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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

Last month I told you I would keep you updated on the merger situation. The National Board is committed to providing you, the membership of the Danish Brotherhood, with information regarding this very important event in our history. I will try to utilize this page in future months to present the information as it comes available.

As I explained last month, contact with potential merger partners was to take place after July 1st. As this letter is being written, the Merger Committee of the National Board of Directors is preparing an outline that will be provided to potential merger partners. This outline is a "resumé," if you will, of the Danish Brotherhood in America. It represents a statement of intentions of what the DBIA is looking for in a merger. It states the Danish Brotherhood's priorities which include, but are not limited to, protection of our certificate holders, our lodge system, the Danish Brotherhood's purpose, name and logo, certain fraternal benefits such as scholarships, camp grants, matching funds, etc. From this outline, potential merger partners will be able to access the Danish Brotherhood to determine if our Society is a "match," and whether or not they would like to discuss the possibilities of a merger further.

In addition, the Danish Brotherhood Merger Committee will be reviewing the potential partners with the same critical eye. It is the task of the Committee to seek out the organization which is the best possible fit for the Danish Brotherhood, both financially and ethically. To do that, the Committee will request of each potential partner such items as:

1. their last three years' financial statements, including all certifications,
2. their most recent independent auditors report,
3. a copy of their business or corporate plan,
4. a copy of their Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws,
5. a general outline of their insurance portfolio and
6. a description of their fraternal benefits and programs.

This process will help the Committee assess the financial stability of possible merger partners as well as give them a "feel" for the fraternal posture of the potential partner.

Once the Danish Brotherhood has received inquiries from other Societies that indicate an interest in the Danish Brotherhood and resumé's have been exchanged, the Merger Committee will either request additional information from those they feel are a close match to what we are trying to accomplish in a merger, or schedule meetings with them. Meeting with the executives of potential merger partners is very important in establishing a rapport and comfort level and is a crucial aspect of the "courting" process.

Eventually, the Merger Committee will choose from the pool of potential merger partners those which are the closest match and they feel the most comfortable with. A merger agreement outlining the understanding and intentions of each Society to the merger will then be drawn up. The Committee will review the agreement for final presentation to the National Board of Directors for their approval and/or recommendations. Assuming the National Board finds the agreement satisfactory, the next step is to get approval for the merger from you, the membership. This will most likely be done through your local lodge delegates; those that were elected to the most recent National Convention. We must have other things in place before this topic is ultimately taken to the delegates, the governing body of this Society. I will have information on these "other things" and the process required to effect a merger in a later article, so, continue to read this page each month, attend your local lodge meetings and pay close attention to the correspondence you, and your lodge, receive from the home office.

As always, we need and appreciate your support.

Tivoli Celebrates its 150th Season

Tivoli marks its 150th birthday this year. It is one of the world's oldest existing parks, and one of the most visited. Since opening on August 15, 1843, it has welcomed more than 274 million people — more than the population of the entire United States. Each year, more than 4 million visitors go through Tivoli's turnstiles, an astounding number when you consider that the park is open a little more than four months a year and the population of Denmark is only 5 million people.

Hans Christian Andersen visited Tivoli during its first season and was inspired to write his beloved Chinese tale "The Nightingale." And during two visits to Tivoli in the 1950s, Walt Disney found inspiration for his own fantasy park.

Tivoli has always been a favorite meeting place for the citizens of Copenhagen, and it has become a treasured national symbol. Its special birthday is being fêted throughout Denmark by the publication of two Danish stamps with Tivoli designs. The world-famous Carlsberg brewery, based in Copenhagen, will brew and sell a special beer in Tivoli's honor, while bottles of aquavit will boast labels with Tivoli motifs. In mid-August, Copenhagen will pay tribute to the park by flying flags along its main shopping street, Stroget, for four days.

On August 14, the eve of its birthday, television stations will broadcast live from the festivities in Tivoli Concert Hall and from the gala concert on the Open Air Stage. Victor Borge will be the master of ceremonies, and the celebratory evening will end with a gigantic birthday fireworks display.

Tivoli has 25 amusements, 28 restaurants, and 10,000 seats in its theaters and concert hall. Its concert season is so extensive that it is considered the world's greatest music festival. This year, 144 classical concerts have been scheduled, with international artists such as Gary Bertini, Jessye Norman, René Kollo, and Isaac Stern. The New York City Ballet will perform August 31 through September 8.

For the 150th anniversary season, Tivoli has invested more funds than ever before in new projects. In an amuse-



Comedian and pianist Victor Borge, a native of Denmark, masquerading here as a clown, will act as master of ceremonies for Tivoli's birthday celebration.

ment dedicated to Hans Christian Andersen, passengers will board "flying trunks" that transport them into a dark passageway leading to some of Andersen's best-known characters, including the Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep, from the book of the same name, and the three fierce dogs from "The Tinderbox."

A replica of an eighteenth-century frigate will float on Tivoli Lake, housing a new restaurant, the St. George III. The restaurant will seat 120 people and accommodate groups of 20 in the "Captain's Cabin" for small, intimate parties. On June 15, the park opened its own museum in the Tivoli Castle, exhibiting old posters and other memorabilia from Tivoli's history.

The season opened on April 22 and will end on September 19. Admission is 35 kroner (\$5.85)* for adults and 18 kroner (\$3)* for children.

*\$1 = 6 kroner.

Photo and article contributed by The Danish Tourist Board.

Denmark's Founder of Modern Music

Carl Nielsen

by Lynne L. Macleod

Danish music, having originally established itself in the Romantic genre of music, was taken into a totally different direction with the music of Carl Nielsen. Nielsen, considered to be Denmark's greatest composer, composed a large body of significant works that are still being heard today.

