

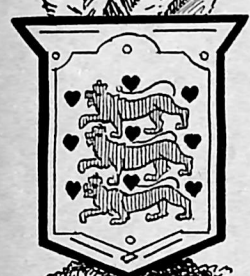


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"I Chose Denmark" Nu Gennem NADA

"I Chose Denmark" af Francis Hackett er en Bog, der bør findes i ethvert dansk-amerikansk Hjem.

De fleste af os har sikkert læst de udmærkede Kritiker, der fra Tid til anden, siden Bogen udkom, er fremkommet i de danske Blade her i Amerika, og har lovet os selv, at her var en Bog, som vi ikke maatte gaa Glip af. Men, mon der ikke er mange af os, der endnu ikke har købt den?

Nu har N. A. D. A. faaet i Konsignation fra Forlæggerne et Parti af "I Chose Denmark" og vil faa samme Rabat, som Boghandlerne faar. Dette betyder, at for hver Bog, der købes gennem os til almindelig Bogladepris, \$2.50, faar vi en Dollar.

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Og saa er det endda ikke alt—Hans Excellence Henrik Kauffmann, Danmarks Minister i Washington, D. C., har velvilligst lovet at skrive sit Navn i alle Eksemplarer, der købes gennem N. A. D. A. Ved saaledes at tage af sin stærkt optagne Tid, viser Ministeren igen N. A. D. A. sin Bevaagenhed, og for os Dansk-Amerikanere vil Bogen være dobbelt værdifuld med Minister Kauffmann's Navnetræk i.

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Lodge No. 167—Changed from Swiss Hall, 3rd and S. W. Jefferson to Dania Hall, corner Russell and Kirby.

Who's Who

In this issue of our magazine we introduce to our readers Brother Christ Hansen, who in the early days of our organization helped to formulate the policies and govern the affairs of the Brotherhood and is today the oldest living member of the Brotherhood who has served on the Supreme Board. He became a member, in Lodge No. 1, on July 3, 1883, with membership number 564.

Brother Hansen was elected Supreme Treasurer at the convention in Chicago in January, 1885, and held the office for two years, retiring at the convention in Burlington, Iowa, in January, 1887.

Christ Hansen's story is an interesting one. He arrived in the United States in 1869 and went almost directly to Omaha where he has lived ever since. One of his first jobs after arriving in Omaha was on a steam boat sailing on the Missouri River between Omaha and Yankton, South Dakota. He also worked at various other jobs such as on the railroad and in sawmills until the year 1885 when he opened a grocery store which he successfully operated, at various locations on North 16th Street, Omaha, Nebr., until he retired from business in 1910.

Brother Hansen was born in Tønder, Denmark, January 10, 1847. At his advanced age of almost 95 years he enjoys the company of good friends and especially from among members of the Brotherhood, and, as the picture shows (taken only a few months ago), still enjoys smoking his pipe. He resides at his home: 910 South 26th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Til Nebraska Logerne af D. B. S.

Dette Aars Møde af Generalkomiteen af D. B. S. Loger i Nebraska afholdes som man vil erindre, i Ruskin. Dagen er endnu ikke fastsat af Logen; nærmere Meddelelse herom vil blive fremsendt til Logerne direkte. Imidlertid kan man, for at spare Tid, godt vælge Delegater til Mødet. Som tidligere har Logerne Ret til at vælge to Delegater for det første Hundrede Medlemmer og desuden en mer for hver 100 Medlemmer eller Del deraf.

Delegaternes Navne bedes indsendt til Generalkomiteens Sekretær,

Otto I. Sorensen,
2306 Bancroft St.,
Omaha, Nebr.

Join Fourth of July Picnic

The Danish Brotherhood lodges of Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Reinbeck and Dike, Iowa, will jointly sponsor a Fourth of July picnic in Sherwood Park, at Waterloo. This is an annual affair to which these lodges extend a cordial invitation to come join them in social festivities.

David Christensen, Secretary.

A golfer, no matter how badly he played, was never heard to swear. One day one of his opponents remarked on this fact. "Yes, it's true I don't cuss," admitted the golfer, "but let me tell you this. Every time I miss, I spit, and wherever I spit the grass doesn't grow there any more."

From the President's Desk



WE HAVE, for more than a quarter of a century, tried to get a license in the state or commonwealth of Massachusetts.

During the years gone by supreme officers have visited the insurance department with the idea in view of eliminating obstacles that prevent us from getting a license.

Our supreme ex-president, Soren Iversen, and our former supreme secretary, Frank Lawson, have paid several visits to the authorities in Massachusetts. Supreme ex-president, N. B. Nelson, our present vice president, C. B. Christensen and I have, on numerous occasions, conferred with the insurance commissioners in Massachusetts. Brothers residing in Massachusetts have done their share of contacting the authorities. I cannot say that it was the best thing for our cause when individual members took a hand in the question, but it was all done with the best of intentions—of that, there can be no doubt.

Delegates to our national conventions for the last two decades will remember how the wishes of the State of Massachusetts dominated the proceedings of the conventions.

For every change in our constitution the question was always asked—"How will this affect our chances of getting the license question settled in Massachusetts?"

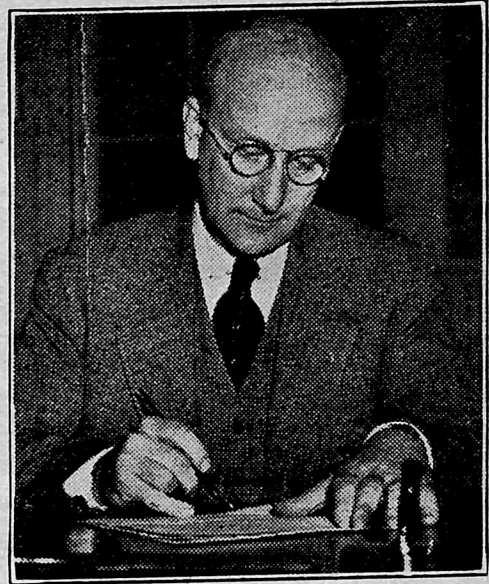
If the question could not be settled immediately, authority was left with the supreme board to make any change necessary in order to conform to the wishes of the insurance department and laws of Massachusetts.

One by one the obstacles were removed. We added a paragraph here, eliminated one there—changed a word here, and added new clauses there, always molding and shaping in conformity with instructions from the Massachusetts insurance authorities.

It has been a very tedious and, at times, trying job.

A few months ago we were at a point where only one condition had not been fulfilled and that was one of a thorough investigation of our financial condition. We had certified copies of the latest audit made by the Nebraska commissioners sent to Boston but they were not satisfactory to the authorities there and the question of having a special audit made at this time was submitted to the supreme board. The proposition carried. We invited the State of Nebraska to make a thorough examination of our books stating that the purpose of the investigation was to satisfy the insurance department of the State of Massachusetts as to our financial soundness at the present time.

The Nebraska commissioner realized the importance



of this investigation. He knew that as far as the Massachusetts question is concerned it was the culmination of almost thirty years of work and effort on our part.

We were notified by Nebraska that the examiner from another state would sit in on the investigation. This has never happened before.

Now, you all know that I am from the good State of Iowa. I know that nobody but Iowans still agree with me when I say that in Iowa we have the best. We do not have everything, but what we do have is not excelled anywhere, not even approached as to quality.

Believe it or not, the invited examiner was from Iowa.

If you will judge by what I have said about Iowa and what we have here I do not have to tell you what I think of this man's ability, integrity and all other qualifications that a real good examiner should have. You will know what I think of him.

I am now getting to the point . . .

If Axel, during the last six or seven weeks, has answered your letters short and snappy—if he has not taken care of his correspondence with you in his usual courteous manner, please do not hold that against him. He has been very, very busy.

Every transaction, financial and otherwise, was turned inside out and looked at from the back side. The examiners from Nebraska are courteous, able, efficient and determined. You know how I rate the Iowa examiner.

Here we had a wonderful combination. A thorough investigation was made and when I say thorough I mean everything that word implies.

I do not have the examiners' written report, but when they left, Axel knew that everything was in fine shape.

It was a fine investigation and one that gives me, if possible, greater confidence in our financial soundness, than I had before.

It should give you the same confidence.

Great credit for our financial soundness is due

our financial advisers, Mr. Frank Bender and Frank Lawson.

Their ability has been a corner stone for the finance committee.

Judging by the number of new members we are taking in, many brothers share my confidence in the future of our organization.

To the brothers that are getting new members I say thank you. You are selling a strong and sound organization to your fellow men.

