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every member of the Danish Brotherhood in America will join in pledging faithful support, individually and collectively, toward the restoration of freedom and independence for our mother nation, Denmark, which she so rightly and justly deserves.



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(April, 1944)

Making History

Whenever an organization adopts a new policy or makes a radical change in its by-laws then such action is generally referred to as "making history".

Most of the Danish Brotherhood national conventions have been history making conventions; some of course more than others. The Milwaukee convention in 1919 surely is classified as such when it adopted the 100% solvency basis for our life insurance, which was mentioned briefly last month.

The following national convention held in 1923 at St. Louis, Mo., also was a history making affair when they adopted the 20-year paid up life insurance policy which our Supreme Secretary writes about elsewhere in this issue.

Another history making event at the St. Louis convention was the creation of the "Old Age Relief Fund". Twenty years ago the delegates assembled at St. Louis saw "the handwriting on the wall" and took action to meet it. They levied an assessment of \$1 per year against every active member of the society, which money was to be placed in a special fund for a period of four consecutive years in order to first build up a substantial guarantee fund. Thus with approximately 20,000 members at that time the fund grew to \$80,000.00. The funds were of course invested in interest bearing bonds which helped swell the total that was available Dec. 31, 1926.

The \$1 assessment against each member each year has remained in force ever since and will likely continue to remain in force.

At the Omaha convention in 1927 the delegates saw that there might soon be need among the brothers for help from this fund so it was decided there that the interest from the guarantee fund of \$80,000.00 plus the annual assessment be made available for helping such brothers as might be in need. The first regulations relative to the distribution provided that members of the organization who were over 65 years of age and in needy circumstances could make application for financial help from the fund and were given

help according to the extent of their financial distress up to a limit of \$16 per month. The applications were divided into three classes: full, three-quarter and half; each class respectively receiving \$16, \$12 and \$8 per month. The final distribution was naturally made by the Supreme Board. This was a beautiful gesture on the part of the delegates who set up that scale; but they did not anticipate that there would be as many applications as there were. The result was that the funds available were exhausted long before it had been expected, for which reason it became mandatory to reduce the monthly allowance. Nor did the delegates anticipate that the mortality ratio would change as rapidly as it did. Back in those days the average span of life was somewhere near 48 years, thus only a few lived to be over the required 65 years before benefits were available from the fund. But the medical profession made rapid strides in prolonging the life of man; thus today the average life span of man is 68 years.

The Detroit convention in 1931 instituted some restrictions relative to the funds available and naturally the monthly definite allowance had to be altered to correspond with the funds available. But otherwise the cash monthly payment plan remained in effect.

Through the eight years that this plan was in operation nearly \$200,000.00 was paid out to needy brothers. In the office at Omaha there is a complete file of the payments made and this reveals that there is a long list of brothers who received over \$1,000.00 from this fund and a much, much longer list of brothers who received from \$500 to \$1,000.00. Up to that time there had only been 12 assessments, thus no brother had paid into the fund more than \$12. On an actuarial basis that was an unsound condition.

The delegates at the Denver convention in 1935 realized the seriousness of the situation. At that time the country was well into the so-called "depression". More brothers needed help than ever before. The Denver delegates did not have the benefit of actuarial statistics but they hit the nail right on the head when they wrote the law which stated that "the amount appropriated can in no instance exceed the applicant's yearly financial obligations to the supreme lodge." and checks for such amount as allowed to be sent to the lodge treasurer and he in turn credit same to the member covering his life insurance assessments. That was a beautiful piece of legislation for it provided the necessary funds to keep hundreds upon hundreds of members from dropping out of the society on account of not being able to pay their assessments. This plan is still in operation.

The Old Age Relief Fund has seen only minor change since the Denver convention. The name has been reduced to merely "Relief Fund". The reason for this being that no certain age is now required before a brother is eligible to receive financial aid from the fund. The law now reads: "Members who are in needy circumstances may secure financial aid from the Relief Fund by applying to the supreme board, through their local lodge, for payment of assessment, relief fund and per capita tax."

It is assumed that there is a national prosperity throughout our country right now; at least the annual income of the nation is greater than ever before. Yet in the face of this fact approximately 5 per cent of the membership of our organization are receiving full benefits available from the Relief Fund.

If five per cent of our membership is in need of financial assistance during the present period of pros-

perity what percentage will need help when the pendulum swings the other way. No one can say anything definite about the future and we shall not try to predict it either; but it is reasonable to believe that the demand will be greatly increased.

Are we as a society prepared to meet such an increase?

The answer is yes.

Through diligent administration of the fund the surplus available has grown from year to year to such an amount that it is reasonable to believe that any emergency could be met and handled until a succeeding national convention could provide ways and means for handling any continued increase in the demands for assistance.

Thus the Relief Fund has passed through the various stages of development quite similar to our Guarantee Fund and similar to the Guarantee Fund is today in excellent financial condition.

On this twentieth anniversary of the 20-year paid up life insurance policy and the Relief Fund we can all join in saying happy birthday to both of them and let us also say thank you to the delegates of the St. Louis convention in 1923 for creating these benefits.

Buy An Extra War Bond

The Fourth War Loan Drive was officially terminated in February and it is pleasing to note that every state in the Union went over the top when the final figures were tabulated.

Due to certain federal regulations fraternal societies can not become issuing agents for the sale of War Bonds. The Danish Brotherhood has made repeated efforts to become an issuing agent, but all fraternal must naturally be treated alike and so the application has been rejected.

Under the circumstances no records are available as to how many bonds have been purchased by members of our society but from the reports that come into the home office it is evident that enormous sums of money have been put into War Bonds not only by the individual members but by the various lodges.

Every community has a certain quota to make in each of the national war loans so it is natural that purchases are made locally in order to attain that quota; however, a number of lodges and members do send their applications to Omaha and the bonds are then issued from the Federal Reserve Bank there. In some instances the lodge keeps a record of the number of bonds that DBS members purchase locally.

From the reports available here are some picked at random: Dillon, Montana, with a membership of only 38, purchased bonds in the 4th war loan drive in the amount of \$5,300.00. Petaluma, Calif., is a consistent purchaser and their 94 members made purchases in the 4th war loan to the extent of \$41,925.00. And purchases by members of lodge No. 1, Omaha, through the home office amounted to approximately \$20,000.00. These figures are not spectacular nor unusual, but they do give a reasonable accurate picture of the fine support that the members of our society are giving the war effort by consistently purchasing war bonds.

Now that the 4th War Loan Drive is over let us continue to buy bonds regularly and as often as possible buy an EXTRA War Bond.

Ole P. Madsen First To Receive A 20-Year Paid-Up Certificate

It was at the St. Louis, Missouri, convention in 1923 that the delegates voted to change our laws to permit a member to buy insurance on the twenty-year payment plan, from his own organization. This change in our laws gave a member the opportunity to pay for his benefit certificate over a period of twenty years, instead of during life as must be done under the straight life, or ordinary life, plan. The twenty year payment plan has become very popular as years go by because it relieves a member from the payment of assessment in the later years when earnings are usually smaller.

The law adopted at the St. Louis convention went into effect on January 1, 1924, so it follows that we will this year have our first group to complete payments on their twenty-year payment certificates, giving them a paid-up life insurance for the face value of the certificate they own. A certificate on which no further payments are required.

The first member in this group . . . a group often referred to in the home office as "The class of '24" . . . is Ole P. Madsen of lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington. Brother Madsen has been a member since March 2, 1907 with a "straight life" insurance certificate. His application for a twenty-years payment insurance was approved and the certificate dated February 10, 1924. He has thus completed the full twenty-year period with the payment of January 1944 assessment. The first 10 members to receive paid-up certificates on the twenty-year payment plan are:

- Ole P. Madsen of lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash.
- A. C. J. Andersen of lodge No. 59, Menominee, Mich.
- Chr. Schodt of lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif.
- L. Gottlieb of lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- B. Godfredsen of lodge No. 111, Austin, Minnesota.
- Jens Sorensen of lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.
- A. N. Rodbro of lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Illinois.
- Erik Jepsen of lodge No. 281, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- A. C. Christensen of lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Ia.
- P. N. Cassias of lodge No. 43, Denver, Colorado.

A cross section of the country (10 states) is represented in this list. How old are these members? Well! we are not permitted to say except that the youngest just passed his 38th birthday and the oldest on the list celebrates his 65th the day this is written.

Ask the secretary of your local lodge about how you can increase your insurance, or write to the home office for information. Insurance is cheaper at a younger age. Buy it now while you are insurable. Buy it from your own organization in whose government you have a voice.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

"Paw, does bigamy mean that a man has one wife too many?"