Born in 1865 on the island of Fyn into a poor peasant family, Carl displayed signs of musical talent at an early age. His father was a house painter who supplemented his small income by playing the fiddle, cornet and violin. His mother was often heard singing Danish folk songs and melodies while she kept busy with her chores and other work.

At age nine when sick in bed with the measles, his mother gave him a small violin as a source of diversion. The violin had been a family heirloom, proudly hanging up on the wall. Upon playing the songs for his astonished parents, his father took the violin, tuned it up to the correct pitch and gave it back to Carl - for keeps.

When he was fourteen, Carl left home to start his career in the military band. During this time he learned all of the brass instruments and wrote pieces for them. He also made his first attempts at composing music.

During the period of 1884-1886, Nielsen studied music at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Copenhagen. Neils Gade was the current director of the Conservatory when he applied for admission and was a source of great encouragement while he was there.

Nielsen, also an accomplished violinist, played second violin from 1889-1905 in the Royal Chapel Orchestra. This was an opportunity for him to earn his living as an orchestra violinist while gradually gaining attention and financial support through his compositions. During this time, he was also Kapelmeister at the Royal Conservatory.

During his lifetime, Nielsen traveled widely. On a trip abroad in 1890, he met and married the Danish sculptor

Anne Marie Broderson. He also had his first chance to see and hear the late operas of Wagner. On another trip, this time to Germany and Austria in 1894, he met the composer Johannes Brahms, who later was to have a great impact on his music.

In 1902, he collaborated with Thomas Laub, an organist and reformer of Danish church music, to write a vast collection of hymns and school songs. Having earlier in his life made contact with the folk high school and the Gruntvig movement (the cultural philosophy that stressed love and heritage and the importance of a religion of hope and happiness), these influences showed up vividly in his music.

Nielsen was conductor of the Royal Opera from 1904 to 1908. In the year 1915, he became director of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Denmark, where he taught music theory from 1916-1919. His health began declining in 1922, when he suffered bouts with his heart. Denmark's founder of Danish modern music died of a heart attack in 1931.

Nielsen's musical output was impressive. His works included six symphonies, three concertos, two operas, a variety of chamber music, choral music (most popular is his "Fynsk Forar" - "Springtime in Funen,") a handful of unusual piano pieces, (including his set of "Miniatures For Young And Old"), two violin sonatas and a considerable amount of Danish folk songs and countless hymns.

Primarily known by the public as a symphonist, his six symphonies serve as an excellent barometer for which to observe his musical development from traditionalist to polytonalistic modernist. His First Symphony (1892) is quite traditional in its approach and was greatly influenced by the classical orchestral style of Brahms. His strongest symphonies are those considered to be in the middle (#3-5) and display his abandonment of traditional forms. He completed his Third Symphony, "Sinfonia Espansiva" in 1910. He called his Fourth Symphony, "The Inextinguishable," as he felt that music, like life, is inextinguishable.

His Fifth Symphony (1922) is regarded as his best known work. His last symphony, the Sixth (1925), is very unstable and bizarrely experimental.

Nielsen's two operas were also important works and deserve mention. His first opera, "Saul and David" (1898), with its choral passages in oratorio style, is serious and symphonic-sounding. In contrast, his second opera, "Maskarade" (1904), is a gay and lively Mozartian comedy.

Nielsen wrote two admirable violin sonatas. The First Violin Sonata, Opus 9, like his First Symphony, showed the influence of Brahms. The Second Violin Sonata, Opus 25, was written in 1912.

The numerous Danish songs written by Nielsen occupy a very important and special position in the history of Danish music. As a song composer, instead of composing the traditional Danish art songs, he went on to develop an anti-Romantic form of the popular songs. So strong was his influence and contribution in this area of music that whole school of popular composers grew up around him.

Nielsen's major contribution to Danish music was his break with tradition and use of innovative techniques. His musical experiments in polytonality certainly aroused much opposition, but by the time of his death, his music had gained international recognition and was universally accepted.

So great is the musical stature of Carl Nielsen that one can easily classify all Danish composers as either pre-Carl Nielsen or post-Carl Nielsen. The marker of the great divide in the history of Danish music, Carl Nielsen left behind a rich legacy of music that will live on in the lives of not only the people of Denmark, but people everywhere.

Neils Gade

Danish Folk Song Composer At Heart

by Lynne L. Macleod

The son of an instrument maker, Neils Vilhelm Gade was born in Copenhagen in February, 1817. Considered to be the founder of Denmark's national romantic school of music and also Denmark's most celebrated 19th century composer, Gade's life story reads almost like a fairy tale.

In 1840, at the age of only twenty-three, Gade won immediate fame with his very first composition by winning first prize in a Copenhagen Musical Union Competition for composers. His prize-winning entry was the concerto overture "Efterklange efter Ossian" (Echoes of Ossian). This beautiful overture, which has survived the passage of time, is still heard in Denmark today.

Prior to this, as a youth Gade had studied with a Danish court musician and composition with the Danish composer Andreas Berggreen. His early training helped him develop into the multitalented musician and composer that he was to become. Not only did he become an accomplished violinist, conductor and organist, but he wrote incredibly well in nearly all forms of composition.

With his prize money and a further stipend from the king, Gade was able to go to Leipzig and Italy. In 1843 while in Leipzig, the first of his eight symphonies (the C Minor Symphony) came to the attention of Felix Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn loved the work and conducted it at a Gewandhaus Concert in 1843. Thereafter, Gade and Mendelssohn became the best of friends and Gade was on his way to becoming a dominant figure in Danish musical life.