The examination will cost us around one thousand dollars that we did not figure on, but I think we can say it was worth it.

Whether we get a license in Massachusetts or not rests entirely with the authorities there.

We have done our part.

On January 2nd, 1942, the Danish Brotherhood can celebrate its Diamond Jubilee.

Axel suggested to Svend and I at the finance committee meeting yesterday that this day should be recognized by all lodges throughout the land.

The temperature as I am writing this is over 100 degrees. It is hard to realize that January will be here before we know it.

Now is the time to give consideration to your activities during the coming winter. The time of our Diamond Jubilee is close to the rush of Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Keep that in mind when you make arrangements. You will hear more about our Diamond Jubilee later.

John Hansen.

National America Denmark Association

To Representatives of Active Members of National America Denmark Association.
Greetings:—

A meeting of NADA's Board of Directors was called in Chicago on June 14th for the specific purpose of discussing with three representatives from the Danish Council in London and Free Danes in Great Britain, Mr. K. G. Anker-Petersen, Mr. Erik Hertel and Captain Preben Lembke, a workable basis for cooperation between our organizations.

The Danish Council was formed in September, 1940, for the purpose of uniting the Danes in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of generally working towards securing Denmark's eventual Freedom and Independence. Since Great Britain is at war, the Danish Council and Free Danes have been able to render active service by helping to form a Danish unit in the British Army, numbering 40-50 young men; by assisting Danish Seamen serving in the British Mercantile Marine, some 4000; and in numerous other ways.

It seemed to your Board of Directors that inasmuch as Denmark's future Freedom and Independence rest entirely on a British victory, it should be within our scope, indeed our duty, to cooperate in every way possible with the Danish Council in London by helping those valiant Danes who are risking their lives for Denmark.

However, this we cannot do without amending par. 1 of the purpose clause in our By-Laws, and your Board of Directors therefore propose the amendment as set forth below.

Furthermore, our By-Laws provide that amendments must be voted on at a regular or special meeting of active members, wherefore a SPECIAL MEETING is hereby called to take place

Friday, July 11, 1941, 10:30 a. m. at the Hotel LaSalle in Chicago with the following order of business:

1. Voting on amendment of By-Laws, Article II, par. 1;

2. Discussion and decision of ways and means for carrying out the proposed change in Article II, par. 1, if amendment is carried.

The three gentlemen from London have promised to attend the July 11th meeting.

If you are not able to come, please fill out a proxy and return it to the secretary, Mrs. Hilda Holmes, 2452 W. Addison St., Chicago, Ill. Also please be sure to signify whether you are "for" or "against" the proposed amendment so that whoever votes for you at the meeting may do so in accordance with your wishes.

Respectfully,

Hilda Holmes,
Secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS PROPOSED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NADA AT MEETING IN CHICAGO, JUNE 14, 1941

Article II, Par. 1 as it now reads:

"To provide aid and assistance to Danish people in Denmark and in the United States of America by means made available through Danish-American organizations in the United States, and otherwise, as and when the need for such aid and assistance may arise, and"

Proposed amendment to read:

"To provide aid and assistance to Danish people in Denmark and in the United States of America AND THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS by means (etc)"

(The capitalized words constitute the amendment.)

Dersom De ønsker at følge med

i hvad der foregaar blandt Danske i Amerika, hvad der sker i Danmark (saa vidt det er muligt at faa Oplysninger desangaaende), hvad der sker indenfor den dansk-amerikanske Kirkes Virkefelt, o. s. v., bør De holde det dansk-amerikanske Blad „Dannevirke“ (8 Sider—6 Spalter pr. Side.)

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Box 126

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Happenings Along The Pacific

By

VIGGO C. HANSEN

Godt Nyt.

Der har i længere Tid været arbejdet for Oprettelsen af en ny Loge af Søstersamfundet i Hayward, Kalifornien, og Ideen er nu blevet til Virkelighed.

Den 14de Juni stiftedes den nye Loge som vil kendes ved Navnet: Olga Marie, Loge Nummer 166 af det danske Søstersamfund. Indsættelsen foretoges af Bestyrelsen for Søstrenes General Komite for Kalifornien og fejredes ved en vellykket Banket og følgende selskabeligt Samvær.

Held og Lykke til den nye Loge.

Alhambra-Long Beach.

Alhambra Loge Nr. 323 og Long Beach Loge Nr. 329 har i Lighed med sidste Aar arrangeret en Fælles-Udflugt paa den 4de Juli og en glad Dag med stor Tilslutning forventes.

San Diego, Kalifornien.

Store Planer er under Overvejelse af San Diego Komiteen for Afholdelsen af Kalifornia General Komitees Aarsmøde i Dagene fra den 28. August til 1. September.

Denne aarlige Sammenkomst af Delegater fra alle Loger af baade Søster-og Brodersamfundet i Kalifornien med mange Besøgende fra alle Dele af Staten har i mange Aar været til stor Gavn for Samfundet og fremmet et godt Samarbejde mellem Logerne. Forretnings-Møderne, hvortil kun Medlemmer inlades, er altid interessante og godt besøgt og de mange underholdende Arrangementer giver Delegater og Besøgende god Lejlighed til at tilbringe nogle fornøjelige Dage i godt Selskab.

Los Angeles.

On the third Thursday in June Los Angeles lodge No. 126 was again the scene of a birthday party arranged by members who celebrated their birthdays in April, May or June.

While the regular business meeting was being held a fine supper was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Engel, managers of the hall, at the request of the hosts. All members present and visitors were invited to join in the festivities and a few hours passed swiftly and pleasantly with songs, stories and short talks.

Many kind words were spoken in appreciation of the hospitality and good fellowship shown by the members who sponsored the party—and footed the bill.

At the May 14th meeting of "Margrethe" D. S. S. lodge No. 24, a rare honor was conferred on sister Augusta Holm by the supreme board of the Danish Sisterhood, in receiving the 50-year honor emblem, a beautiful gold pin, pursuant to a rule adopted by the Racine convention.

Sister Holm is charter member of lodge No. 9,

Manistee, Mich. In 1895 she transferred her membership to the "Margrethe" lodge in San Francisco. To hold membership in a lodge for 50 years is very rare and only a few attain it; but Sister Holm can pride herself with having been a member of the D. S. S. for 52 years. Her home is now at "Aldersly". A committee from the lodge accompanied by Sister Merchant, Mrs. Holm's daughter, waited on her there in honor of the occasion.

President Marie Hansen, in behalf of the sisters, pinned a red and white corsage on the honor guest, and thanked her in a few well chosen words for her interest in and good work for the lodge, and emphasized especially that she had thought it worth while to teach her daughter to speak Danish.

To the secretary of the lodge was assigned the honorable task of presenting Mrs. Holm with the gold emblem and also to express the supreme board's appreciation and thanks for her many years of unselfish service in the D. S. S.

Mrs. Holm expressed her surprise and gratitude of receiving this greatest badge of honor from the sisterhood, and she wishes to extend thanks to everyone in the D. S. S. for the kindness bestowed on her by the officers and members.

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RAMBLINGS

By

JUL. ANDERSEN



Memories from Denmark.

A man living in a small house near my home would buy two small pigs each spring, feed and care for them during the summer until fall, and then he would sell one, kill the other and have pork salted away for the balance of the year. He had no means of transporting the now grown hog to the town where it was sold, so he would ask my father to haul it there for him.

When I was eleven or twelve years of age I had to do practically a man's work, so I was told to hitch up the horses and go to the man's place and haul the hog to town for him.

Coming to the house I found the man had the hog out in the field chasing it around. I thought the hog had gotten away from him and ran to help him catch it. He, however, refused my help, saying, "I want this hog to be tired. I never feed my hog a day before I sell it and then I make it run around until it gets all in and all tired out. It hangs so much heavier on the scales that way."

Lars Bonken told me this as proof that chewing tobacco was a healthy habit. He had served in the war of 1864 and stated he had chewed tobacco ever since he was a small boy and it had made a healthy man of him. When he served in the war, two of his comrades had been killed at Dybbøl; one had been a heavy smoker, the other a chewer of tobacco like himself. An autopsy had been performed on these two soldiers. The one who had been a smoker proved to be filled up with soot like an old chimney, while the tobacco-chewing man's intestines were as clean and healthy looking as the day he was born.