"Not necessarily, my boy. A man can have one wife too many and still not be a bigamist."

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Rich Irate Father: "I can see right through that chorus girl's intrigue, son."

Lovesick Son: "I know, dad, but they all dress that way nowadays."

Opinions of Others

In our February paper appeared a request for opinions from brothers and lodge regarding the giving of prizes for obtaining members to our society.

My humble opinion is, that in a society such as ours, no prizes should be given. To obtain a member for your lodge or the organization should be a privilege, not to be thought of as anything you could receive the least compensation for.

We are a fraternal organization, as yet consisting of Danes, working only for the benefit of one another. Let us keep it that way.

As for giving one large prize to the lodge, who in one year obtains the largest amount of new members, would in my estimation be very apt to have just the opposite effect as was intended.

That the Supreme Board at times may send a brother a small oken when in their opinion they felt he had shown special interest in obtaining members, is something else again. That I am in favor of, but it should not be something that was in the least expected.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.

March 2, 1944

Under Opinions of Others in our official monthly Danish Brotherhood Magazine of March 1, 1944, I read an article that made my blood boil. This article was written by A. M. Petersen of Lodge No. 35, Chicago.

Mr. Petersen strongly criticises the use of English either at lodge meetings or conventions. Mr. Petersen claims that most Danes have a terrible brogue when talking American, also he claims that letters he gets from his local lodge and I quote "Dem skammer jeg mig ved."

Furthermore Mr. Petersen should remember that this country of ours, United States of America, is liberal and tolerant, we even tolerated foreign organizations like the German Bund and others. Let us not impose on Uncle Sam's good nature by being aliens who refuse to talk his language, but let us first and foremost show that the big majority of Danes in this country are good American citizens and proud to talk the language the best we can.

Mr. Petersen also seems to forget another important fact: who is fighting for the enslaved nations of Europe and the world including Denmark? I would say United States of America and we will see to it that the Danish language and culture are restored and preserved in its proper place which is Denmark let us over here be proud to talk the language of our beloved country, United States of America.

This article was read and unanimously endorsed at our regular meeting March 2, 1944.

D. B. S. LODGE NO. 75,

Chris Jacobsen, Sec.

Jens Bonnerup, Pres.

From time to time an article will appear in our D. B. S. publication in criticism of the use of the English language at our lodge meetings and also in our printed material.

I can sympathize with the brothers who take the attitude that since it is a Danish lodge, that it should be continued as it started, 100% Danish, in lodge work and printed material.

This was fine at the time of the birth of the lodge, when every ship that arrived from Europe had its quota of Danes aboard, and it was natural for them to associate themselves with Danes wherever they went; as the language was strange to them, and that of course was the spirit that caused the founding of the D. B. S.

Many changes have taken place in the last sixty years and if some of these old-timers were to take a trip back to Denmark they would discover, to their surprise, that anyone eligible to come to United States as emigrants, that they could speak the English language about as fluently as some of you old-timers who have been in U. S. for fifty years, as they are taught the language in the schools. I spent three years in Denmark following the first world war and it was a rarity to find anyone under the age of twenty who could not speak English.

But we may pass that up as there will be no immigrants from Denmark for many many years, and then it will be so few the lodge will not be benefited.

What will be the outcome of our lodge then? Well, let me tell you, you old-timers yourselves are to blame if we run into difficulties. Why? Because you did not love your Danish language enough to teach your sons Danish, and you did not love your Brotherhood enough to induce them to become members; if each and every one of you had spoken the Danish language in your homes, taught it to your children and then spoken a good word to them about the Brotherhood, we would have had no worries today about the membership slipping.

So today we find many of the members are American born Danes, who do not speak Danish; many of them understand it and a very few can read it.

Should we insist that only Danish be spoken? What shall we do with these young men, let them sit on the sidelines? They won't do that; they will stay home, and eventually drop out.

Let them hold office? But they can't do that, as they are not proficient in the language.

What is the answer then? Let the Brotherhood continue as long as there are Danes who read, write, and speak the Danish language; and then let it liquidate? I can't believe you founders and old members of the Danish Brotherhood are so selfish that you want to see Brotherhood die because by virtue of your own shortsightedness, you have failed to do that which you vowed to do; namely, preserve the Danish language and like many other things, that begins at home and not necessarily in the lodge hall.

The American born Danes do not like to have the old members criticise them in their efforts to continue in institution that was founded by Danes for Danes, when their efforts are limited by no other reason than that which they were denied in their home: the learning of Danish.

Fraternally yours,

Oscar Beck, Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo.

P. S. I was born in U. S. and I could have written this in Danish, but I wanted all the members to be able to read it.

Sweet Young Bride, after listening to Fibber and Molly on the radio, visits a stationery store.

"Please give me a pound of wax for my floor."

Salesman: "I'm sorry, Miss, but we sell only sealing wax."

Young Bride: "Don't be silly. Why would anyone want to wax the ceiling?"

Why I Will Take Part In The Denmark-Meet, The 9th Of April

When the chimes from the Chicago Temple play the familiar tunes to the Danish psalms and songs out over the big city, then I will gather in company with the other Danes to honor the memory of my brave country-men who gave their lives so that a free Denmark may live. I will utter my thanks that the Danish people's love of freedom and of righteousness is stronger than ever before in spite of four long years under the yoke of a ruthless enemy. So that we Danes in Chicago and vicinity, all as one, may unite in prayers for a quick victory for America and all the other peoples who are struggling against an inhuman fiend for freedom and liberty. Easter day is a day of rejoicing for all Christians, the day of resurrection. Let us regard it as a good omen that the 9th of April this year is Easterday and hope that the country of our nativity also soon may be victorious and free itself of the evil powers of darkness that now hovers over it and again become a land of freedom and happiness as of yore.

By GEO. UGILT in "Dansk Tidende".

(Translated by A. G.)

Denmark Flag Included In United Nations

Minister de Kauffmann has sent out a circular letter to all Danish consulates in the U. S. S. A., which reads in part:

"I Betragtning af den Indsats, der gøres af det danske Folk, hjemme som ude, i Kamper mod den fælles Fjende, har der blandt Dansk-Amerikanere og Danske i de Forenede Stater længe været et stærkt Ønske om at se Dannebrog's Ligestilling med de Forenede Nationers Flag officielt anerkendt, og efter Begivenhederne i Danmark den 29. August ifjor rettede Præsidenten for National American Denmark Association i Overensstemmelse med en af Bestyrelsen truffet Beslutning en Henvendelse til den amerikanske Regering, hvori han henstillede til velvillig Overvejelse, at det danske Flag fremtidig medtages, naar der flages med de Allieredes Flag, som et Symbol paa det danske Folks Kamp og Modstand mod Nazismen.

"Pa tilsvarende Maade har det danske Gesantskab overfor State Department gjort sig til Talsmand for denne Tanke.

"State Department har nu i Anledning af, at Spørgsmaalet for Tiden er aktuelt i Forbindelse med Propaganda for Tegning af Krigsplan, anbefalet Sagen overfor Treasury Department i en Skrivelse, hvori det blandt andet udtaler:

"Although Denmark is not a member of the United Nations, the contributions which the people of Denmark and the people in this country of Danish descent are making toward the cause of the United Nations are well known and deserve the highest commendation. Accordingly, the Department of State believes that the display of the Danish flag along with the flags of the United Nations and the nations associated with them serve a most useful purpose, indicating, as it would, recognition of the fact that the American people are not unmindful of the assistance to the common cause being given by the people of Den-

mark and those of Danish descent in the United States. It, therefore, is suggested that appropriate instructions along these lines be issued to the officials of the Treasury Department having jurisdiction over the organization of war loan drives."

"Herefter vil der sikkert ikke blive nogen Vanskelighed ved at faa Dannebrog med hvergang der flages med de Forenede Nationers Flag.

"Skulde det fremtidig komme til Repræsentationens Kundskab, at der hersker Tvivl hos Arrangører af Møder, o.l. om, hvorvidt det er korrekt at medtage det danske Flag, vil Repræsentationen kunnen henlede Opmærksomheden paa foranstaaende Skrivelse fra State Department."

Description of Postage Stamps

The Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., has recently announced the issuance of a revised edition of the official booklet containing descriptions and illustrations of all United States postage stamps from the date of their introduction in 1847 to December 31, 1943, including plate numbers and quantities issued of commemorative and air mail stamps.