Gade, who became known for his excellent administrative abilities, held several important musical posts during his lifetime. In 1844, during Mendelssohn's absence, Gade conducted the Gewandhaus concerts in Leipzig. So impressed was Mendelssohn with the superb job that he did in his absence, Gade was asked by Mendelssohn to be assistant director at the Gewandhaus Concert Hall (a post he served for several years). Upon Mendelssohn's death in 1847, Gade became its chief director.

Upon his return to Copenhagen in 1848, Gade found himself in an enviable position. Now considered to practically be king of music in Denmark, he was appointed organist at Holmens Church and was also director of the Royal Conservatoire.

The year 1852 was an especially happy one for Gade when he met his wife-to-be. The woman he fell in love with was the daughter of the Danish composer J.P.E. Hartmann and resulted in a happy union for both.

Towards the latter part of his life, he held a few more important posts while keeping up with his music and composing. In 1861, he was appointed Kapellmeister in Copenhagen. This was followed six years later by a position as director of the Copenhagen Conservatory. In 1890, Gade died in Copenhagen just a few days before Christmas.

Gade's musical output includes eight symphonies (the first and fourth are considered his best), five overtures, three ballets, a string quartet, chamber music, a piano sonata dedicated to Franz Liszt, numerous vocal works and many piano solo pieces. His music was greatly influenced by both Felix Mendelssohn and Robert Schumann, as well as Danish folk music. (Like Mendelssohn, Schumann had also been his friend and had written of him in the "Neue Zeitschrift für Musik.")

Both Mendelssohn and Schumann were attracted by the Scandinavian character of his music. When young, Gade had become familiar with Danish poetry and folk music. This music, which he deeply loved, later became interwoven into many of the musical works that he composed during his lifetime.

Gade also wrote several cantatas - three of the better known being "The Zion," "The Crusaders," and "Psyche." However, his most famous cantata, "Elverskud," (The Elf-King's Daughter) is still very popular in Denmark. It's picturesque quality in its description of the Danish summer night reflects Gade at his very best.

For the piano, Gade wrote some interesting composi-

tions, most of which are intended for beginners. Included in this category is a set of six simple pieces called the "Children's Christmas Eve" and also a series of pieces called the "Aquarellen." He also wrote a set of three piano fantasies called "Nordiske Tonebilleder," (Norwegian Tone Pictures) which are of moderate length and difficulty.

Using Danish folk songs as a continuous source of inspiration, the music Gade wrote was the 19th century's first example of national music. Gade, a romanticist at heart, will always occupy a unique and special position in Denmark's legacy of music.

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their frigid tidings to her.*

*Her skin showed the same sheen
that glowed in brilliant sunshine
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Determination of Women

Anna Hansen came to America in 1913 and fell in love with it.

The Danish immigrant withstood repeated blows to her love affair with the "promised land." Her story stands as a tribute to the determination a mother has to provide a good life for her children.

Her triumph of the Danish spirit will be one of the stories captured in The Danish Immigrant Museum now under construction in Elk Horn, Iowa, a farming community just north of Interstate 80 and an hour and 15 minutes west of Des Moines, Iowa or an hour east of Omaha, Nebraska.

Museum planners will fill 30,000 square feet of displays with stories, pictures and models of what life was like for immigrants from Denmark who forged new lives in the United States.

Anna Alisa Hansen's story begins at age 12 when her mother died and her father pressed her into service as the "mother" of her three younger brothers and sisters.

Eleven years later she had raised the family, married, and embarked with her new husband for America, a land she was told had "streets paved with gold."

According to an account of Anna's life compiled by one of her daughters, love of her children and love of the new land was nearly conquered by a series of challenges which reflected America's problems and development.

Soon after her first son was born in Boston, her husband deserted her and returned to Denmark, shamed by his inability to support his family. She took on work as a housekeeper while



This 1920 photo shows four generations of Danish American women. Danish women were important in keeping their heritage alive.

raising her son.

Soon remarried, Anna headed to Nebraska in the emerging American West. More children were born to Anna, but her second husband, too, deserted her as he was unable to cope with life in America at a time persons with German education were discriminated against.

A job in Missouri led to her happiest years and a third marriage, this time to a farmer with whom she had three more children.

The Great Depression caused the couple to lose the family farm to creditors, however she had become skilled as a nurse and was able to find employment.

A few years later, war in Europe cut lines of communication with Denmark and her relatives in her native land. The sense of isolation with her homeland caused her to suffer an emotional breakdown.

After World War II, her younger sister paid a visit to America, the first close relative to visit Anna in 58 years.

Anna lived to age 93. Her daughter's memories of her mother's strength — made real by Anna's Sunday linen, china and silver — are being reconstructed at The Danish Immigrant Museum.

The Museum's supporters hope to have the building, inspired by the traditional Danish farmstead, enclosed by September.

Anna Alisa Bothilda (Hansen) Wolfe's generation-spanning experiences, and those of many, many other Danish immigrants, will be remembered through the dis-

plays at The Danish Immigrant Museum.

To learn more about The Danish Immigrant Museum, call 1-800-759-9192 or write Box 178, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531.

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| Date of Death | Name | Age | Birthplace | Lodge No. | Location | Year Joined |
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| 5-16-93 | Herman Boraks | 90 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 227 | Detroit, Michigan | 1964 |
| 5-26-93 | Rasmus Rasmussen | 93 | Denmark | 299 | Solvang, California | 1974 |
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| 6-26-93 | Marlowe Seyller | 75 | Burlington, Illinois | 92 | St. Charles, Illinois | 1971 |

Concordia Language Villages Begins 33rd Summer


Since 1982 the Danish Language Village, Skovsøen, has offered Danish language and culture to young people between the ages of eight and 18 years old who come to the northwoods of Minnesota to study in a two-week session or a four-week high school credit program.