Telephones were just coming into use in the town near my home and we who did not know what a telephone was often talked and wondered how it could be possible for anyone to converse from one town to the other over a wire and what such an interesting invention would look like. Lars told me he knew all about it as he had not only seen one but talked into one. The way it looked according to him was as follows: "You know what a funnel is like, well a telephone is just like a big funnel. You stick your face right into that funnel, then say what you want to, and then you turn your face sideways, your ear to the hole in the funnel, and you can hear the man answer you from anywhere in the country."

Per Krensen told this one. One year during the harvest time he worked for a woman who owned a small farm. At this time he was quite a young man. This woman had the reputation of being a witch, but seemingly was a nice woman to work for. She fed Per very well but every dinner they had fried herring for the meal. Per liked herring so he did not mind, but the woman cautioned him always to be careful never to break the backbone of the herring

as it was extremely bad luck. He was very careful not to do that until one day he felt rather weak and tired after his work. He could not understand this as he ate well and felt all right otherwise, but seemed not to get any benefit from his food. Just for an experiment he broke the backbone of the herring when he finished eating it. Immediately there was a piercing scream from the kitchen. He ran out there and found the woman lying on the kitchen floor with her back broken! Per then learned that the woman really was a witch, that the herring he had been eating was his own flesh and that was why he did not get any benefit from his food. As the woman could not conjure the flesh of Per into a herring without using some of her own body, she had used her own backbone to complete the meal. This Per had broken and then he said he quit.

Anna Simonster told me this one evening as I walked with her across the heather. It was dark and she was afraid to walk alone, so I was delegated to escort her to her home, almost a half Danish mile from our home. She said, "I can understand why some people are freethinkers but I cannot understand why anyone could be a Freemason. They have to sign a pact with the evil one and he takes their picture and hangs it on a wall and whenever he wants to do them any harm or take their life all he has to do is to do to the picture what he wants done to them. When he wants them to die he sticks a pin into the place where their heart is and they die right away."

The children in our neighborhood had been taught somehow that when they lost their teeth to take the tooth out to the barn or somewhere where mice could get at them, to throw the tooth as far away into the darkness as possible and say, "Mice, mice, give me a bone tooth for this gold tooth." The newly

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growing tooth was then supposed to be perfect and last as long as life itself. Now where are those teeth?

Near my home there was a church with the proverbial cemetery surrounding it. Older people delighted in telling the children about the spirits of the dead, and how they would arise at midnight and go through their nightly ceremonies. Naturally the children in the surrounding territory shunned this cemetery as much as they could after dark. It often happened that I had to pass it in the dark evenings as a child and I still remember how the scalp of my head would warm up, particularly if I saw anything white moving inside the walls. It was one place I dreaded to pass, but as the highway passed along the walls it was necessary, and no matter how often I ran by there a chill went down my spine. I never walked!

In 1910 on a visit to the old homestead I was a guest at a party in a public house, or what is known

as the "Kro" located about a block from the cemetery. There was good humor and jolly talk at the party but somehow my thoughts and interest were not in the fun. My heart was full of serious thoughts and just before midnight I excused myself and left. I then walked up to the cemetery, through its old gate, and wandered through the various walks lined with the graves of the dead, some of whom had been buried there for centuries. I wanted to see if the same sensation would overcome me then as it had when a child, but there was no trace of fright or sign of spirits congregating or arising from their graves.

It was a cold, clear night, and the moon was shining upon the snow covered ground, giving the scene the appearance of just what it was, a place of peace, quiet and rest. There I wandered to my mother's grave—the mother I knew about but did not remember—and knelt on the snow and prayed that some day I might meet and know her in heaven.

Voice Of The Brothers

Edited By
C. B. CHRISTENSEN

Silver Wedding in Derby, Conn.

On May 10 Brother and Mrs. John Johnson celebrated their 25th anniversary or silver wedding and, as usual, the members of No. 41, D. B. S., and No. 26, D. S. S., saw to it that everything went as it should. About 8 o'clock sisters and brothers, friends and relatives of John and Mary gathered at Memorial Hall, where the bride and groom received congratulations. Petersen's orchestra was present and dancing was enjoyed. Tables were set in the banquet hall where 130 friends were served. John and Mary received a great many presents from the lodges and friends. A number of speakers were heard and the best wishes were offered to the guests of honor for the years to come.

"Smoker" i Nr. 18, Chicago.

Holger Danske Loge Nr. 18 havde en Smoker efter Mødet den 27. Maj. Alle de gamle Brødre, der er 80 Aar eller ældre var inviterede til at være Logens Gæster ved denne Smoker og en halv Snes af de gamle Brødre var tilstede. Der blev serveret med stegte Rødspætter, nye Kartofler i Persille Sovs og en Akvavit manglede heller ikke. Det havde været Meningen at præsentere et 50-Aars Emblem til en af de gamle Brødre, der har været Medlem af Logen i 50 Aar, nemlig Broder Jens Peter Olsen, men han kunde ikke være tilstede, da han var syg og sengeliggende. En Komite blev udnævnt til at bringe den gamle Broder Emblemet.

Det var netop den Aften da Præsident Roosevelt talte over Radioen og vi lyttede alle opmærksomt til hvad Præsidenten sagde. De tilstedeværende gamle Brødre blev alle anmodede om at sige nogle faa Ord og den ældste af dem, Broder Camillo Bruun sang en Sang for os, bedre end mangen en yngre Mand kunde.

Broder John Schmidt var Ordstyrer og udfyldte

dette Hverv med sin sædvanlige Sprud og Vittighed. Mellem 50 og 60 Brødre var tilstede, nogle faa fra Nr. 17 og 140 og en Broder fra Nr. 35.

Vi var alle enige om at have tilbragt nogle behagelige Timer sammen og Logen vil uden Tvivl have flere af den Slags Sammenkomster i Fremtiden.

"Uncle Bill".

State Convention at Austin, Minn.

The good Lord must have a soft spot for the Brothers down in Austin, because although the bad weather stuck with us until Friday night, Saturday morning greeted us with a bright sun and hardly a cloud in the sky, and Sunday, the day of the picnic at Todd Park, was just perfect.

The convention was called to order at about 11 o'clock with a rather small attendance, but more came during the day, and the afternoon meeting was well attended. It was a successful meeting in my opinion, because a couple of matters of vital interest to the Brotherhood were under lively discussion, and although no decision could be taken, it gave the brothers something to think about and take home to their local lodges and discuss further.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Ex President, George Esterby; president, Fred Paulsen, Hayward; vice president, Hans Jorgensen, Jackson; secretary, Chris Hansen, Minneapolis; treasurer, Peter Rasmussen, Rochester; trustee, J. H. Jacobsen, Alden; Otto Andersen, Austin; and John Nielsen, St. Paul.

It was about 5:30 before the meeting adjourned and at 6 p. m. we all met in the St. Olaf church where a banquet had been very expertly arranged. Otto Andersen was toastmaster and presented the Mayor of Austin who spoke briefly, and other speakers were Fred Paulsen, the new elected state president; Kristian Blinkenberg, the new elected president for the

Sisterhood state organization; Harry Rasmussen, editor of the Austin Daily Herald; Ellen Højrup, supreme treasurer of D. S. S.; and finally Svend Petersen, supreme trustee of D. B. S. During the meal we were entertained by a string quartet of four young ladies, who did an excellent job. After the banquet we returned to the K. C. Hall and danced until midnight.

The program in the park Sunday was scheduled to start at 2 o'clock but by noon quite a few people had gathered, and by the time the program started about 300 people were present. Otto Andersen, assisted by Fred Paulsen, led the community singing. Then came the speakers: Harry Rasmussen, Mrs. Højrup and Svend Petersen. Professor Jens Rysgaard, as chairman of the Minneapolis council of N. A. D. A., also spoke.

The lucky winner of the car was Axel A. Nelsen, Rose Creek, Minnesota, and the lucky number was 6834.

Our sincere thanks to all the lodges and individuals who helped to put this over. Although the profit was not as great as expected, it was still enough to make the work worth while. As soon as we have it ready, a complete financial statement and report of the whole transaction will be mailed to each lodge participating.

C. HANSEN, Secretary.

The Winners:

Everyone of the United Lodges of Minnesota who supported the automobile raffle which terminated at the Brotherhood's convention held in Austin June 14 and 15, was a winner.

As chairman of this part of the program, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for his good work and generous support. I am only sorry that we failed to get the full cooperation of all the lodges. Just think what the result would have been, but perhaps someone else can think of a better idea in the future. If so, let us have it and we will try to make it a 100 per cent.

The winner of the 1941 Ford Sedan was Brother Axel A. Nelsen of Rose Creek, Minnesota. Congratulations, Brother Nelsen!