The new stamp booklet is being issued to the public through the office of the Superintendent of Documents at 30 cents per copy, with paper binding, which includes cost of delivery. All mail orders for this booklet should be addressed to

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington 25, D. C.

Remittance must accompany order and should be in the form of money order or a check. Postage stamps will NOT be accepted.

Liza: "So yo' husband done jine de Ahmy? What's he doin'?"

Mandy: "Dey done made him gunnah—jes lak he 'always been."

Liza: "When's he evah done any gunnin'?"

Mandy: "Ah means he's always gunnah do dis an' gunnah do dat, an' he's never done nothin'."

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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ANNUAL REPORT

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Danish Brotherhood in America

January 1 to December 31, 1943

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Assessment	Total Insurance	Stock Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
1.	Omaha	304	\$309.89	\$222,625	\$1,911.84	\$450.00	\$13,450.98
2.	Neenah	74	91.13	67,250	260.00	40.00	2,750.00
3.	Davenport	45	44.26	33,750	270.00		3,655.13
4.	Racine	541	402.42	268,000	2,561.87	2385.00	103,652.51
5.	Moline	15	8.91	7,250			662.54
7.	Cedar Falls	36	40.21	30,500	327.50		2,846.99
9.	Oshkosh	48	52.14	36,250	347.78		3,082.31
10.	Co. Bluffs	163	144.64	113,375	361.52		12,172.10
11.	Clinton	70	64.12	50,375	88.15		7,275.35
12.	Green Bay	48	44.71	30,750	175.00		1,353.08
14.	Kenosha	232	163.00	126,750	1,379.28	200.87	53,634.77
15.	Des Moines	76	59.46	40,125	2.15	28.00	5,020.87
16.	Minden	33	37.27	29,750			405.00
17.	Chicago	190	188.26	137,875		1074.55	22,080.52
18.	Chicago	114	148.01	99,125	621.00	56.00	1,056.02
20.	Manistee	67	65.18	50,125	302.13		2,032.06
22.	Sheffield	8	7.74	7,000			73.94
26.	Fremont	77	76.54	56,250	225.00	15.00	2,017.28
28.	Badger	22	22.45	18,000			659.62
29.	Seattle	368	311.26	210,750	1,097.00	50.00	39,306.66
30.	Muskegon	60	48.76	36,750	50.00		2,116.00
31.	Exira	9	8.65	6,750			
32.	New Haven	92	78.56	60,625	863.49	50.00	4,091.47
33.	Tacoma	68	67.54	49,750	136.00		4,865.88
34.	Dwight	85	59.87	45,125	120.00		878.95
35.	Chicago	165	130.51	99,500	1,130.00	155.00	12,323.36
36.	Milwaukee	117	81.74	65,250	281.00	9.66	4,358.65
37.	Bridgeport	101	92.45	65,625	330.00	113.43	2,735.91
38.	Laramie	30	27.44	21,750			3,312.19
39.	Oakland	262	288.56	192,000	1,325.75		19,382.44
40.	Rawlins	19	14.49	12,500			485.36
41.	Derby	71	44.98	36,125	98.00	172.82	5,247.39
42.	Spokane	65	52.29	31,500			1,090.00
43.	Denver	130	110.71	84,750	459.95	42.05	8,543.22
45.	Minneapolis	227	179.60	129,000	741.00	67.95	5,327.31
46.	Pe'th Amb'y	162	152.10	117,500	1,219.00	400.00	12,899.53
*48.	Rock Springs	13	14.15	10,500			
49.	S. Francisco	429	337.31	243,125	4,202.05	548.12	16,603.16
50.	Port Chester	72	71.73	50,625	261.30		3,637.69
51.	Ludington	120	81.63	60,875	253.20		5,680.31
*52.	Joliet	8	7.16	6,000			
53.	Atlantic	27	27.57	18,000	64.00		452.27
54.	Dannebrog	38	37.28	29,250			440.00
56.	Kansas City	95	98.26	74,750	200.00		3,222.56
57.	Lexington	14	12.98	11,000			179.76
59.	Menominee	77	76.61	62,875	185.00		2,550.00
*60.	Nebr. City	6	6.38	4,750			
61.	Chicago	20	16.74	13,250			430.00
62.	Sioux City	56	63.57	44,000	96.00		4,150.00
63.	Burlington	11	9.31	6,750			228.52
64.	Rockford	50	47.88	40,000	388.50		1,554.96
65.	Duluth	66	68.01	48,125	283.52		2,956.85
66.	St. Paul	8	7.00	4,750			31.96
67.	Fresno	87	60.42	40,875	279.86		6,051.54
69.	Cleveland	62	55.22	39,375	254.27	137.50	2,454.17
70.	Greenville	67	61.33	44,125			5,169.91
71.	Penn Yan	72	62.06	51,250	220.00	35.00	7,835.41
73.	Alden	40	47.87	34,375	39.00		1,480.20
74.	Omaha	69	80.21	57,500	234.00	42.00	2,419.30
75.	Albert Lea	102	87.71	71,500	296.85		5,310.44
77.	Turin	22	26.65	19,250	24.00		39.00
78.	Salt L. City	80	71.52	50,625	371.00		772.91
79.	Marinette	18	20.55	16,750	35.00		319.95
83.	Hutchinson	13	13.00	11,500			217.44
84.	Lincoln	28	36.83	21,250	45.00		599.51
85.	Rochester	24	18.35	12,500	60.09		539.06
87.	Poston	95	80.12	58,125			690.93
88.	Elba	16	18.55	13,500			33.25
89.	Superior	33	20.55	15,250	40.71		1,107.54
90.	Port Reading	18	15.00	13,250	80.00		860.65
91.	St. Paul	120	105.23	75,625	439.40		2,578.30
92.	St. Charles	98	64.45	43,875			1,318.78
95.	Ferndale	61	48.14	38,750	277.15		11,588.85
96.	Jackson	45	34.82	25,250	168.00		1,413.11
97.	Hopkins	42	42.52	32,125	81.40	18.00	2,110.25
100.	Rosendale	15	15.31	14,000			148.00
102.	Providence	35	23.97	17,625	100.00		942.93
103.	Waterbury	39	45.39	28,875	45.00		462.93
106.	Trufant	82	53.81	47,000	48.00		2,519.22
107.	Chicago	61	55.63	41,250	310.00	70.00	2,240.33
109.	White	11	9.84	7,500	18.50		225.40
110.	Winside	22	20.40	14,750			231.55
111.	Austin	68	52.41	39,800	45.00		1,924.06