Concordia Language Villages began in 1961 with 72 students studying German. Since then nine other languages have been added: French, Norwegian, Spanish, Russian, Swedish, Finnish, Danish, Chinese and Japanese. The deans and staff come from all over the world, bringing their language fluency and their different perspectives of the world to the program, making this a truly unique experience in language-based cultural immersion. As students learn a world language they are also developing the skills of responsible global citizenship for the 21st century.

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Pacific

Northwest

** **Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA**—President Clyde Langsted called our June meeting to order with 28 members present. Past minutes were read, corrected and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. We received information on a new youth program. The long term goal of this program is to establish a youth delegation which will continue the heritage of the Danish Brotherhood in America. This is a worthwhile endeavor and needs our support.

The Nile Country Club will not be available for next year's All Dane Picnic. Any ideas for a new site?

Mel Hollister reported that Longacres will be out this year for a day at the races.

Ken Kromann reported there are still 17 campsites available for the Miller River campout.

Jerry Jensen acknowledged the Enumclaw and Tacoma lodges for the wonderful convention they put on for the district.

President Clyde Langsted briefed the membership on topics brought up at the convention, one being a possible merger with a yet un-named larger fraternal benefit society to strengthen our insurance program, not to worry about our individual autonomy as the Danish Brotherhood. That will remain intact as well as your protected insurance programs now in place.

Gunnar Sorensen proposed \$300 to Dane Camp '93. The motion was seconded and passed.

Our own Frank Poulsen was a

nominee for the Howard E. Christensen Award and received a certificate of merit for his accomplishments. Past President Frank Poulsen suggested having a sandwich and beverage break prior to our meetings.

We acknowledged a guest this evening, Lawrence Jensen, father of Secretary Jeff Jensen. Gunnar Sorensen promises to have a surprise for us at the September meeting.

All members should be proud to know our lodge received two awards at the district convention. One was the Silver Lodge Award and the other was for Best Newsletter.

President Clyde Langsted adjourned the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 1.

Jeffrey Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The June meeting was called to order by President Don Thorkildsen with 40 members and guests present. All officers were present. Larry West led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Norm Powell explained the symbols.

Minutes were approved as written in the Portland Dane. A \$20 donation was given by Fred Mosher for the scholarship fund. Thank you Fred!

Bills were approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Kris Roley reported on the skating mixer. Only a few showed up. There will be some other activities planned for the rest of the year.

President Thorkildsen read a letter of resignation from Secretary Kathy Jensen who will be moving. Ruth Dally has consented to finish out Kathy's term.

Diane Fisker reported on the district convention. She stated that everything was well planned from the business meetings to the dinners and entertainment. President Thorkildsen reported that our lodge received the District President's Award for Best Activities Schedule which included a \$25 check.

President Thorkildsen presented camp grants and certificates from the National Board to Alison Fisker, Laura Leineweber, Stephen Leineweber, Morgan West and Robert West.



Camp grant recipients with President Thorkildsen.

Our lodge will be hosting the 1994 district convention on May 6-8. The hotels have been reserved but help is needed in planning the convention. Planning sessions will be held at the Outreach Center. Elvin Kasch stated that they are looking for a Master of Ceremonies. If anyone is interested, please contact him.

Asbjorn Fisker explained the possibility of DBIA merging with another organization.

A number of ideas were shared to spark some interest in members attending the meetings.

Kathy Jensen, Sec.

**** Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—**
 We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on June 6 at Armitage Park. Chefs Glenn and Bettie Matson grilled burgers and hot dogs and members provided salads and desserts. The children attending competed in the sack race, ring toss and other games, while the grown-ups enjoyed horse shoes and good company.

Following our regular business meeting on June 10, we adjourned for refreshments and reminiscences about St. Hans.

We celebrated St. Hans Aften with a barbecued chicken potluck on June 19 at Misty Meadows near Triangle Lake. We successfully disposed of the witch and look forward to a bountiful harvest season. We thank the Toftemarks for their hospitality.

We will hold our eighth Get Away Weekend at the Taekker's cabin in Florence on August 21-22. Festivities begin at noon on Saturday, continue through a no-host dinner at the Elks Lodge, and a putluck Sunday breakfast. Our next regular business meeting will be held on September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—
 There will be no meeting in August due to the district convention on August 5-7, 1993.

The June meeting was brought to order by President Karen Rowse with 28 members present. The minutes were read and approved.

We welcome two new members into the Brotherhood, Inge and Hugh Logan. Treasurer Owen Miller read the treasurer's report and it was approved and is to be filed for audit.

Lillian Mathiasen, Secretary of the Danish Cheer Committee, has sent letters to all club secretaries informing them of the possibility of all Danish

clubs joining together for one big Christmas party starting in 1994. The Brotherhood was in favor but would continue with the children's Christmas party held in the "Alamo". Karl Duus will report back to the National Committee.

Lodge No. 126 cordially invites members and friends to our annual outing in Laughlin, Nevada, on September 12-14. The cost is \$75.00 per person, double occupancy.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.
 Inger Dix, Assoc. Cor.**

Lodge No. 345, Orange Co., CA—
 Our June aebleskiver breakfast was attended by approximately 60 members and friends in the Olsen's backyard. All fathers were recognized with a gift from the lodge and many who attended participated in "Walking Poker" with Gwen Olsen and Jan Ingerlie as winners.



