promise to return next year with friends. A special thanks to President Eric Brown and volunteers who went to Brooklyn to pick up the 44 guests stranded there due to no bus showing and to William Brose for a well organized event.

On August 13, our annual picnic came off in great style thanks to the efforts of William Brose, Bill Gillespie, Everett Erickson, Oswald Olsen, Earl Brown, John Johnsen, and Eric Brown and family. The DBIA shield and cross flags were made by Chris Miller. Hot and humid as it was did not dampen the spirits but rather seemed to enhance the fun and frolic. The types of dishes served ranged from frikadellar and red cabbage to hot dogs and corn. Beverages, topped off with a sniff or two of akvavit, on ice of course, were also



Our annual picnic was a successful fun day.

served. It was a day we all enjoyed and look forward to next year. Thanks to the picnic committee and to Judy Palmer, the caretaker of the Home, for all your effort.

Congratulations to Howard Koyen on his 25 years of membership in our lodge. Paa gensyn.

Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — We had a covered dish supper at our September 14 meeting. Each member who attended brought a covered dish. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

At our June meeting, the strawberry shortcake was even better than last year. Chris and Carol do a great job in picking and cleaning the strawberries.

Brother Eric Brown from the Home attended our June meeting and gave us the status of the Home. It was very informative. He extended his thanks for the donation toward the van which was needed badly.

Anyone having ideas for entertainment at our meetings should contact Don Heckmann, Helen Smedorf, Virginia or John Jensen.

Donald Heckmann, Sec.

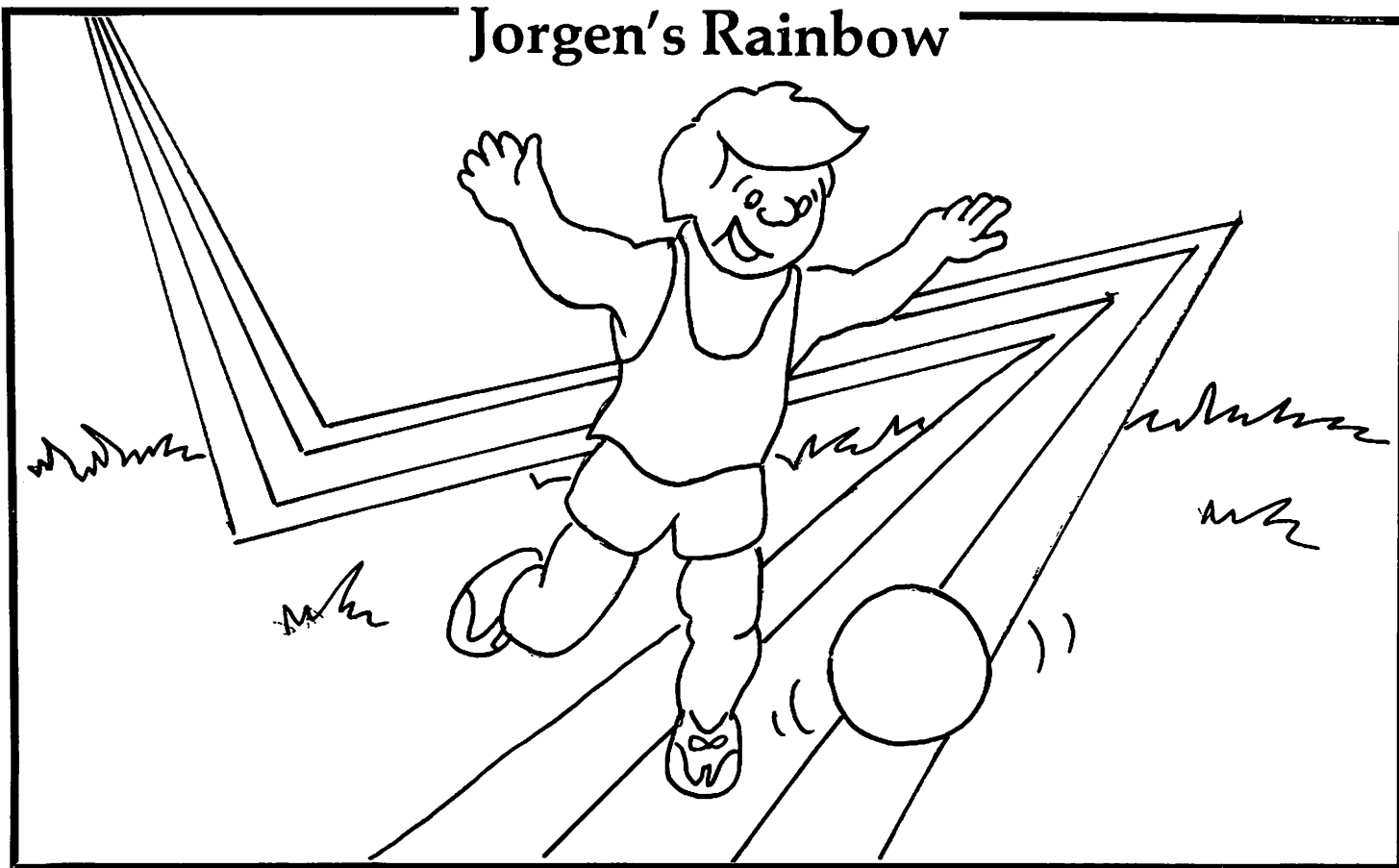
Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We began the new season with a meeting on Friday, September 9, at the IAM Hall. A program and a demonstration concerning curling on ice was presented at the meeting.