112.	Portland	75	61.26	45,500	155.50		2,833.62
113.	Enumclaw	67	48.77	36,625	68.25		2,275.81
114.	Lake Benton	25	22.74	17,750			92.68
116.	Newark	173	106.33	72,000	1,207.34	131.37	6,865.27
117.	Brunswick	32	31.69	25,250			634.33
118.	Wolbach	13	15.99	10,750			116.99
119.	Pueblo	10	11.21	7,375		4.00	134.52
121.	Tyler	65	65.17	43,750	367.00		3,601.58
123.	Clifton	15	15.85	10,250			405.26
125.	Wp'g Water	40	28.13	23,000	230.00		749.25
126.	Los Angeles	270	219.46	148,250	986.63	160.00	15,415.69
127.	Reinbeck	12	10.45	8,750	19.23		398.00
128.	Avoca	26	18.79	15,000	100.00		818.22
130.	Henry	6	5.59	4,500			660.35
131.	Everett	31	27.84	20,250	167.00		1,158.41
134.	Ringsted	67	65.68	49,875	44.00		1,113.20
*135.	Suring	6	5.66	4,000			79.60
136.	Story City	8	5.27	4,750			127.10
138.	Butte	5	4.79	3,500			
139.	Viborg	93	63.43	49,000		15.00	7,321.12
140.	Chicago	73	63.24	47,125	447.00		3,885.95
141.	Irene	12	9.87	8,750			2,275.62
*142.	Brainerd	6	7.32	5,000			
143.	Petaluma	92	63.64	43,250	401.60	50.00	6,820.63
144.	Dike	25	28.74	22,250		425.00	1,702.70
145.	Newport	10	9.48	8,500			
147.	Newell	61	59.33	37,625			732.07
148.	Cheyenne	20	26.89	17,000			183.41
149.	Luverne	47	32.65	24,500			304.94
150.	Rorbeck	20	16.77	13,000			
151.	Escanaba	18	17.96	13,250			581.82
152.	Wilbur	31	27.80	17,750			543.19
153.	Danvervirke	20	25.85	17,750			73.13
154.	Withee	44	48.21	38,125	78.00	55.00	2,850.60
155.	Bellingham	16	18.73	13,250			
157.	Audubon	24	22.14	16,750	140.00		921.82
159.	Kenard	13	11.97	9,000			186.10
160.	Underwood	24	18.62	15,500	148.00		1,223.28
*161.	Ruskin	28	25.91	19,875			
163.	Edmore	31	26.40	19,000			2,013.77
164.	New York	185	150.14	98,625	820.18	50.00	2,040.11
167.	Portland	159	102.89	75,125	641.84		3,984.11
168.	Winlock	5	5.20	4,250			20.00
*169.	Hubbard	22	14.99	11,250			
170.	Rocky River	47	40.53	30,625	206.00		2,810.07
171.	Jmesatown	44	34.99	23,750	130.20	8.00	1,745.86
172.	Philadelphia	146	114.74	71,250	515.00	60.80	3,975.77
173.	Kansas City	55	51.11	42,125	126.00		782.56
175.	Kansasville	14	11.70	10,000			560.53
177.	Cardova	36	28.83	20,750	57.69		491.12
181.	Sidney	56	42.53	31,000			2,547.20
182.	Waukegan	106	81.93	50,875	151.68	4.14	5,973.35
183.	Troy	84	67.02	40,000	405.78		2,597.09
184.	Hayward	33	31.63	20,625	37.15	1.50	2,683.25
185.	Madison	16	9.60	6,750			71.29
186.	Luck	66	41.16	28,000	148.00		3,073.60
188.	Del Rey	19	12.31	9,250			2,585.43
*189.	Barronett	6	5.86	5,500			
190.	Schenectady	126	88.30	56,000	467.00	237.97	12,637.06
191.	St. Louis	20	11.75	9,000			1,438.63
192.	Worcester	53	40.32	32,000	314.00		2,749.24
194.	McMinneville	34	28.17	21,250	87.00		1,078.92
195.	Omaha	60	57.95	41,125	163.18		1,081.73
*197.	Woburn	22	21.81	16,750			
198.	Kenmare	22	17.37	13,500			349.00
201.	Westbrook	13	10.65	8,625			434.82
202.	Warren	42	39.46	32,500	190.00		2,247.60
205.	Brooklyn	75	66.33	41,125	236.56	242.70	1,547.81
206.	Blair	40	43.32	27,750			160.41
207.	Grayling	11	13.86	10,000			230.14
210.	Grand Rapids	33	22.97	19,000	265.00		89.84
211.	Grand Island	30	31.39	22,750		20.00	211.31
212.	Waterloo	57	39.13	27,875	182.85		3,198.61
213.	Ord	19	17.44	14,250	36.00		475.00
214.	West Point	14	10.74	8,000		2.00	93.09
215.	Battle Creek	29	17.93	11,875			890.00
*216.	Basford	5	4.74	4,000			
217.	Humboldt	19	14.04	10,750	76.00		284.87
219.	Clear Lake	58	51.05	31,125	280.00		926.85
*221.	Latimer	22	14.58	10,250			
222.	Corry	8	7.30	5,250		11.00	730.00
*224.	Alta						

262. Cozad	13	8.83	7,000	15.00			
263. Askov	125	109.66	73,875	184.00	7.35	2,061.39	
264. Pocatello	31	31.54	16,750	10.00		362.75	
266. Rice Lake	9	6.93	5,250			30.00	
267. Brigham City	14	12.94	8,250		6.50	569.83	
268. Junction City	72	39.83	28,125	110.00		3,322.63	
269. Oregon	9	11.01	7,250			32.00	
273. Dillon	37	28.26	18,250	146.00		420.52	
276. Westhope	5	5.06	3,750			70.00	
277. Kensal	11	16.12	9,250			64.00	
278. S. Lake City	30	20.91	15,375	36.00		235.48	
279. Hunter	14	15.77	10,500			100.00	
280. Gardner	19	23.22	18,500	90.00	54.29	507.91	
281. Cincinnati	30	24.84	16,750	50.00		899.22	
*282. Upland	8	5.39	3,000				
283. Dagmar	146	83.07	58,875	414.00		5,326.78	
*284. Westbrook	5	7.71	4,500				
288. Cotesfield	14	13.01	12,000			44.58	
291. Ogden	9	6.72	4,000			324.50	
293. Chehalis	11	13.32	6,500				
294. Barre	33	31.88	23,750	28.00		1,394.89	
296. Galveston	10	9.97	6,750		3.00	383.43	
298. Chicago	68	54.41	41,000	320.00		1,634.89	
299. Solvang	30	29.98	21,750	199.57		2,715.15	
300. Laurens	28	19.13	11,750			60.47	
301. Akron	43	28.27	20,250	99.50		2,563.72	
*303. Wookland	11	7.63	5,250				
306. San Diego	34	11.50	6,750	171.42		1,081.34	
*307. Astoria	20	5.67	4,000				
*308. McCabe	27	24.29	16,250				
309. Iliion	7	5.11	3,500			285.87	
311. Sidney	10	10.97	8,000				
*312. Springfield	14	7.91	6,125				
314. Hartford	153	68.93	42,375	312.00	52.00	4,315.81	
*315. Buffalo	8	6.85	5,000				
317. Spencer	12	13.75	8,000			610.42	
318. Copenhagen	107						
319. Bakersfield	23	8.84	6,125			540.73	
321. W. Palm B'h	21	12.67	8,500			684.43	
322. S'ta Barbara	35	34.43	24,750	124.72	17.50	1,408.88	
323. Alhambra	20	10.86	7,750	22.50	20.00	245.20	
324. San Matco	9	3.65	2,500			187.37	
*325. Nassau Co.	106	84.05	45,750				
326. West Branch	37	11.46	7,750			112.26	
327. Harlan	15	13.51	9,000			317.84	
328. Vancouver	100			231.00		3,533.73	
329. Long Beach	29	13.99	6,125		20.00	166.47	
Pay directs	101	109.61	83,500				

The report for 1943 is not yet received from the lodge or has been received too late to be included. The figures used are taken from our records. Secretaries who find an "asterisk" () in front of their lodge's number are requested to mail these 1943 reports to the undersigned as soon as possible.

At the close of the year we find 236 lodges with a membership of 13,230. The total monthly assessment of all lodges amounts to \$10,891.50 with a combined amount of insurance of \$7,798,625, excluding insurance carried on an extended insurance basis.

The average age of all members as of December 31, 1943 is 55.75.

ALL LODGES HAVE IN 1943 PAID:

In sick benefit to members	\$ 43,670.71
In extra help to members	8,438.07
Cash and other assets of all lodges as reported amounting to	707,283.01

Fraternally yours,

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Sec'y-Treas.

Free Physical Fitness Booklet

A physically fit home front, with men and women workers who can produce a maximum in war effort, is the aim of a nationwide program now being put into operation by the Federal Security Agency to curb absenteeism and other handicaps resulting from physical deficiencies.

Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, in announcing a commission of thirteen outstanding Americans to carry on the program in industry, asserted that, "It is most important that all working men and women in America realize that physical fitness in industry is as vital to our cause as it is with our armed forces."

Chairman of the commission to stimulate physical fitness in industry is Dr. William P. Jacobs, president of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., a longtime leader in education, public affairs and athletics.

Dr. Jacobs announced a comprehensive program

which will be taken directly to the nation's industrial executives, labor organizations and community leaders with the hope of enlisting their support in encouraging every worker to participate in regular habits and exercises.

"This drive for physical fitness embraces not only the obligation of the individual to keep him or herself in good condition for the sake of self, but it is a patriotic duty." Dr. Jacobs said. "Our men and women in the armed services are giving so much that certainly we at home can spare a little time to keep ourselves fit to do the jobs at hand.

"The need for such a program has been proved beyond any doubt by the high percentage of absenteeism which can be traced directly to physical failures."

The industrial physical fitness commission already has prepared booklets to inaugurate the program. There is a brochure for employers and labor organizations outlining how physical fitness can be brought to every plant in the nation; a community booklet to be distributed through national headquarters of the American Legion, showing how patriotic, civic and other groups can cooperate, and an individual handbook for the workers themselves, carry illustrations and brief descriptions of the variety of sports, exercises and body-conditioning habits which can be offered everywhere.

This manual for the individual describes more than 50 spare time physical activities, plus variations of each, from which men and women of every age and condition can choose for enjoyment and physical development. Basic points stressed include: medical care, fresh air, sunshine, balanced relaxation, good food, proper sleep, and regular exercise. The gamut of exercising opportunities from a good stretch upon awakening to the more vigorous forms of athletics like football and boxing are described and illustrated.