Lodge members enjoy breakfast and conversation.

Pat and Cal Christensen and Helga and Kaj Bjorn were continually busy working the entire morning. Pat, Cal and Helga handled making all the aebleskivers while Kaj helped set up, clean up and help with games. Of course, our hosts Ken and Gerry Olsen deserve a huge thank you for making all the arrangements and preparations for such a lovely Saturday morning. Our lodge was also able to make a profit of about \$160 from this event.



Cal & Pat Christensen prepare for the breakfast.

Our third yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 28, at the home of Gary and Toni Gosett. Most any items can be sold and if you have any large items, someone would be glad to pick them up. The more items we have for sale, the better.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

South Dakota

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, SD—
 Our community celebrated its centennial on June 3-6, 1993. There was much preparation and many activities. A book was published, a centennial pageant was held as well as a parade.

Our lodge had a float in the parade. It was a miniature design of the DBIA hall which was built in 1905 and was taken down in 1971. Members who worked on the float included Arnie Sorensen, Waldo Jorgensen, Wayne Petersen and Helen Sorensen.

On Saturday afternoon, the lodge served rullepolse, caraway cheese and egg sandwiches and Danish desserts.

It was a fine celebration, weather and all.

Ruth Petersen, Cor.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—
 We will meet on August 3 for a supper at Vennelyst Park at 6:00 p.m. Plan to join us!

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—Our annual June picnic was held indoors at the Senior Center with 34 in attendance. A delicious picnic was enjoyed by all. The serving committee included Dale and Vivian Space, Charlotte Thorpe and Donald and Marion Beck.

A report was given by Verna Madsen on the Art Camp sponsored by the Minden Park and Recreation Department on June 7-10. Florence Flynn, daughter of members Andrew and Verna Madsen, served as Artist-Coordinator. Our memers voted to support the community by way of providing a portion of the tuition for juvenile members of our lodge. Three children attended from our membership and were sponsored by our lodge.

**Minna Newbold, Sec.
Verna Madsen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—We had a great picnic last month. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Monday, August 23.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Heartland

Heartland District



Lodge No. 186 Lodge Hall and convention site.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, WI, wishes to remind all members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Heartland District that the district convention is to be held September 10-12 at Luck, Wisconsin. Send in your reservation with \$22.50 to Eileen Jensen, 827 S. 7th St., Luck, WI 54853.

Come between 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday to confirm your registration, pick up name tags and other materials. Then enjoy a social time with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

There will be several things to do on Saturday morning. The meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. Lodge No. 186's 90th anniversary cake and coffee will be served at the 3:00 p.m. break.

Happy hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the banquet at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and then dance to the six piece orchestra.

Sunday church service is at 9:00 a.m. Finish-up business should conclude at noon.

****Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—We will meet August 9 at the Legion Hall in Urbandale at 7:00 p.m. Election of delegates to the district convention on September 10-12 in Luck, Wisconsin, will be held. After the business meeting, some of our Brotherhood friends will share with us their memories of growing up in Denmark. Refreshments will be provided.



Children and adults enjoy the magic show.

On June 14, Polk City's greatest magician, Orville Ballard, delighted a large audience, including 20 children, with his magic tricks. Some of the tricks included live doves and a live bunny which some of the children had a chance to pet after the show.

Virginia Jacobsen, Carol Christiansen, Edith Paulsen and Fern

Faaborg furnished refreshments for us. We were pleased with the large turnout of guests.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—We will meet August 14 at 5:00 p.m. at Ken and Evelyn Gutterman's for a picnic. They will supply the hamburgers, buns, drink and plates. Members are to bring other potluck items. The meeting will follow the potluck. We will finalize plans with those planning to attend the district convention in Luck, Wisconsin, in September.

The June meeting followed an ice cream social. Frances Miller and Bev and Thorvald Sorensen provided the homemade ice cream. Members brought sandwiches, cake and pie. President Sorensen called the meeting to order. Conductor Evelyn Gutterman escorted Magna Bowen to President Sorensen and she was officially installed as a new member of our lodge. She gave a nice talk and was welcomed into our lodge. Irvin Sorensen was presented with his 50-year membership pin by President Sorensen.

Edith Skene presented a financial report on the Ethnic Festival. We came out ahead this year. Bills were presented by Edith Skene and Kathy Sonsalla. **Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—Glenn Nyboe and Lance King provided the food for the June meeting. They had a cook-out before the meeting. It was enjoyed by all who were present. A special thank you to Glenn and Lance.

We will have a lodge meeting on September 8 and a Torsk dinner on October 2.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—Our delegates for the Midwest District Convention are Rick Wade and Ronald Jensen. Alternates are Ben Peterson

and Jeff Bernhardt. The convention will be held in Chicago on September 11-12.

The new tables and bar stools have been installed in the Rathskellar and they look great.

The golf outing on June 14 at Nippersink Country Club was attended by 22 members. Low for the day was Dick Richards with an 81.

The Annual Corn Roast and Brats, a Midwest District fund raiser, will be held Saturday, August 21. Dancing, raffles, food and fun for only \$8.00 each. Guests are invited. Advance tickets are required. Serving will be from 6-8 p.m. Call Bob Ibsen for tickets. Wear your western outfits or casual wear.

Bob and Elaine Ibsen invite you along on a Branson Show Trip for five days and four nights on October 25-29. The tour features include: round-trip transportation via Lamers motorcoach, accommodations with private bath for four nights, five music shows, admission to Gateway Arch and Lt. Robert E. Lee Showboat, local sightseeing tour of St. Louis, two luncheons and three dinners, luggage handling for one large suitcase per person and driver gratuity. The cost is \$499.00 per person. A \$50.00 deposit is due to hold your reservation. The balance is due September 24. Due to limited seating, it is on a first come, first serve basis.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL—Our June 3 meeting was attended by 16 members. President Merle Nylen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes and the treasurer's report was read. Both were approved as read.