Fraternally yours,

Geo. Esterby.

FINANCIAL REPORT

By N. C. Nielsen, Supreme Treasurer

For May, 1941

Mortuary Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance May 1	\$ 3,172.22
Assessments received in May	11,183.62
	<u>\$14,355.84</u>
Disbursements:	
Paid on 20 death claims	\$12,834.12
Paid on 4 cash-surrenders	208.53
Assessment refunded	2.00
Balance	1,311.19
	<u>\$14,355.84</u>

General Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance May 1	\$ 9,938.35
Received in May	16.50
	<u>\$ 9,954.85</u>
Disbursements:	
Postmaster, for postage	\$ 25.00
N. C. Nielsen, traveling expenses	31.35
Gunnar Jensenius, legal expenses	25.00
American Publishing Co., official publication, etc.	282.10
Nebraska Unemployment Compensation Fund, adjustment of unemployment tax ..	4.70
Woodmen Building Corp., rent and light ..	91.20
J. C. Dustin, examination of records by Nebraska Insurance Dept.	150.00
N. C. Nielsen, postage	6.00
The Danish Pioneer, printing	14.00
Svend Petersen, traveling expenses	18.00
Axel Skelbeck, salary and office help	483.34
C. Hansen, bowling prizes	63.00
Gunnar Jensenius, traveling expenses	36.95
Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., service ..	12.60
Balance	8,711.61
	<u>\$ 9,954.85</u>

Relief Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance May 1	\$25,731.49
Received in May	2,466.88
	<u>\$28,198.37</u>
Disbursements:	
Assessment Relief paid	\$ 53.56
Balance	28,144.81
	<u>\$28,198.37</u>

Reserve Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance May 1	\$39,569.58
Interest on bonds	5,740.92
	<u>\$45,310.50</u>
Disbursements:	
Coupon collection expenses	\$ 4.00
Balance	45,306.50
	<u>\$45,310.50</u>

Membership Campaign Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance May 1	\$ 3,880.36
Disbursements:	
Postmaster, for postage	\$ 10.00
The L. E. Chute Co., Inc., mimeographing ..	2.90
Balance	3,867.46
	<u>\$ 3,880.36</u>

Bonds and Cash.

Mortuary Fund bonds at par	\$3,266,000.00
Relief Fund bonds at par	100,000.00
Cash in banks	\$93,923.96
less outstanding checks	6,582.39
	<u>87,341.57</u>
	<u>\$3,453,341.57</u>

Mortgage Burning Party At Spencer, Iowa

We may have been going with a snail's pace here but we have finally got to the point where we have our lodge hall paid for and we celebrated the occasion with a big party given the lodge by its oldest member, J. L. Andersen, and his wife, who to a large degree is responsible for our success as he was our financier and he very kindly omitted the last payment and gave it to us toward the party which was held in our hall May 20. At a 7 o'clock dinner all the members marched in to their designated places at a large T shaped table which was decorated beautifully in red and white. A delightful three-course dinner was served by the daughters of the members. The party was bid welcome by N. C. Rindsig who acted as toastmaster. He introduced brother Nicolaisen, president of our lodge, who gave a toast to the ladies by singing "Hyldest til Damerne", which was very much enjoyed by everyone. The one highlight of the evening was the song, "Et Flag er smukke i Modvind", by Poul Sorensen; while singing, "Dannebrog" was blowing in the breeze, produced by a large electric fan; it was the center of attraction in the middle of the stage. We may be good Americans, but I think we still have a soft spot in our hearts for old Denmark. The main event of the evening was the burning of the mortgage which was performed by the president, the treasurer and J. L. Andersen and was very much applauded. Short talks were given by the members after which we concluded the dinner program by singing "America". The entertainment after dinner was card playing and dancing, with prizes given for high and low score. At midnight lunch was served; it consisted of wine, coffee, open face sandwiches, cake, cigars and candy.

Much credit for the success of the evening was due to music furnished by Mrs. N. C. Rindsig and Alice Dalsgaard; also to the decorating committee who had given much time and thought to the way the decorating was carried out with flags and red and white streamers and large bouquets of flowers.

The chairmen of the committees were Henry Mortensen and Miller Dalsgaard. In behalf of Lodge No. 317, we wish to thank our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Andersen, for a most unforgettable evening.

J. S.

.. New Members ..

Honor Roll	No.	Location	Name
C. Jorgensen	1	—Omaha	P. S. Grobeck
L. S. Grunberg	1	—Omaha	H. T. Nielsen
J. Christensen	4	—Racine	A. P. Petersen
J. Christensen	4	—Racine	P. Christoffersen
T. Alsted	15	—Des Moines	S. K. Dissing
C. Larsen	15	—Des Moines	C. P. Koford
A. Nielsen	30	—Muskegon	A. D. Sweet
H. Thuesen	30	—Muskegon	A. J. Pedersen
P. C. Petersen	39	—Oakland	H. Fox
H. Tarp	39	—Oakland	F. H. Tarp
A. Th. Jorgensen	39	—Oakland	R. N. Pedersen
S. Andersen	41	—Derby	C. Anderson, Jr.
S. Andersen	41	—Derby	E. Peters
J. Jacobsen	42	—Spokane	J. J. Johnson
A. Christensen	78	—Salt L. City	J. E. Jepperson
A. Christensen	78	—Salt L. City	H. Christensen
H. Jorgensen	96	—Jackson	B. Holm
O. M. Andersen	111	—Austin	H. E. Lausen
J. Larsen	111	—Austin	O. Jensen
N. A. Ibsen	116	—Newark	J. Mortensen
N. A. Ibsen	116	—Newark	C. Mortensen
H. O. Nissen	103	—Wat'bury	H. J. Krumbeck
L. E. Wright	103	—Wat'bury	J. H. Hurst
C. Jensen	126	—L. Angeles	C. Haspang
C. E. Hansen	126	—L. Angeles	J. M. Jacobsen
A. D. Jacobsen	149	—Luverne	H. G. Thomsen
P. Brown	164	—New York	R. D. Steffensen
P. Brown	164	—New York	H. Holm
P. Brown	164	—New York	H. S. Schipper
P. Petersen	164	—New York	G. A. Scott
C. Frederiksen	261	—Fowler	C. Madsen
C. Frederiksen	261	—Fowler	J. Jensen
C. Frederiksen	261	—Fowler	F. Christensen
C. Frederiksen	261	—Fowler	W. A. Hedegaard
P. Jensen	261	—Fowler	I. L. Jacobsen
A. Simonsen	314	—Hartford	C. N. Due
A. M. Klausen	325	—Nassau Co.	S. Martenson
P. Nielsen	325	—Nassau Co.	K. B. Adelson
W. J. Highland	325	—Nassau Co.	M. D. Weinreich
A. Dolleris	325	—Nassau Co.	J. T. Christensen
C. Jorgensen	325	—Nassau Co.	P. E. Jorgensen
A. Seiersen	325	—Nassau Co.	W. Seiersen
J. C. Nielsen	328	—Vancouver	G. Nielsen
J. Sahl	328	—Vancouver	L. Miller
P. E. Jensen	328	—Vancouver	H. C. Jørgensen