"We believe," Dr. Jacobs said, "that with cooperation from employers, employees and communities that great strides can be made in a short time to increase the health and effectiveness of the workers of America. It will, however, take cooperation. Unless industry and industrial workers give real support, we will continue to fight on the home front under handicaps of physical deficiencies which could be remedied to an important extent."

Further details on the program and copies of the physical fitness books can be secured by writing the Committee on Physical Fitness, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C., or any of its regional offices.

Danish Brotherhood Magazine 1943 Now Available

The Danish Brotherhood Magazines from January through December, 1943, have been bound into loose leaf book forms, the same as last year, and a limited number are now available.

Last year several lodges purchased copies to have in their libraries and several individual brothers also purchased copies. The number available this year is based on the demand last year with a reasonable amount of extras to take care of new customers.

The price is 50 cents per book. Send check or money order to Danish Brotherhood Magazine, Askov, Minn., and a copy will be sent prepaid to any destination in United States.

ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with the statutory provisions, we are herewith printing the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1943:

Income.	
Balance from previous year	\$3,564,989.17
Assessments—Mortuary Fund	132,633.37
Assessments—Relief Fund	12,153.00
Membership fees	410.00
Per capita tax	19,126.50
Fees for change of certificates	72.00
Interest on bonds	113,790.41
Sale of lodge supplies	370.02
Advertisements in magazine	185.75
Returned to Mortuary Fund for checks cancelled	224.14
Refund to Relief Fund by beneficiaries.....	105.16
Premium on bonds sold	24,122.70
Total	\$3,868,182.22

Disbursements.	
Death claims	\$ 183,335.18
Relief fund payments	6,516.48
Cash Surrender values	641.41
Salaries and all other compensation of officers, trustees and home office employees	7,433.25
Traveling expenses	2,484.68
Bond and interest collection expenses	62.60
Insurance Department licenses, fees and expenses	282.00
Rent and light	1,116.22
General office maintenance and miscellaneous expense	1,689.67
Advertising, printing and stationery	454.89
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	808.23
Lodge supplies bought	13.25
Official publication, printing and mailing	3,500.51
Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting (convention)	14,062.68
Membership prizes and expenses	142.85
Actuarial fees	295.00
Social security, U. S. excise and State unemployment taxes	121.93
Discount on bonds sold	375.00
Balance December 31, 1943	3,644,846.39
Total	\$3,868,182.22

Assets.	
Book value of bonds	\$3,553,000.00
Less: Book value over amortized value	14,356.75
.....	\$3,538,643.25
Bank deposits	91,846.39
Interest accrued on bonds owned	26,278.20
Assessments accrued	11,052.53
Total	\$3,667,820.37

Liabilities.	
Death claims unpaid for incomplete proof or where beneficiary resides in Denmark	19,096.02
Death claims incurred in 1943 reported to home office in 1944	14,706.39

Reserves on N. F. C. 4% certificates.....	2,830,468.19
Reserves on Am. Exp. 3% and 4% certificates	77,369.00
Reserves for extended insurance N. F. C. 4% and Am. Exp. 3% and 4%	1,739.00
Relief and expense funds	153,662.50
Balance unassigned	570,779.27

Total

\$3,667,820.37

DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA,
By AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec'y-Treas.

Valuation Exhibit

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our actuary, Mr. J. Charles Seitz, of the certificates in good standing, December 31, 1943. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of the Danish Brotherhood, but is made to determine the amount the society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number or amount in assessments. The valuation was made on the National Fraternal Congress and American Experience Table of Mortality 3 and 4 per cent interest assumption.

ASSETS—Actual and Contingent.

1. Present value of future net contributions based on 12 assessments per year	\$ 992,423.16
2. Admitted assets (net)	3,514,157.87
3. Total	\$4,506,581.03

LIABILITIES—Actual and Contingent.

4. Present value of benefits promised	\$4,234,247.55
5. Less liens on certificates	332,248.20
Balance	\$3,901,999.35
6. Death claims reported, but incomplete proof received	33,802.41
7. Total	\$3,935,801.76

Ratio of line 7 to line 3, 114.50 per cent.

DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA,
By AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec'y-Treas.

APRIL ASSESSMENTS

No. 538

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE
TREASURER

April 1st

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

May 1st

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY, 1944

Mortuary Fund.

Receipts:

Balance February 1st	\$ 8,574.95
Received in February	10,572.83
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	\$19,147.78

Disbursements:

Paid on 23 death claims	\$13,136.18
Paid in cash surrender value	26.15
Balance	5,985.45
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	\$19,147.78

General Fund.

Receipts:

Balance February 1st	\$ 6,824.97
Received in February	99.70
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	\$ 6,924.67

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 65.22
Printing and mailing of official publication	274.68
Postage, express, telephone and telegrams	66.36
Rent and light	94.92
Salaries of officers and home office employees	612.50
Bank collection charge on checks	5.15
Special typing service	10.00
Insurance Department, licenses and fees	220.00
Annual fee for Moody's financial service	36.00
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Balance	\$ 1,384.83
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	5,539.84
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	\$ 6,924.67

Relief Fund.

Balance February 1st	\$ 7,553.78
Received in February	82.40
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	\$ 7,636.18

Disbursements:

Assessments and special relief	\$ 25.00
Balance	7,611.18
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	\$ 7,636.18

Reserve Fund.

Receipts:

Balance February 1st	\$47,946.75
Interest on miscellaneous bonds	4,481.25
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	\$52,428.00

Disbursements:

Collection charge	\$ 3.15
Balance	52,424.85
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	\$52,428.00

Membership Campaign Fund.

Balance February 1st	\$ 3,224.10
Membership prizes, engraving	5.98
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Balance	\$ 3,218.12

Bonds and Cash.

Mortuary fund bonds	\$3,433,000.00
Relief fund bonds	140,000.00
Cash in banks	\$81,809.65
Less outstanding checks	6,711.94
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	74,897.71
Protected check	45.39
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	\$3,647,943.10

Address Changes

New Secretary:

171 Arthur Christensen, 1146 N. Main St., Jamestown, N. Y.

Secretary's change of address:

253—Michael Jorgensen, Rt. 2, Box 39, Tyler, Minn.

Change in Time and Place:

116—First Saturday of each month at Odd Fellows Hall, 174 Main Street, Orange, N. J.

Treasurer's change of address:

205—Magnus Larsen, treasurer, 1800 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn 26, New York.

Change of meeting date:

116—From 3rd Saturday of each month to 1st Saturday of each month.

293—From last Sunday of each month to last Saturday of each month.

DØDSFALD ANMELDTE SIDEN SIDSTE RAPPORT

DØD	NAVN	ALDER	FØDESTED	LOGE NR. OG BY	OPTAGET	DØDSAARSAG	ASSURANCE
1-31-44	Mads H. Nielsen	45	Odense, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1922 Coronary thrombosis	\$ 500.00
1-31-44	Ramus Petersen	69	Bjellkerup, Denmark	73	Alden, Minnesota	1901 Heart disease	424.29
1-27-44	Jorgen Nicolaisen	93	Bodstrup, Denmark	20	Manistee, Mich.	1892 Bronchial asthma	601.02
2-6-44	Anders Nielsen	81	Skastrup, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1901 Arterio	179.25
2-1-44	Niels P. Rasmussen	78	Lolland	4	Racine, Wis.	1893 Coronaryclerosis	732.04
1-24-44	Hans H. Hansen	77	Slagelse, Denmark	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1907 Heart disease	429.16
5-14-43	Aksel Jensen	69	Maarslet	307	Astoria, Oregon	1918 Chronic myocarditis	250.00
2-15-44	Marius B. Thane	67	Vejle, Denmark	50	Port Chester, N. Y.	1913 Cachexia	481.10
2-13-44	Ejler Andersen	59	Asperup Sogn	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	1909 Uremia	500.00
2-9-44	Chas. G. Runland	52	Crystal Falls, Mich.	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1938 Nephritis	500.00
2-17-44	Rasmus Sorensen	65	Randers, Denmark	11	Clinton, Ia.	1902 Coronary thrombosis	890.84
2-11-44	Christian Pedersen	75	Viborg Amt.	114	Lake Benton, Minn.	1902 Cancer	201.80
2-16-44	Carl Martin Hansen	84	Aalborg, Denmark	150	Rorbeck, Ia.	1902 Heart disease	Bal.
2-21-44	Hans Iversen	63	Fjennesleø, By.	4	Racine, Wis.	1905 Nephritis	926.23
2-21-44	Alfred Blaes	59	Kolding, Denmark	32	New Haven, Conn.	1905 Hemorrhage	963.27
2-20-44	Jens Ibsen	64	Dragør, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1911 Carcinoma of lung	250.00
2-16-44	James M. Andersen	60	Hormested Sogn	139	Viborg, So. Dak.	1910 Coronary thrombosis	975.32
2-27-44	Otto Kjergaard	51	Minneapolis, Minn.	97	Hopkins, Minn.	1938 Hemorrhage of brain	125.00
2-26-44	Rasmus Pedersen	56	Aalborg, Denmark	141	Irene, So. Dak.	1914 Cancer	1000.00
3-1-44	Oscar V. Berg	32	Hirstshals	112	Kansas City, Mo.	1904 Lobar pneumonia	710.93
2-9-44	Jens Rasmussen	73	Denmark	37	Portland, Me.	1892	500.00
2-8-44	Peter Thomsen Petersen	80	Holer, Sonder	194	Bridgeport, Conn.	1894 Natural causes	380.00
					McMinnville, Ore.	1921	Social