At this meeting, election of two delegates and two alternates were chosen to represent our lodge at the district convention on September 11-12 at the Countryside LaGrange Holiday Inn. Delegates are Albertice Nylen and Jerry Swidergal. Alternates

elected were Chris Steffensen and Joseph Polka.

A motion was made to buy ten raffle tickets for the Danish People's Home Somerfest.

With no more business the meeting adjourned until September 2. Delicious Danish sandwiches were served, akvavit was donated, and everyone sang Happy Birthday to our members having a birthday. Everyone enjoyed socializing after the meeting.

Albertice Nylen, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—At our June 18 meeting, all officers and 57 members were present. Grethe Jepsen, head of the Scholarship Committee, reported that David Johansson, Carl Christensen III and Paul Eric Sloth will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

Jim Johansson reported on the Cultural Day activities. Our lodge was well represented and the day was a success.

Herta Iversen reported on the frikadeller dinner and thanked all the ladies who made the meat balls and everyone else who helped. We served 169 dinners and made \$874.37. Al thanked his wife for her hard work and she was given a round of applause. Henry Jepsen reported they made \$200 on the bar and \$130 on the card raffle, all helping to make the evening a success.

Ray Nielsen will have a meeting of the convention committee soon. He asked for raffle prizes to help defray convention costs. The convention is being sponsored by our lodge along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 11.

Ray, Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer, explained the district scholarship program. They were only able to give out two this year. David Johansson of our lodge received one and was called forward to receive it. Ray told us that David scored the highest out of six applicants. He also explained how the applications are sent to a professor at Carthage Col-

lege and he selects the best without knowing who they are.

The activity for September will be a Make It, Bake It, Sew It or Grow It evening. Paul Sloth suggested to think ahead and plan what to bring to that meeting. The picnic is also in need of raffle prizes.

President Iversen told about Midsummer Nite in Denmark as he recollected it from his childhood.

We concluded with sandwiches and refreshments.

Remember the annual picnic in Homewood on August 22.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

*** Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI**—Election of representatives to the district convention took place during our June 28 meeting. Albert Larsen and Carol Larsen were elected as delegates; Paul Sorensen and Sandra Sorensen were elected as alternate delegates.

Elsie Hein, Chairperson for our booth at the June 12 Scandinavian Festival, reported on our participation. Elsie thanked all who worked toward the resulting success. Our members who manned the booth were Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Elsie Hein, Al and Carol Larsen, and Paul and Sandy Sorensen. Other members who helped substantially in the effort were Nancy Churchill, Axel Hermansen, Barbara Larsen, Dennis Larsen, and Erik Greif-Sølvjerg. Special thanks to our Chairperson, Elsie Hein. We sold goodies baked by our ladies and the famous Danish kringle from O & H Bakery of Racine. The strawberry short cake with abundant, real whipped cream also proved to be popular with festival goers. **Albert Larsen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—We met Thursday, May 27, with President Vivian Jensen presiding. Members voted to start the meeting at 7:00 beginning with the June meeting. After the business meeting, members enjoyed a game of card bingo.

Henry and Melda Mortensen brought their guests, Kurt and Ruth Hansen, and daughters Dorte and Susan, from Ikast, Denmark. Everyone had an enjoyable time visiting with them. Susan is an exchange student at Little Wolf High School at Manawa, Wisconsin.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

Michigan

Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—In July everyone enjoyed the ice cream social at the Swedish Club thanks to the Goodhumor man.

Our social night on August 11 will be held at Rotary Park in Livonia. Picnic style food will be served free of charge.

Our regular business meeting starts up again on September 8. Watch for details on a new meeting place.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY—Our June meeting opened with minutes, treasurer's report and a report on the Strawberry Festival held at the Danish Home in Croton, New York, on June 6. The featured speaker was Victor Borge and he was in his usual fantastic form.

Florina Lund reported that the Operation: H.O.P.E. dollhouse is completely built and now awaits furnishing by the members. Raffle tickets were prepared and distributed by Barbara Perin. More are available as needed. Our Operation: H.O.P.E. designee this year is the Gunnar Lindskog Memorial Foundation, which has been recognized by both the Lighthouse for the Blind and the Guild for Exceptional Children as a major benefactor to these worthy organizations.

Handcrafts and baked goods are being solicited for the Harvest Festi-

val to be held on Sunday, September 19, at the Home For the Aged in Edison, New Jersey. A bus for the Harvest Festival will be leaving the Danish Athletic Club at 9:30 a.m. Reservations for this bus ride can be made with Emma Penzo, Ellie Brinkman or Lorraine Hendrickson. The cost for lodge members is \$12.00.

After adjourning our business meeting, we held our semi-annual white elephant sale. Many beautiful and unusual items were offered for sale by Robert Connor, our new auctioneer. Bob did a great job, and this is an important fund-raiser for our lodge.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

**** Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA**—We celebrated our 90th anniversary on Saturday, June 12, with a festive evening at a restaurant in Springfield, Delaware County. The format of the evening was engineered by Elin and Joe Jeantet and Len and Mary Gottliebsten with the help of many of the lodge members.