DØDSFALD ANMELDTE SIDEN SIDSTE RAPPORT

DØD	NAVN	ALDER	FØDESTED	LOGE NR. OG BY	OPTAGET	DØDSAARSAG	ASSURANCE
May 6	Jacob Williamsen	74	Lolland	9 Oshkosh, Wis.	1902	Bronchopneumonia	\$385.84
May 12	Niels P. Nielsen	69	Viborg	188 Del Rey, Calif	1896	Myocarditis	810.35
Apr. 13	Peter Johansen	87	Langeland	Pays Direct	1889	Intestinal obstruction	629.90
May 17	Jens J. Jensen	82	Hange Vinderslev S.	206 Blair, Nebr.	1905	Senility (Bal.)	613.22
May 4	Hans J. C. Sorensen	72	Nustrup Haderslev	134 Ringsted, Iowa	1906	Heart failure	204.99
May 17	Robert V. Hansen	57	Ludington, Mich.	4 Racine, Wis.	1906	Acute leukemia	250.00
May 2	Andrew J. Andersen	69	Bago	257 New York, N. Y.	1910	Acute nephritis	250.00
May 15	Sofus E. Larsen	77	Silkeborg	4 Racine, Wis.	1909	Broncho pneumonia (Bal.)	900.00
May 17	Ludvig Marker	65	Ostermarie Sogn	87 Boston, Mass.	1897	Pyelo nephritis	841.76
May 20	Anders J. Andersen	79	Hjorring	4 Racine, Wis.	1891	Cerebral hemorrhage	693.44
May 20	Jens Peter Petersen	71	Nakskov	11 Clinton, Ia.	1901	Uremia	811.50
Apr. 20	Carl Negethon	82	Randers	10 Co. Bluffs, Ia.	1903	Cerebral hemorrhage	1000.00
May 26	Carl Thomsen	72	Ronbjerg Skive	39 Oakland, Calif.	1913	Chronic myocarditis	500.00
May 22	Tage Jorgensen	39	Aarhus	325 Nassau Co., N. Y.	1935	Bronchopneumonia	1250.00
May 24	H. C. A. Milback	74	Lokken	126 Los Angeles, Calif.	1909	Cerebral thrombosis	1000.00
May 30	Neal Hansen	72	Fesbjerg	203 Trenton, N. J.	1910	Coronary occlusion	906.62
June 1	Jorgen Marcussen	77	Frederiksborg Amt	21 Kimballton, Ia.	1903	Cerebral hemorrhage (Bal.)	676.01
May 27	Charles L'Odense	82	Odense	17 Chicago, Ill.	1903	Acute nephritis	669.46
May 29	Jens C. Madsen	51	Olstруп	192 Worcester, Mass.	1911	Broncho pneumonia	250.00
May 6	Hans P. Jensen	71	Sjælland	46 Perth Amboy, N. J.	1912	Cardio renal vascular	470.24

Resolutions

JENS PETER PETERSEN, Clinton, Iowa

I Anledning af Broder Jens Peter Petersens Død den 20. Maj 1941, vedtog Loge Nr. 11 følgende Resolution:
At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en trofast Broder, at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder Logens Charter med Sørgelof for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indrykkes i D. B. S. Maanedblad.

Paa Loge Nr. 11's Vegne,

Ole Jørgensen, Præsident
R. Rasmussen, Sekretær

NIELS PEDER SØRENSEN, Colman, S. D.

In memory of our departed brother and charter member, Niels Peder Sørensen, who died June 9, 1941, this resolution was adopted:

That we sincerely regret the loss of a good and loyal brother, that we express our most sincere sympathy to his family. Be it further resolved that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his family and entered in the lodge minutes and printed in the D. B. Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 259,

Grant Dissing, President
Soren Madsen, Secretary

ANDREW JOHNSEN, Omaha, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Johnsen, who died June 4, 1941, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting June 6, 1941:

Resolved, that all members of Lodge No. 195 of Omaha, Nebr., deeply regret the passing of Brother Johnsen and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Be it further resolved that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory and this resolution be inserted in the minutes of the lodge.

In behalf of Lodge No. 195,

Hans F. Metzsch, President
Andrew Frederiksen, Secretary

JOHN MIKKELSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our brother, John Mikkelsen, who passed away on June 6, 1941, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 36 at the meeting June 17, 1941.

Resolved: That we regret the passing away of our brother and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory, that this resolution be printed in the D. B. Magazine, entered in the minutes of the lodge, and a copy be sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 36,

Chas. E. Westerlund, President
Edward Juel, Secretary

NIELS PETER JACOBSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

The following resolution was passed at our regular meeting June 10, 1941:

In memory of our brother, Niels Peter Jacobsen, who met death by accidental drowning May 22, 1941.

Be it resolved: That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that Lodge No. 14 deeply regrets the loss of a good brother, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, also in the Brotherhood paper, and a copy be sent to his niece, Mrs. Eleanor Fritz, Baroda, Mich.

In behalf of Lodge No. 14,

Henry Lerche, President
Carl Olsen, Secretary

Henrik Christian Andersen Milback, Los Angeles, Calif.

I Anledning af Broder Henrik Christian Andersen Milbacks Afgang ved Døden den 24. Maj 1941, vedtoges følgende Resolution:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god og trofast Broder, der i de sidste 32 Aar har beklædt mange ansvarsfulde Embeder indenfor Det Danske Brodersamfund.

At Logen herved bevidner hans efterladte Familie vor dybeste Sympati, og til Ære for hans Minde, draperer vort Charter med Sørgelof for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage.

At denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol, indrykkes i Samfundsbladet, og en Kopi tilsendes den Afdødes Hustru og Børn.

Paa D. B. S. Los Angeles Loge Nr. 126's Vegne,

Adrian Funder, Præsident
Thomas Jensen, Sekretær

Two old members of lodge No. 1, Omaha, died recently, namely J. C. Herman Jensen, aged 50, and Anton P. Christoffersen, aged 81. It becomes more and more urgent to gain new members from the younger generation and now is the time to exert an effort,

Announcement

At the request of the Treasury Department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Bond Quiz, and will start in next month's issue.

The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most Bond and Stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the Nation.

Fra N. A. D. A.

N. A. D. A. erfarer, at siden Undertegnelsen af Overenskomsten vedrørende Grønland, er der indløbet til Legationen i Washington Hundrede af Telegrammer og Breve fra dansk-amerikanske Organisationer saavel som fra Privatmennesker. Med Undtagelse af Telegrammer fra Underigministeriet i København og et Par "forskruede" Postkort, har dette Utal af Telegrammer og Breve været fuldtud samstemmende med Minister Kauffmanns Standpunkter og faste Holdning.

Det er blevet os meddelt, at foruden den Resolution, der blev vedtaget paa N. A. D. A.'s Aarsmøde i Chicago i April Maaned, er ligelydende Resolutioner blevet modtaget fra Det Danske Brodersamfund i Amerika, Det Danske Søstersamfund i Amerika, Den Danske Garderforening i New York, samt fra saa mange andre, at de ikke alle kan nævnes her.

Fra danskfødte Amerikanere, Store som Smaa i Samfundet—saaledes fra en Bondekone, der ikke havde haft Pen i Haand i mange Aar—kom der Breve udtalende Stolthed over Ministerens Beslutning og Mod; fra to Foreninger, der omfatter de ca. 4000 danske Officerer og Søfolk, der sejler paa danske Skibe under det britiske Flag; fra The Danish Council i London, repræsenterende frie Danske bosiddende i England; fra danske Kolonier, Foreninger og Privatpersoner over hele Verden: Kanada, Syd-Amerika, Syd-Afrika, Ægypten, Siam, Australien, Columbia, Mexico, Manila, osv. osv.

Der er nu begyndt at komme Post fra Danmark, afsendt efter at Overenskomsten er blevet almindelig bekendt der, og vi har hørt, at Ministeren fra flere Dansk-Amerikanere har faaet Meddelelse om, at Slægt og Venner i Danmark har bedt dem om at "sige til Henrik, at vi alle beundrer ham og holder med ham", eller paa anden Maade har faaet sagt, hvad de vilde, uden at vække Censors Mistanke.

JULY ASSESSMENT

No. 505

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE

TREASURER

July 1st

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

August 1st

Members failing to pay as per above will be considered in arrears.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

News From The Eastern Lodges

By

GEO. V. PETERSEN

Loge 172 holder Fødselsdag.

Lørdag den 14. Juni afholdt Logen "Enigheden" i Philadelphia et meget vellykket Fødselsdagsgilde. Logen der fyldte 39 Aar den 3. Juni, benyttede sin Mødeaften, der tilfældigvis faldt paa "Americas" Flagdag, til at fejre Begivenheden.

Mødesalen var festligt smykket med Flag. "Dannebrog" hang ved Siden af svenske, norske og finske Flag, og sidst men ikke mindst, "Stjernebanneret" der blev fejret paa denne Dag.

Ved Mødets Aabning udtalte Præsidenten nogle smukke Mindeord om vor gamle agtede og afholdte Medlem, Chr. Olsen, der var afgaaet ved Døden i Ugen før. Han var en af de gode trofaste Brødre som vil blive savnet i hele den danske Koloni her i Philadelphia. Ære være hans Minde.

Efter Mødet samledes man til et veldækket og dekoreret Bord, hvor to store Lagkager med Lys paa prangede. Kagerne var lavet og skænket af Præsidentens Frue. Præsidenten Gunnar Frølich bød Velkommen og overgav Hvervet som Ordfører til Vice-Præsidenten, Gunnar Rasmussen.

Festningen var stor og Taler og Sange gik Slag i Slag hele Aftenen.

Af Talerne fremhæves Broder Svend Holst, der gav et Overblik over Logens Fortid og fremhævede mange af Logens trofaste og ihærdige Brødre, baade afdøde og nulevende.