RESOLUTIONS

JOHAN C. REISE, Clinton, Iowa

I Anledning af Broder Johan C. Ries's Død den 14. Februar 1944 vedtog Loge Nr. 11 følgende Resolution:

At Logen dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder, at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder Logens Charter med Sørgefior for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indrykkes i D. B. S. Maanedsbld.

Paa Loge Nr. 11's Vegne,
J. M. Petersen, Præsident.
R. Rasmussen, Sekretær.

HANS FREDERIK JORGENSEN, Detroit, Mich.

I Anledning af Broder Hans Frederik Jorgensens Afgang ved Døden den 2. Marts 1944 vedtog Detroit Loge Nr. 227 følgende Resolution:

At Logebrødrene med den dybeste Sorg modtog Budskabet om hans Død, at Logen dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder og i Sind og Tanke en Ægte dansk Mand, at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder Logens Charter med Sørgefior for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indrykkes i D. B. S. Magazine samt at en Kopi tilsendes den Afdødes Efterlaede.

Hans Bortgang den 2. Marts 1944 blev et Sorgens Budskab for hele Familien og for den store Vennekreds af Detroit Danske, som opnaede den Glæde at kende hans stille og fine Væsen og Person. Hans Minde vil leve længe frem i Tiden i den danske Koloni her i Detrot. Fred være med dig, Fred!

Paa Logens Vegne,
Christian Nielsen, Præsident.
Sigfried Jorgensen, Sekretær.

JESPER JESPERSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Jesper Jespersen, who passed away on February 23, 1944, Seattle Lodge No. 29 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that the lodge deeply regrets the loss of our old brother, that we extend our sympathy to the family and that this resolution be printed in the D. B. Magazine, entered in our minutes, and a copy sent to the family.

In behalf of Seattle Lodge No. 29,
H. B. Nielsen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

JENS J. ANDERSEN, Albert Lea, Minn.

The following resolution was passed by members of Lodge No. 75 in memory of our departed brother, Jens Jorgen Andersen, who passed away Feb. 27, 1944:

Mr. Andersen was for many years the trusted secretary and building manager of Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minn.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal member and that we hereby extend our most sincere sympathy to his bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, that a copy of this be sent to his family, inserted in Danish Brotherhood Magazine and entered in the minutes of the lodge.

Jens J. Bonnerup, President.
Chris A. Jacobsen, Secretary.

JENS IBSEN, Viborg, S. Dak.

In memory of our departed brother, Jen Ibsen, who passed away Feb. 16, 1944, at Westbv. Mont., the following resolution was adopted at our last regular meeting:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his wife and family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and the Viborg Enterprise and a copy be sent to the family.

On behalf of D. B. S. Lodge No. 139,
Niels C. Jespersen, President.
Niels Hansen, Secretary.

EINER NIELSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Einer Nielsen, who passed away March 10, 1944, the following resolution was adopted on our meeting March 15:

Resolved, that we regret the loss of our brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be inserted in Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be sent to his family and entered in the minutes of the lodge.

On behalf of No. 140 of D. B. S.
Morris Madsen, President.
P. Hjørth, Secretary.

H. P. HANSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, H. P. Hansen, who died March 5, 1944, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting in March, 1944:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal member, and that we hereby extend our most sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

Furthermore resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that a copy of this

resolution be sent to the family, be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and entered in the minutes of the lodge.

In behalf of D. B. S. No. 140,
Morris Madsen, President.
Peter Hjørth, Secretary.

HANS CHRISTENSEN, Erie, Pa.

The following resolution was passed at our last meeting in memory of our departed brother, Hans Christensen of Erie, Pa.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be inserted in the D. B. S. Magazine, and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.
L. Henriksen, President.
H. Jensen, Secretary.

JAMES M. ANDERSON, Hopkins, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, James M. Anderson, who passed away on Feb. 27, 1944, this resolution was passed on our meeting March 8, 1944:

Be it resolved, that we regret the passing of our brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

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

On behalf of Lodge No. 97,
Hans Hoy, President.
Anders Hansen, Secretary.

HANS IVERSEN, New Haven, Conn.

In sincerest memory of Brother Hans Iversen, who entered in eternal rest, February 21, 1944, be it resolved, that the lodge deeply regrets his passing and that we all extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Furthermore, be it resolved, that our charter shall be draped for thirty days in his memory, and a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the lodge.

Jacob Holm, President.
Arthur E. Fredericksen, Secretary.

MARIUS J. JACOBSEN, New Haven, Conn.

In sincerest memory of Brother Marius J. Jacobsen, who entered into eternal rest March second, 1944, be it resolved, that the lodge deeply regrets his passing, and that we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Furthermore, be it resolved, that our charter shall be draped for thirty days in his memory, and a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the lodge.

Jacob Holm, President.
Arthur E. Fredericksen, Secretary.

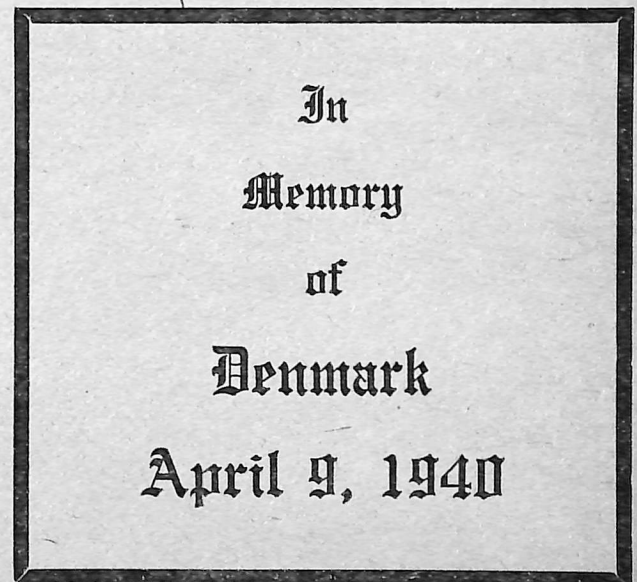
CHARLES RUNLAND, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Charles Runland, who passed away Feb. 9, 1944, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we regret the passing of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 113,
Jens P. Holm, President.
John Nielsen, Secretary.



News From The Eastern Lodges

By
GEO. V. PETERSEN

Schenectady, Celebrates 40th Anniversary.

On Saturday, March 11th, Schenectady again had called the roll. This time to celebrate and to honor those who 40 years ago started No. 190, which is one of our liveliest lodges today.

The president of the lodge, Brother Topp, bid everybody welcome and introduced Brother Bukke, the secretary of the lodge, as toastmaster for the evening.

After singing the Star Spangled Banner, a most delicious dinner was served. Brother Nielsen from Troy entertained during the dinner by playing many of the old Danish songs and several modern ones too.

The Supreme Vice-President, Brother C. B. Christensen, was the first speaker. He of course brought greetings from the Supreme lodge, but as he is a member of No. 190 his talk was centered most around home. The president of the General Committee of the Eastern lodges sent regrets; he was to undergo a slight operation and therefore could not be present. All other officers of the General Committee were present and all were heard from. Others who presented greetings from their lodges were guests from the Sisterhood in Schenectady, lodge No. 183 Troy, N. Y., Hartford, Conn., Port Chester, Conn., Erie, Penn., Newark, N. J., Providence, R. I., Philadelphia, Penn., Portland, Maine. There perhaps were more from other lodges that we did not get. Greetings were received from charter member F. Miller who, for the first time was unable to attend the anniversary of the lodge.