Joe Jeantet was Master of Ceremonies. A welcome address and short lodge history was presented by lodge president, Len Gottliebsten. This was followed with singing of the National Anthems and a memorial address by Knud Koefoed honoring those that had kept the lodge alive during the past 50 years, but had passed away since then. Special attention was paid to former treasurers Harold Boldsen and Georg Olesen, secretary Gunnar Froehlich, and past presidents Lawrence Knudsen and Flemming Hinrichsen for their unselfish dedication and hard work.

Guest speakers and well wishers included National Past President George Jacobsen of New York, National First Vice President Erling Braumann of Rhode Island, National Director Barry Edmonds of Connecticut, and GCEL District President Eric Brown of New Jersey. All brought good wishes and luck for the future.

The keynote speaker was Consul

Leif Donde of the Danish Consulate in New York.

John and Ea Keegan invited all the area Danes to their annual midsummer night festivities at their home in Landenberg, Pennsylvania. The evening ended with the traditional Danish bonfire and sending a well-dressed witch off to the legendary Bloksbjerg riding her broom.

A few of us attended the annual Grundlovdags Festival at the Danish Home for the Aged, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, earlier in June. We enjoyed listening to Victor Borge, who was the main speaker, talk of the Danish efforts and selfless service to spirit the Danish Jewish population out of the country during World War II. He paid tribute to those people who 50 years ago did so much for humanity. Conductor Carl Wilhjelm with the North Jersey Wind Orchestra played a medley for about 2,000 people in attendance. Carl is a former "Philadelphian", son of Christian Wilhjelm who was a member of our lodge until his death in the late 70s.

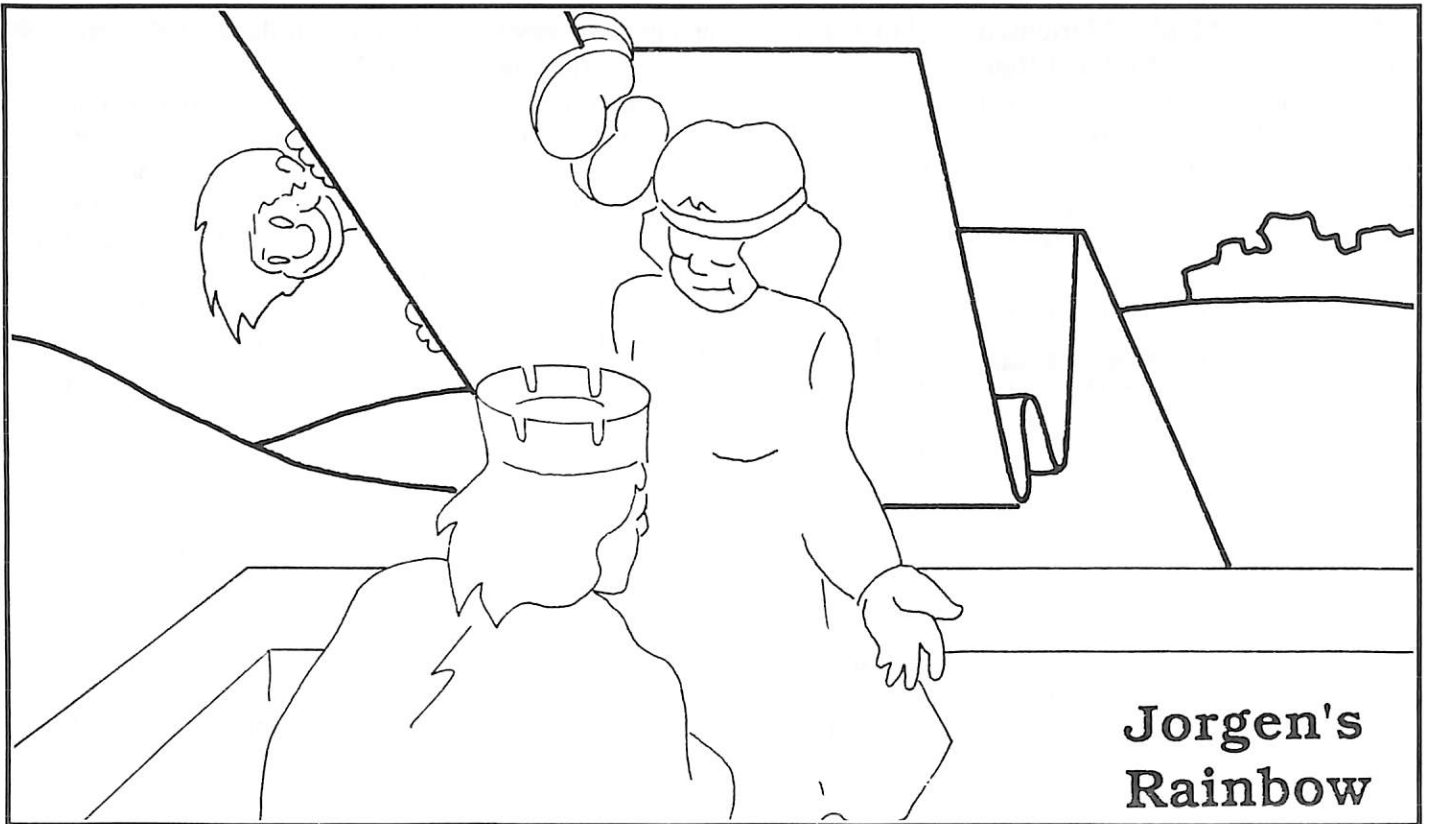
Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY—Our June 11 meeting started with dinner at 8:00 p.m. followed by our business meeting. We were happy and pleased to learn George Jacobsen was this year's winner of the Howard E. Christensen Award. George expressed his thanks and gratitude for the great honor.