Vor Kasserer Broder Hans J. Sørensen talte smukt om Flaget og indtrængende anmodede alle om at samles under "Stjernebanneret" og være tro til vort adopterede Fædreland og ikke glemme den Ed vi har aflagt. Derefter rejste Forsamlingen sig og aflagde Flag Eden og et Leve udbragtes for Flaget, og Præsidenten af U. S. A.

Næste Taler var Præsident Frølich der holdt en glimrende Tale for Brodersamfundet og Logen "Enigheden's" Fremtid. Han udtalte sin Overbevisning om D. B. S. Levedygtighed, og slog til Lyd for Dannelsen af et "Junior Chapter" her i Philadelphia. Vi maa være klare over, sagde han, at vi har et stort Arbejde at udføre og mange Opgaver at løse, men med god Vilje og haardt Arbejde fra Medlemmernes og Logens Side har vi en stor Fremtid for os.

Broder Jørgen Brandt talte paa smukt dansk om "Dannebrog", og Logens to tilstedeværende "Charter Members". Charles Philipsen og Andreas Andersen fortalte om Begivenheder fra Logens første Dage. Taler og Sange blev ved til langt efter Midnat og det var tidlig paa Morgenen da man kom hjem, men vi var alle enige i at det var en god Fest.

G. R.

Convention Committee Meets with General Committee Board.

At a regular meeting of the full convention committee in Bridgeport held on Sunday the 25th of May, the board was invited to sit in, it was indeed a pleasure to hear how well this committee is working, and the convention in Bridgeport certainly promises to be a good one.

Among the many special features to take place there, will be a mass initiation of members into the brotherhood, this work will be done by a special staff of officers from the Bridgeport lodge, especially trained for this work. We recommend that all lodges try their very best to get candidates for the degree there.

A fine program is being worked out, and we inspected the building where the convention will be held, everything there under one roof.

The committee likes to remind one and all to be sure to reserve your rooms at the hotels in good time, as it is almost impossible in Bridgeport at present to get reservations unless made in good time, please take notice.

Several letters have already been sent to the several lodges, and there is more to follow, a flier will come in good time so that you will know all about everything.

We hear many are making plans to come to Bridgeport over Labor day, just think from Erie alone, over 20 have already signed up for the trip.

G. V. P.

24th Anniversary in Hartford, Conn.

Some lodges only celebrate anniversaries every 10 years, some every 5 years, but Hartford certainly celebrates every year. This year it was on Saturday, May 24, and it was as usual a real time everybody had in Hartford.

It was a wonderful day for an affair like that, not too hot as we have experienced sometimes in Hartford, and all were in the best of humor.

Brother Godiksen acted as toastmaster for the evening. Invocation was given by Pastor Knudsen. After a very fine duck dinner the toastmaster introduced the several speakers, we only name them as they were called as we cannot go into details about the good words spoken. The first was the president of the Odd Fellows, Mr. Steves; the president of the Danish society, Dania, Mr. Zefting; president of Eastern Lodges D. B., Victor Nielsen, N. Y.; Johnson of Derby No. 41; president of Bridgeport No. 37, W. Kristensen; president of New Haven No. 32; Brother S. Jensen, Portland, Maine, No. 112; the secretary of the General Committee, Geo. V. Petersen, Providence, R. I.; Rev. Johannes Knudsen, Hartford, president Mrs. Oda Thomsen, Lodge 153, D. S. S., Hartford; Brother Vendelboe Nielsen, Bridgeport; Brother Milo, Springfield, Ex-President Petersen No. 314 and last but not least, the Father of the Lodge, Brother Ex-Supreme President Søren Iversen of New Haven.

The president of the lodge in a few words thanked all for being present. The dancing then started and many if not all visited the beautiful downstairs quarters. Everyone agreed that it was a most wonderful evening.

All are looking forward to 1942 when 314 will celebrate its 25th anniversary. We are wondering what they will do in Hartford. Their own fine building is certainly not large enough, as at this affair the building was crowded with between 200-300 from all parts of the East attending. So what in 1942?

The committee in charge with brother Arentz Simonsen, ably assisted by brother Einar Nielsen and Chris. Carstensen did a fine job, we had a fine time, and say thanks.

G. V. P.

Bertel L. Luja and Mrs. Luja Celebrate 25th Anniversary.

On June 15th Bertel Luja and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in their home at 166 Vaughan St., Portland, Maine.

After a quiet dinner Sunday noon, the Lujas were trying to take it easy for a little while, but at 2 o'clock the peace was over.

Guests started to arrive to wish the couple good luck, and they continued all afternoon, a large group from the Sisterlodge in Portland presented the couple with a beautiful coffee table, also a mahogany banjo clock from another group, a mahogany upholstered chair from still another, and many other gifts and beautiful flowers were received. A committee had arrived and they were busy with all kinds of refreshments. Later in the evening about 30 guests were invited to a delicious cold Danish table. During the evening everyone present had something to say, also several songs were sung, a little dancing, etc. A most enjoyable evening spent among good friends.

Bertel is at present treasurer of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, has had all offices in the local lodge, and has been delegate to two national conventions, and a very active worker in the Brotherhood. Mrs. Luja is just as good a worker for the Sisterhood, serving at present as President in

her local lodge.

We believe it was the last gathering the sailors from S. S. Jutta will be able to attend in Portland, as notice came that evening that the ship was to be taken over by the U. S. the following morning. That little part of Denmark will be missed in Portland.

To Bertel and Rigmor we say, congratulations and the best of luck in the future.

One of the guests.

Port Chester Lodge No. 50 Will Celebrate 50th on July 25, 1941.

We have just received notice from the secretary of No. 50 that on July 25, 1941, the lodge will celebrate its 50th anniversary. As are all golden anniversaries, this of course will be something a little special.

This party will be held at Rich's Restaurant, Boston Post Road, Greenwich, Conn.

There will of course be a fine dinner and dancing, a very promising dinner according to the menu received. A five-piece orchestra will furnish the music for the evening.

The entire main dining room and dance floor is yours for the evening, but reservations must be made on or before July 19th, as no tickets will be sold the night of the banquet.

You may order your tickets by writing the secretary, Brother Allan Josty, or the treasurer, Brother Chris. Larsen.

The secretary's address is 24 High St., E. Port Chester, Conn. Tickets are \$1.75 each. Banquet at 8 o'clock sharp.

Opinions of Others

Food for Thought

At our 1939 Convention at Chicago, in our deliberations we tried to solve the problem of a larger membership. A little over a year has expired and while we have made some progress, the general consensus of opinion seems to be that we do not accumulate as many as we should. We acknowledge and appreciate that our Supreme President and Board Officers are doing their utmost for our success, but when we consider their divided short time and compensation—except the Secretary, whose time is utilized in the office—it seems getting membership requires more effort, especially considering our Brotherhood in competition with other similar organizations and insurance companies. Remember, we are now not only a Fraternal Brotherhood with sick benefits, etc., but we are in reality an insurance organization—not large, of course, but sound and stable and far over 100 per cent solvent.

Back in 1906, at the Council Bluffs convention, and up to the Milwaukee convention in 1919, we battled the insurance problem.

But now, brothers, we have another battle before us, which constitutes securing membership for our future existence and success. Not forgetting the fact that all our lodges, in cooperation with our supreme officers, are striving for an increase of membership,

we find we are making slow headway, having discovered different hardships in securing members now compared to 30 or 40 years ago when there was a greater percentage of immigration than now. Also, please look over our monthly mortality report—taking from us our aged members who joined during the flourishing immigration days.

Therefore, in consideration of the above outline, we must seriously consider and depend on our second and third generation of Danish extraction for our future membership. In that event, what do we offer of special interest to the young men? Outside of our good insurance, sick benefit, etc. In general, most of our lodges are using our mother language; with few exceptions, such as No. 1 in Omaha, that uses the American language exclusively, and now proves satisfactory to our young men—but in general, the Danish language is used—the language that the older brothers love so much including our beautiful songs, our pretty hymns, the most soothing and sweetest, but not thoroughly understood by our young men, who do not feel at home, but embarrassed. Therefore, records indicate we did persuade many young men to join our lodges, but to our sorrow and theirs, they stay with us only a short time. First, for reason of language, second for reason of the difference in sociability and age, notwithstanding they are permitted to use the American language. Consequently they

join other organizations and insurances. (Can we blame them?) This has caused many of our lodges to consolidate, some giving up entirely for reason of insufficient membership.