Brother Tang spoke for the charter members. Past secretary, N. Miller, spoke for Demark; thereafter we sang: "Der er et yndigt Land."

Several cards and telegrams were read from lodges and friends. President Topp presented 25 year pins to the following brethren: Niels Muller, J. Johansen, Ole Olsen, M. Jorgensen and C. Petersen.

All the officers of the General Committee were presented for the gathering at this time and Brother Ole Hansen who is Manager of the building called attention to the brethren who had served in this capacity before him and in behalf of the lodge presented Brother B. Jorgensen, former member of the house committee a beautiful floor lamp as an appreciation for good work done.

Mrs. Rasmussen, President of the Sisterhood in Philadelphia, brought greetings from that city.

The chairman of the trustees of the lodge, Brother Nielsen, presented an American and a Danish flag to the lodge; they certainly are beautiful flags. Brother Paul Ljungreen spoke for the N. A. D. A. and I believe he collected quite a nice little sum for the same during the evening.

After the dinner, dancing of course was enjoyed and, as always in Schenectady, a real good time was had by all. The hall was filled. We know more would come but they cannot be accommodated, therefore we suggest that the building be enlarged soon, anyway it will be impossible to have the 50th affair in the present quarters.

Dinner Party At Erie.

Monday evening a dinner was held for the members. The idea was to get the members together to try to work up a little more interest in the lodge. If you can judge by the attendance at this party, it ought to bring results, there were about 60 present.

A fine chicken dinner was served, Brother Anton Nielsen was toastmaster for the occasion; several short speeches were heard. The brethren just visited with one another and some played cards. Everybody agreed that it was an evening well spent and hope for more.

The next party will be the lodge anniversary the last week of May.

Oh yes, a few weeks ago some of the brethren from Jamestown came to Erie, took the Erie boys out for a good dinner and the Erie fellows say they are going to return the compliment. That sounds to me like the real fraternal spirit.

Good luck to you.

Golden Wedding Party In Lodge No. 240.

On Friday evening, January 28th, the lodge members got together with members of their families to pay tribute to one of the oldest members in this lodge. The occasion was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Christen Christensen of 340 Averill Avenue, Rochester, New York. There were about seventy-five guests present including their three sons who are also members of the Danish Brotherhood. The tables were beautifully decorated with large candles and a small candle at each plate. A delicious supper was served which had been prepared by the brothers of our lodge. There were a number of speeches made by brothers in tribute to the happy couple. In addition to the dinner the bridal pair received 50 dollars from the members and their families; and from some old friends they received the sum of 25 dollars.

Mr. Christensen was for many years the secretary of lodge No. 240 and has always been one of its firmest supporters and the most respected member.

Lodge No. 240 extends again its heartiest congratulations and all the joy and happiness possible for many years to come.

PAUL A. PETERS.

He: "Women can never keep a secret."

She: "Yes, they can. I have kept my age a secret ever since I was 25."

He: "But one day you will let it out."

She: "No, if I can keep a secret for eight years, I can go on keeping it."

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Teacher: "Jones, can you tell us who built the Sphinx?"

Jones: "I did know sir, but I've forgotten."

Teacher: "How unfortunate—the only man living who ever knew, and he has forgotten."

New Haven Celebrates Anniversary.

At our last regular meeting held March 9th, Lodge No. 32 celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary. The anniversary date is March 13th, but as we had a meeting scheduled for March 9th it was decided to celebrate then. So, when the business meeting was over, our refreshment committee took over in grand style with plenty for all, thanks to Brother Knute Sondergaard and Ernst Thomsen, and also to Sister Mette Fredericksen who sent us a beautiful plate of Danish sandwiches. A fine time was enjoyed by all, and even a few brothers, who are working nights, found time to stop in for a while to join in with the songs and refreshments.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR E. FREDERICKSEN,
Secretary No. 32.

V-Mail Service To Men Overseas Has Never Lost A Letter

Everyone is pretty much in agreement by now that the most potent factor in maintaining morale among men and women overseas are letters from home and friends, and plenty of them.

Now comes the Army and Navy Postal Services to emphasize the remarkable fact that out of more than 233,000,000 pieces of V-Mail sent overseas in the nineteen months since V-Mail service started not a single letter has been lost. The hint to those at home who are writing to friends and relatives overseas is obvious, as the Army and Navy Postal Services imply: send letters by V-Mail.

V-Mail is a unique development of the present war, brought about by the expansion of air transportation and the invention of the 16-millimeter film to which ordinary letters, written on special forms, are transferred and reduced. As a result, a saving of about 98 per cent of cargo space is effected which can be used in transporting more war supplies to the many fronts, among other advantages.

Today V-Mail is following American combat troops to beachheads and outposts everywhere, the Army and Navy Postal Services point out. As soon as the Italian fronts below Rome were opened, V-Mail began to arrive whenever weather permitted, flown in from Oran. Soon after our planes and fleet entered the Marshall Islands, facilities for getting V-Mail there were immediately made ready.

Two incidents citing why no V-Mail letters have yet been lost were recently cited by Army and Navy spokesmen. When the Pan-American clipper was lost at Lisbon last year, the 300,000 V-Mail letters aboard were the only part of the cargo salvaged. The letters, known to be on the rolls of film carried by the clipper, were immediately reproduced at the source and again flown overseas, taking priority over all other mail.

During a two-week period, in another instance, when bad weather barred any flight across the North Atlantic, the V-Mail was finally entrusted to a fast ship. The ship was torpedoed, but finally made a neutral port where both crew and cargo were interned. Port authorities refused to release any of the several million pieces of ordinary mail aboard or the million

V-Mail letters. Duplicates of the V-Mail rolls of film, known to be on the ship, were made and sent across the Atlantic on the next clipper. Nothing could be done, however, about the ordinary mail since, not having been reproduced on film, its many sources were unknown.

Because V-Mail always arrives safely, both Army and Navy advise that all discussion of legal or other arrangements be carried on in V-Mail rather than ordinary mail. Already V-Mail forms are being used in many new ways — to send medical information to field hospitals, to reproduce essential Army and Navy booklets and information sheets, and other printed material that can be reduced to film.

In one instance, according to the Army Post Office, V-Mail helped to avert a divorce. A soldier in North Africa filed suit for divorce after failing to hear from his wife for several months. When the Army Post Office investigated, it found the wife also had a complaint. She had written sixty letters over a period of two months and sent them by ordinary mail. But they had all been consigned to one ship that was sunk. A V-Mail letter was sent, explaining why the soldier had not heard from his wife, and the divorce action was called off.

First Jailbird: "What are you in for?"

Second Jailbird: "Rocking my wife to sleep."

First Same: "But they can't put you in here for that."

Second Ditto: "But ya ain't seen the size of the rocks."

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Recruit: "How far is it to camp?"

Sergeant: "About 10 miles as the crow flies."

Recruit: "How far if the crow had to carry a pack and a rifle?"

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Denmark Meets 1944

It is in a state of insecurity as to life and property that nearly every Dane meets 1944, yet never has he felt more securely Danish and democratic. This is the opinion of "Eric Ring", a well known Danish journalist, now in Sweden, who has written by far the best book on Danish conditions up to date, a book which, incidentally, is an almost equally searching account of German methods and psychology. Eric Ring knows the Nazis well, he was a correspondent in Germany, and his book is an invaluable contribution not only to the history of what really happened in Denmark but to what may happen in Germany, since a miniature rehearsal of clashes within the German forces has taken place in Denmark. His book is called "Hitler Protects Denmark", published in Swedish, in Stockholm — another one of Sweden's many services to its brother nations.

In an article written especially for the Danish paper "Frit Danmark" in London, Eric Ring reviews the situation as the Danes were meeting 1944. As everyone knows, geography and density of population caused Danish direct resistance to take the form of sabotage. The Germans replied with terror. More sabotage was the result, and more terror. The chief characteristic of conditions now is the practical cessation of the protection which the Danish authorities had been fairly well able to give their citizens during the first years of the occupation. German court martials respect no formal procedure; German police arrest whom they want, and lately do not even trouble to inform the Danes of the arrests.

Unable to find decent Danes to help them the Germans are depending for their informers and agents provocateurs on people, among them the Schalburg Corps, who belong to the dregs of society. (Over seventy per cent of this corps have repeated police records for theft and robbery, while recently it was discovered that known sychopaths had joined it.)

The Danish police hang grimly on and do what they can to protect the citizens against gangsters armed by the Nazis, and the police though handicapped are doing a fine job.

Since no Danish politicians would agree to form a government to please the Germans, the country is limping along with a sort of administrative council made up of the chiefs of the various state departments. The Danish Supreme Court has decreed that no laws can lapse, nor any new ones be made during present conditions.