Following the business meeting Tony Heinlein gave us a demonstration and presentation on honey bees. It was very interesting to learn about and the samples of his honey were delicious.

Scandinavian Night in Eisenhower Park is scheduled for August 7. A picnic will be held at the home of Marguerite and Eluf Holmgren on August 14. The second annual Harvest Festival at the Danish Home in Metuchen will take place on September 19.

Karen Witt, Sec.



Jorgen's Rainbow

Jorgen's final visit with early Danish royalty is at the Convention of Kalmar in 1397. Here he watches as the first Queen Margrethe crowns her great nephew Eric of Pomerania, king of the new union of Kalmar. This union was between Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Sweden, and Finland. Next month Bifrost finds a hobby and Jorgen learns some new words.

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Gunild Ostergaard

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tbsp. sugar, melt 1/2 cup butter in a heavy skillet, add crumbs and cook stirring until browned and crisp, cool. Put a layer in the bottom of a serving dish, cover with a layer of sweetened applesauce (2 1/2 cups in all) repeating until the ingredients are used. The top layer should be crumbs. Chill. Cover with sweetened whipped cream with a few dabs of currant or raspberry jelly for garnish.

Viking Adventures

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1993 DBIA Bowling Tournament Results

| Lodge # | Team Name | Score | HC | Total | Place |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 34 | The Standards | 2617 | 459 | 3076 | 1 |
| 51 | Buzzard's Bombers | 2645 | 384 | 3029 | 2 |
| 14 | Gutter Dusters | 2499 | 504 | 3003 | 3 |
| 34 | Pony Express | 2503 | 456 | 2959 | 4 |
| 51 | Spidermen | 2473 | 483 | 2956 | 5 |
| 51 | Old Timers | 2539 | 411 | 2950 | 6 |
| 227 | Team #1 | 2297 | 636 | 2933 | 7 |
| 51 | A-Team | 2618 | 303 | 2921 | 8 |
| 143 | Petaluma #2 | 2378 | 531 | 2909 | 9 |
| 51 | Rob's Robbers | 2385 | 522 | 2907 | 10 |
| 51 | Tuna's Thumpers | 2583 | 291 | 2874 | 11 |
| 143 | Petaluma Gals | 2027 | 843 | 2870 | 12 |
| 34 | Miller Lite Five | 2498 | 363 | 2861 | 13 |
| 227 | Team #2 | 2164 | 684 | 2848 | 14 |
| 143 | Petaluma #1 | 2456 | 390 | 2846 | 15 |
| 227 | Team #3 | 2038 | 795 | 2833 | 16 |
| 34 | Young Danes | 2105 | 726 | 2831 | 17 |
| 34 | Pin Busters | 2280 | 546 | 2826 | 18 |
| 51 | Rich's Rockets | 2478 | 336 | 2814 | 19 |
| 143 | Petaluma #4 | 2206 | 600 | 2806 | 20 |
| 34 | Foxy Danes | 2098 | 693 | 2791 | 21 |
| 14 | Hagars | 2198 | 564 | 2762 | 22 |
| 34 | Dwight Kids | 2426 | 285 | 2711 | 23 |
| 51 | Shorty's Stingers | 2221 | 450 | 2671 | 24 |
| 34 | One Alley Off | 2105 | 492 | 2597 | 25 |
| Women | | | | | |
| Top Women's Team | | | | | |
| 143 | Petaluma Gals | 2027 | 843 | 2870 | |
| Women's Individual High Game | | | | | |
| 143 | Ann Ellsworth | 163 | 53 | 216 | |
| Women's Individual High Series | | | | | |
| 34 | Marlene Perschnick | 461 | 159 | 620 | |
| Men | | | | | |
| Men's Individual High Game | | | | | |
| 34 | Ron Colebank | 207 | 49 | 256 | |
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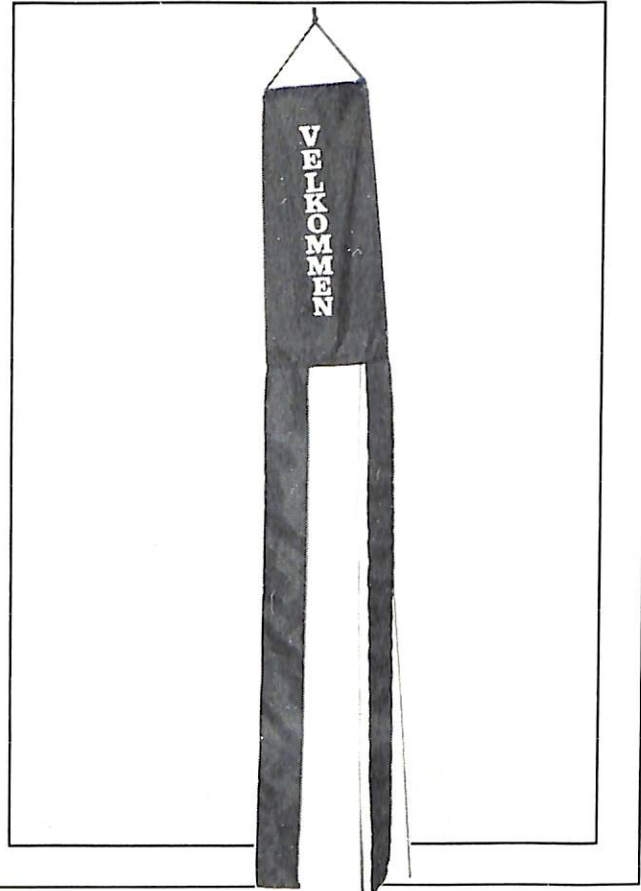
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