Therefore, analyzing these facts and many others too numerous to mention, in order that your sons—my sons—even our sons-in-law, who are found worthy of joining our families may have the opportunity to carry on the honorable and noble work established by us and our deceased brothers, let us give the young men the opportunity by permitting them to establish JUNIOR LODGES as auxiliaries to every lodge where badly needed, and thereby increase membership and give our young men the chance to act as officers and

conduct their own lodge. They will take pleasure in their style of life and continue in history one of the pioneer brotherhoods in America. It is reasonable to believe that our young men will take pride and pleasure, and consider it a privilege to perform duties the same as our honored brothers that have filled secretary's and treasurer's posts in the lodges for 25 and 30 successive years. So, as stated at convention, let us do something.

With malice toward none, but with united, sincere effort and justice for our beloved Brotherhood, for all and to all.

Fraternally,

Fred Petersen.

Henrik de Kauffmann Receives Honorary Doctor Of Laws Degree.

Lewiston, Me., June 16—Henrik Louis Hans de Kauffmann, whom the United States recognizes as being Denmark, and Richard Gardiner Casey, Australian minister to the United States, were recipients of honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at the 75th annual Bates College Commencement exercises here today.

Bachelor degrees were awarded to 154 seniors, largest class in the history of the college, while 23 masters degrees and five honorary degrees were also conferred by President Clifton Daggett Gray. Others receiving honorary degrees included: Charles Russell Clason, Massachusetts Congressman, Doctor of Laws; Harold Wilder Buker, New London, N. H., Baptist church pastor, Doctor of Divinity; and Roy Merrill Strout, Pittsfield, Mass., High School principal, Master of Arts.

Henrik de Kauffmann was born in Frankfort-am-Main in 1888. His father was an internationally known Danish architect and was chamberlain to the King of Denmark. When de Kauffmann was of school age, his family returned to Copenhagen, and he went to school and to the university there, and later to Oxford, where he studied law.

He has been in the diplomatic service for 28 years, was vice consul in New York during the World war, and later a member of the legation in Berlin. As minister to Italy, when only 32, he watched the rise of Mussolini and the march on Rome.

He spent eight years as minister to China and Japan. While in China, he met his wife, the then Charlotte MacDougall, daughter of Admiral William MacDougall of the United States Navy. During the following eight years he served as minister to Norway and it was during that period that the World Court refused Norway's claims to a part of Greenland and awarded the whole of that land to Denmark. It was de Kauffmann's duty to smooth the troubled waters. He has always worked for close cooperation of the Scandinavian countries. As far as the United States is concerned, de Kauffmann is Denmark. Thus, he can sign treaties without consulting Copenhagen and can turn a deaf ear to protests that come from there.

Mr. Casey, Australia's first minister to the United States, has been described as a cross between Anthony Eden and Wendell L. Willkie, with Edens looks and manner and Willkie's widespread public appeal. He is regarded as the British ambassador's right arm, and

is second in importance only to Lord Halifax at the British Embassy.

In making the citations, President Gray said:

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Henrik de Kauffmann: Scion of a distinguished Danish family, born in Germany, educated at the universities of Copenhagen and Oxford; for nearly three decades in the diplomatic service of his country as minister successively to Italy, China, Japan, Norway and latterly to the United States; staunch advocate of cooperation among the Scandinavian countries; today a minister-in-exile because he dared alone and unaided to keep Greenland from becoming a Nazi steppingstone to the western hemisphere, while working heart and soul to hasten the day of Denmark's liberation from the brutal yoke of a so-called master race.

How To Succeed

The well known wholesale dealer in meat, Chr. Blangstrup Johansen, was born in Jyderup, Denmark, 51 years ago, where his father had a harness shop. As a boy he was employed by the farmers in the vicinity tending cattle, in other words, he was "Hjordreng", and there he earned and saved his initial grub-stake. At the age of 16 he went to Copenhagen, bought a push-cart and peddled on the streets for three years until he had earned and saved enough to start business in a store of his own. Today he is a millionaire, having a number of branch stores all through Copenhagen and having more than 40 people in his employ. If you are young enough, wise enough, have gumption enough and know enough how to take care of your earnings, you can do likewise.

Household Hints

Before using new tinware, rub it with fresh lard and heat thoroughly in the oven. It will never rust.

When baking potatoes, rub the potato well with butter or other shortening. It will keep the skins soft and easy to peel.

Supreme Board Decisions

Several lodges have written to the Supreme Secretary relative to payment of Assessments for members of the Brotherhood who either volunteer or are drafted for service under the U. S. Defense Act.

In this connection the board has taken the following stand:

OPINIONS:

Hansen, John: That we handle this question the same as special relief cases arising during the year, using the same forms as we now have for this purpose.

Christensen: I believe that each lodge should be able to take care of their young men who may be called into service. I don't think the amount will be great and it should not be any hardship to them as the most of these young men have only a small insurance.

I know of several lodges who have already passed motions to keep these members in good standing for the time that they will be in the service.

As for suspending them for one year, then reinstating them with the same insurance rates and privileges, of course, is impossible. I will add this,—that if a lodge has members who are called and the lodge is not able to pay their assessments, I will recommend that they apply for assessment relief in the usual manner.

Skelbeck: I am in favor of allowing assessment relief to members who volunteer or are drafted for service under the U. S. Defense Act, if such becomes necessary, waiving the requirements that the application must be submitted before December 15th of each year. Such applications should be considered under Par. 5—Sec. 63 of our By-Laws.

Nielsen: That we have already ample machinery to take care of this situation, namely our assessment-relief fund.

Petersen: The letter from No. 240 dated November 11th sent to Skelbeck states that they **have discussed** the idea of exempting members who enter the selective service.

The letter from No. 240 dated November 17th sent to Petersen for insertion in our paper states that they **have resolved** to exempt from payment such members as enter the service and suspend them for the duration of their service.

The two statements are conflicting, and later correspondence would indicate that no definite action has been taken.

The lodge is out of order in resolving to exempt from payment and suspend for the duration of the service. They have no right to do that.

It is the privilege of the lodge to exempt any member from paying dues to the lodge, and I believe they have the right through proper motion to resolve that the lodge pay a member's obligation to the head lodge.

I see no reason for any special action in this or similar cases as we have the necessary set-up for taking care of just that.

If the member who enters the selective service is in needy circumstances, then he has the right of making application for Assessment Relief in the usual way, and if recommended for such by his lodge, I feel that the Supreme Board should consider each case as and when received rather than once a year as is now the case.

It is a foregone conclusion that no one would want to suspend a member who encounters financial dif-

ficulties on account of serving our country.

Hansen, Viggo C.: I am in favor of requiring the filing of assessment relief application by members who are entering military service and who wish to be relieved of payment of assessments, capita tax and relief tax during such service. I am confident that such applications will receive favorable attention by the entire board.

I am also in favor of recommending to the local lodges that exemption from payment of dues be granted to enrollees, with or without retention of local benefits during time of military service.

Jensenius: As to lodge dues for members who are drafted or who volunteer for military services, that is a question which should be left to the individual lodges, and the Supreme Board should refrain from making any recommendations whatever to the lodges as to that question except, upon request, informing them what other lodges are doing in the matter.

As to relief of these members from assessments, per capita tax and relief fund tax, the Supreme Board can make distribution from the relief fund only as regulated by Sec. 63. The Supreme Board can not designate members volunteering or drafted for military services as a class entitled to financial aid from the relief fund. The fact that an applicant for relief is serving his government by drafted or volunteered military services is, however, a circumstance which undoubtedly in many instances will result in the petition being granted, and lodges should therefore be advised to relate that fact to the Supreme Board when forwarding the application for relief.

It is my further opinion that par. 5 of Sec. 63 would apply in many cases where members are drafted or volunteer for military services after December 15.

DECISION: Members who are drafted or who volunteer for service with the military forces of the United States can apply to the supreme board for assessment relief.

Their application must be handled exactly as all other special cases arising during the year, and in accordance with our constitution and By-Laws, Sec. 63, Par. 5.

John Hansen, Supreme President.

Laughs

Mother: "Willie, why did you kick your little brother in the stomach?"

Willie: "It was his own fault; he turned around."

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Employer: "Yes, I advertised for a strong boy. Do you think you would fill the bill?"

Applicant: "Well, I've just finished licking 19 other applicants out in the hall."

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Every minute you are angry you lose 60 seconds of happiness.

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"John, I bought some sheets, pillow cases and blankets today. Shall I put them down in my budget as cover charge or overhead?"