We are the happy recipient of a sizable donation from an anonymous giver. The donation will be used to pay our yearly meeting hall rent and the excess for promotional activities.

Harry Andersen, our former treasurer, decided to buy a one way ticket to Denmark and return there to live. A group of friends gathered at the Broadbent house on July 9 to wish Harry a good trip. He was an outstanding treasurer and would love to have his friends come and say hello.

Constantine Polites will be initiated in the near future. A pending application is now

Jorgen's Rainbow



In 1896 in Denmark, the "Dansk Idræts Forbund" or Danish Sports Federation was founded. One of the most popular of all sports is Danish football. It is played much like soccer and Jorgen enjoys it. There are two major goals in Denmark con-

cerning sports. One is to keep politics and sports separate, the other, to encourage physical education in the schools. Do you have a PE class in your school?

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 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 the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

September winners: Robyn Burkell and Emily Marttila.

Grandma's Kitchen Wienerbrød (Danish Pastry)



by Dagmar Jensen

6 cups flour	3 yeast cakes	1 tsp. cardamom
½ cup sugar	1 tsp. salt	1 egg
2 cups lukewarm milk	1 cup butter	¼ cup almonds

Place crumbled yeast cakes in the lukewarm milk. Let stand 5-10 minutes. Mix flour, sugar, and salt with the yeast and milk. Roll dough out on a floured cookie sheet or board. Add butter in dots or have it at room temperature and then just spread it with a knife over the dough. Sprinkle with crushed cardamom. Fold and refold. Let rest for 30 minutes. Roll, refold three or four more times, using a light quick stroke, place aside in a cool place. Roll to a one-fourth inch thickness. Cut in one inch strips. Twist and form as pretzels, rolls, braids, or squares. Place on buttered tins, brush with slightly beaten egg, sprinkle with chopped blanched almonds. Let rise over boiling water. When double in bulk, sprinkle with sugar and bake in 400° oven. A mixture of powdered sugar and water may be brushed over the lukewarm pastry when finished.

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lot of fun, and the more we played the more fun we had."

Since then there have been few days that fiddle music hasn't been heard throughout the Olsen home as friends of all ages and walks of life drop in to "whittle-off a tune." Chet plays guitar and sings too, so there's seldom a lack of entertainment in the neighborhood. Anyone who's been a guest in the Olsen home knows this story wouldn't be complete without mention of the unbeatable hospitality that Chet's wife Agnes bestows on "all who enter." "I can't play so I cook!" she jokes. Everyone will testify to what a great job she does!

Chet has "had the honor" of playing at nursing homes, schools, churches and many, many social functions over the years. He has many trophies and awards he has won at various contests. He claims one of the greatest honors he's had is to help young people get started playing the violin. "I don't really give lessons, but I can give lots of pointers and practical advice and show them how to get started. It really makes me feel good to be able to help."

Perhaps when you dream about life in the country you envision good friends, good music and an enjoyable time. If you happen to be in the Wakonda area, just ask about Chet and Agnes and you'll discover that dream come to life.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning Keeping Together — Progress
Working Together — Success

Many local Danish Brotherhood lodges have become involved with "Operation Care and Share" which is designed to increase public awareness and understanding of how private citizens can respond to the problem of hunger in the United States. These lodges are to be congratulated for their fraternal actions. The following is an example of a local lodge's involvement. If your lodge has not yet become involved in Operation Care and Share, please contact the National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131 for further information.

Lodge No. 346 Assists Horizon House



All members join together to assist Horizon House.



Sue Patterson packs the "Kodan Van" to deliver the donations.

In March of 1977, a task force was formed by concerned community members seeking resources to combat domestic violence. Volunteers then set up a system of private homes where victims in crisis could be housed temporarily. In March 1978 the Coalition incorporated and, under the Presley Marital Violence Act, was awarded a State grant to establish a 24 hour shelter. Horizon House opened in August 1978 and has continuously served Riverside County since that time.

In September of 1987, Lodge No. 346 decided to assist this most worthy cause. Since that time, food collections, fund raisers, and shopping trips have been held. The counselor in charge of Horizon House was contacted to find out how DBIA Lodge No. 346 could best assist them. Items donated include everything from all types of food to hair dryers and hand mixers. Clothing, toys, make-up and dishes have also been given.

Future plans of Lodge No. 346 and their involvement with Horizon House are for Christmas. They are hoping to have a gift under the Christmas tree for each of the children and the mothers that will be in the home over the holiday.

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