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Diner: "I'll have some raw oysters, not too large nor too small; not too salty nor too fat. They must be cold and I want them quickly."

Waiter: "Yes, sir. With or without pearls?"

The Boiling Pot

By
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It is reported that there are 280,000 German troops in Denmark. Just imagine, one German soldier to watch a baker's dozen of Danes. No wonder sole-leather is getting scarce.

Harald Sundby, Hayward, and Aage Miller from Santa Barbara, Calif., respectively president and vice-president of the California D. B. S. lodges and Viggo Hansen, supreme trustee of D. B. S., were welcome guests at No. 126's smoker on May 29. The distinguished visitors used the occasion to call attention to the coming convention of the California lodges at San Diego in September.

The Danish-Americans of Chicago held a very successful national festival in Ehrhardt's Grove on the first of June. The gathering was bid welcome by President John Hansen who introduced Gunnar Jensenius and named him chairman of the meeting. After some music and singing the chairman introduced J. Christian Bay, the well known librarian of the John Crerar Library, who delivered a masterly lecture extolling Denmark, its culture and the traits of its liberty loving people from early dawn of history to this day. Other speakers were Consul R. Bowmann and Peter B. Nelson. Although the attendance was somewhat less than last year, it was a day that will go down in the annals of the history of the Chicago Danish Colony and be long remembered.

H. K. Gronholt, a member of D. B. S. lodge No. 74, So. Omaha, who holds a position of trust with the P. F. Petersen bakery and whose birthday falls on the 10th of June, began to celebrate it as early as the previous Saturday when he treated his lodge brothers to a lunch. No water was served at the occasion. His age—well, does it matter? For many years his mane has been a silver gray.

It caused a great deal of sorrow among many of the Danish folk of Omaha to learn of the death of Mrs. H. J. Nielsen at Peetz, Colo., where she and her husband had stopped over on their trip back to California after a few weeks' visit at Omaha. She was a member of long standing of D. S. S. lodge No. 6 and served for many years as its secretary. Her remains were interred at Moorhead, Iowa.

Thorvald Andersen, a former businessman of Askov, Minn., and a member of lodge 263, is now domiciled at the AH-GWAH-CHING sanatorium near Walker (150 miles from Askov), seeking relief and cure for a bone ailment. Many years ago one of his legs was amputated and now the other is giving him trouble. Hans Abrahamsen, N. P. Nielsen and supreme trustee Svend Petersen, lodge brothers, paid him a visit recently for which he was very grateful.

The Danish Colony in Los Angeles under the auspices of the D. B. S. and the D. S. S. lodges, celebrated the Danish Constitution Day on the first of June at Royal Palms Grove. There were about 700 people attending the festival. The speakers of the day were

Attorney Sophus Neble and Rev. Ejnar Farstrup, each of whom delivered an animated lecture setting forth the history of Danish freedom and the struggle of its people to gain it and the courage and willpower exerted by them in order to withstand the yoke of slavery both from within and from without.

D. B. S. lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., had election of officers at their 6th of May meeting. Carl Olesen was elected president, Arne Nielsen vice-president, Henry Langeberg guide, Ove Andker inner guard, Jacob Jensen outer guard, Martin Eriksen trustee. Three new members, Fred Tarp, Henry Petersen and Henry Fox were admitted to the lodge and initiated. Our welcome to the new brothers hoping they will prove to be an active force for the good things the Brotherhood stands for.

A new lodge of the D. S. S. named "Olga Marie"—not yet numbered—has been formed at Hayward, Calif. The following were chosen to serve on the first board of directors: Mrs. Eva Hiser, past president; Mrs. Margrethe Sundby, president; Mrs. O. Hoyer, vice-president; Miss Helga Hoyer, secretary; Mrs. Thelma Jensen, treasurer; Mrs. Caroline Hansen, guide; Mrs. Louise Hansen, inner guard; Mrs. Jensine Olsen, outer guard; Mrs. Hilda Christensen, Mrs. Annie King and Mrs. Lain, trustees. Good wishes and greetings from the brothers!

Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood! Is that really what people want? If you cannot look up to or down on someone, would you be satisfied? How many do not find joy in looking up and how many more in looking down. Liberty, equality and brotherhood?—yes for the dead - - -

Once there was a little girl that looked up, she was too small to look down. She looked up to the neighbor's daughter whom she considered beautiful and rich. They parted. Years went by, many years, before they met again; but the little girl, who was now big, had never forgotten the one who in her estimation was beautiful and rich. "I want to thank you because you still remember me", was her farewell when again they parted.

It was night. She stood on the deck of an Atlantic steamer in company of many other beautiful and rich people. She looked up into the heavens where millions upon millions of stars and suns sparkled and she drew a comparison between that vast galaxy and this tiny earth and she remembered the words of the small girl, folded her hands in reverence to Him that rules the Universe and said: "I thank Thee that Thou still remember us."—Free translating from E. E. Boe—i den Danske Pioneer.

Martin Mikkelsen, contractor, builder and dealer in real estate, Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated his 70th birthday on the 15th of June with a party in Elks Club. Mr. Mikkelsen is an active member of the D. B. S. and widely known throughout the Brotherhood. It is said that he has been in attendance at nearly all of the Brotherhood's conventions since he became a

member. Among the guests from out of town were noted supreme president, John Hansen and wife from Davenport, Iowa, and supreme trustee, Gunnar Jensenius from Chicago.

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., at its May meeting, presented the 50-year honor emblem to Niels Jorgen Hansen and Jens Chr. Johnson. Supreme treasurer, N. C. Nielsen officiated and in a few well chosen words he thanked the two brothers for their faithful work in the interest of the brotherhood during these many years. Others in the lodge that have received this distinction are: Jens J. Jensen, Andreas Jensen, Louis Johnson, Jens Chr. Olsen and Andrew C. Vittrup. Short talks in honor of the jubilees were given by Arthur Johnsen, secretary of the lodge, N. K. Rasmussen and Rob. Lassen and others.

The oldest Dane in Omaha, Chris Hansen, 910 S. 26th Street, who way back in 1885 held the post of supreme treasurer of D. B. S., is, mostly on account of old age, confined to his bed. The next oldest now living past supreme officer of D. B. S. is ex-supreme president Vogt of Davenport, Iowa, then comes Fred Petersen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and 4th in rank is Soren Iversen, New Haven, Conn.

Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, New York, at its May 14th meeting had a special festival for eight of its members who had held membership and worked for the good of the brotherhood for 25 years. Each of the eight received the brotherhood's 25-year emblem.

The Danish Brotherhood, the Danish Sisterhood, Dania and Dania's Ladies are making extensive preparations for the Danish National Celebration which is scheduled to be held this year on the 20th of July at Birch Bluff on Lake Minnetonka. Dania's president, Paul Nielsen, is heading the National Committee aided by a staff of able, willing workers. It is hoped

that, this year more than ever, the Danish-Americans from Minnesota and neighboring states will gather at this beautiful picnic spot and take part in the festivities. Community singing will be an essential part of the program.

The D. B. S. lodge "Modersmaalet", Brooklyn, N. Y., admitted four new members at its meeting on the 23rd of May. Many visitors from neighboring lodges were in attendance, among them supreme vice-president, Bysted Christensen. After the close of the meeting a large number of brothers gathered for the purpose of congratulating brother Axel Demant whose birthday it was.

The Danes in Council Bluffs and Omaha feted Music Director Fred Rasmussen and Mrs. Rasmussen on their golden wedding day, May 25th, in the auditorium of the Danish hall. There were about 150 people present for the occasion, among them were Christine Miller, Supreme President of D. S. S.; City Attorney Peter Rasmussen who acted as chairman; Finance Commissioner Harry Knudsen, Frank Lawson, Bernhard Larsen, Chris and N. P. Andersen, Ex-Mayor John Myrtue, Park Commissioner Frank Petersen, Alderman Henry Jensen and Otto Sorensen, all of whom made short congratulatory speeches.

At its last meeting in May lodge 164 "Modersmaalet", New York, initiated not less than five new members. There is a record for other lodges to emulate if not surpass. Supreme vice-president C. Bysted Christensen was in attendance and spoke a good word for the N. A. D. A. It is quite easy to criticize the men that are in the lead and find fault with their work, he said, but criticism brings us nowhere, instead we should try to aid them in their unselfish endeavors. The new brothers were greeted and welcomed into the lodge by the president, P. Brown. The copper-smith from Long Branch, Wm. Paulsen, presented the president with a very artistically wrought goblet for his untiring effort in behalf of the Brotherhood.

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