It is important that Danes should retain at least part control of internal administration to have some brake on the Germans, and the Danish people in general approve of what the department chiefs are doing, but they are watched closely by the illegal press (as many as fifty underground publications have been published, some of them having editions of twenty or thirty thousand copies). This press has objected, for instance, to the manufacture of 80 tons of gingernuts for German Christmas consumption and a couple of other minor concessions, but the serious objection has been to the permission of work on the German fortification schemes.

However, as Eric Ring points out, the department chiefs were faced by the fact that the Germans would have introduced conscription of labor on a large scale if some concessions were not made, so they were al-

lowed to advertise for Danish labor; farm laborers were released from the obligation to stay in agriculture, and public works were suspended. Even so, the result has been very poor from the German point of view, although they offer up to \$100 a week for day-laborers — to be paid of course by a "loan" from the Danish National Bank.

The Germans have not succeeded in getting any more food deliveries to Germany, nor are they getting any more work out of Danish industry, a fact partly explicable of course by the sabotage and the lack of raw materials and transportation.

All in all, even if the German speak scornfully of Danish "pin-pricks", they are considerably annoyed by them, and this annoyance takes daily form in that "dissolution of law and order which has been nazism's chief contribution elsewhere. This is now spreading like a pest over Denmark, making for suffering and insecurity in the lives of thousands, but also confirming the will to resistance in all decent people."

There was an old fellow in the mountains of north Alabama, who kept his jug in the hole of a log. He would go down at sundown to take a swig of mountain dew that had never known the humiliation of a government revenue stamp.

He drank the liquid concoction as it came fresh from the heart of the corn, and he glowed.

One evening while he was letting the good liquor trickle down his throat, he felt something touch his foot. He looked down and saw a big rattlesnake coiled ready to strike.

The old fellow took another swig of the corn, and in defiance, he swept that snake with his eyes.

"Strike dern you, strike; you'll never find me better prepared."

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The Boiling Pot

By

A. GRAVESEN

On the 5th of February lodge No. 15 of Des Moines, Iowa, gave a card party for the benefit of the Danish refugees in Sweden, attended by circa 60 brothers. In figuring up the proceeds from the party it was found that it totaled the neat sum of \$61.03. A special thanks is due to Brother Axel Nissen and Mr. E. A. Kramme for their faithful work on the committee arranging the party. Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of the Grand View College, is now serving as president of the Des Moines section of the N.A.D.A.

Martin J. Andrup, Omaha, Nebraska, a member of the Danish Brotherhood and well known to readers of the Danish press in America, died February 15th at the County Hospital in Omaha, at the age of 79. During his younger years he was a gardener by profession; but he loved poesy more than gardening and that became his misfortune as his poesy, like many others, was not bringing in a livelihood. Nor could he say, "Now I know my words will go straight forward to some listening heart"—; but maybe after all he lived and died happily.

John Plett, 2013 Bryant Ave. N., Minneapolis, an old member of D. B. S. lodge No. 45, was given the Brotherhood's golden emblem a short time ago. The presentation was performed by A. E. Aagaard, president of the lodge, in the hospital in which Mr. Plett was confined at the time. President Aagaard also brought him congratulations from the lodge with good wishes for his speedy recovery. The emblem accompanied by the cheerful wishes from the brothers was very much appreciated by Brother Plett.

A very well known brother in the East and a prominent member of the Danish Brotherhood, Killedare Jensen, celebrated his 60th birthday on the 11th of February. Killedare Jensen is known throughout the East especially for his excellent histrionic abilities, his good humor and his friendly attitude, qualities which are much appreciated by his compatriots.

Jens Torpegaard, Sturtevant, Wisconsin, a member of D. B. S. lodge No. 4, Racine, celebrated his 64th birthday on February 24th. He is one of the good substantial Danish farmers in the Sturtevant community; his farm, which he has owned for many years, is among the best in the vicinity of Sturtevant. Both Torpegaard and his wife are regular attendants at social doings of No. 4 in Racine, and Mr. Torpegaard is quite frequently seen at business meetings of the lodge.

The amusement committee of D. B. S. lodge No. 39, Oakland, California, had arranged a little festivity after the lodge meeting Friday evening, Feb. 18th, to which the members of the Sisterhood lodge also were invited. About 80 members of the two lodges were seated around the beautifully decorated tables set with a bountiful lunch. Instead of the commonplace beer, champagne was served. Brother Henry Fox, the committee chairman, bid everybody welcome and expressed the hope that they all would be satisfied with the service and that they would have a jolly time to-

gether. His hope was fulfilled judging from the compliments coming from all sides. President Marion Cave thanked the committee and the brothers for the invitation and for the delightful evening they had spent together with the brothers.

Sergeant Anton Jensen, a member of D. B. S. No. 29, Seattle, Washington, was home on furlough the latter part of February and was visiting among the brothers at the lodge meeting.

Supreme Vice President C. Bysted Christensen of Schenectady, was in New York on a business trip the latter part of February. While there he attended a meeting of lodge "Cimbria". Later he and some members of lodge "Modersmaalet" met at London Tavern where they enjoyed a delicate lunch and talked over reminiscences of by-gone days and the problems of the present days.

D. B. S. lodge No. 326, West Branch, Iowa, sponsored a basket social on the evening of February 19th for the benefit of the Danish refugees in Sweden. The social was very well attended and the many beautifully decorated baskets sold well, some went as high as \$6.25, none sold for less than \$3.00. A net profit of \$80.00 was realized from the sale, besides a neat sum in special gifts. Thanks for the success of the sale is due to the auctioneer, Ancher Christensen, for his perseverance in conducting the sale as well as to the ladies for their painstaking work in preparing and beautifying the baskets.

The Racine lodge of the Danish Brotherhood held a very successful meeting on the 23rd of February. Some 110 members attended. Seven new members were initiated. It was voted to buy \$3,000.00 more in War Bonds. After the meeting the members met with the sisters for a social hour. Coffee was served and music rendered. The rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse. It was an evening replete in all respects.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Andersen, 2643 Wright Ave., Racine, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on the 23rd of February at their home among family and friends. Mr. Andersen hails from Thisted, Denmark, where he learned the trade of blacksmithing while a youth, and Mrs. Andersen was born near Vejle. Andersen is a loyal member of D. B. S. lodge 4, and Mrs. Andersen is a member of the Danish Sisterhood. Both belong to the Gethsemene Church. They have three sons and four daughters; their youngest son, Leo Andersen, is pastor of the Danish church in Waupaca, Wis.

After the close of the lodge meeting of "modersmaalet", New York, in February, the brothers as usually gathered around the long tables anxious to find out what refreshments the culinary department had in store for them. Great was their surprise when they found out that instead of the usual fare the service consisted of "æbleskiver" and coffee. The committee explained that all its ration points were spent

previously. There wasn't even one left for which to provide a schnapps; but in spite of the lack the brothers had a good time. Much was said in praise of Paul Petersen, "Modersmaalet's" new president, for his energetic work in furthering the ethical standard of the lodge.

Mr. Soren Jensen, Salt Lake City, who is in the employ of the U. S. A., and his wife were recently in Los Angeles on a business trip. While there they paid a visit to D. B. S. lodge 126 in Dansk Auditorium. He is an excellent speaker and has his subject well in hand. During the short talk he delivered on the subject of the preservation of Danish life and culture in this country, it was so quiet in the Auditorium that one could hear the drop of a pin.

The Chicago Denmark Committee's goal was to sell \$600,000.00 war bonds during the recent 4th War Loan Drive. If it had succeeded the Chicago Danes would have had the privilege of naming two bombers for Denmark. However, it fell short of the goal by \$366,000.00, but even so it was a good showing, and the Chicago Danes may now name one bomber. Several names have been suggested, but none have been chosen at the time that this is written.

D. B. S. lodge No. 74, Omaha, which was founded March 10th, 1894, could celebrate its golden anniversary this year, but because of war restrictions the celebration has been postponed to some future date. Only one of its charter members is still alive.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Christensen, 5520 Marcy Street, celebrated their golden wedding on the 12th of March with open house at their home. Mr. Christensen hails from Rostved, Rønne, Denmark, and has reached the age of 76. Mrs. Christensen was born at Sulsted, Vendsyssel, she is 70. Both have been active in the Danish colony in Omaha. Christensen is a member of D. B. S. No. 74 and Mrs. Christensen is a charter member of D. S. S. No. 29.

Lodge 78 of the D. B. S. of Salt Lake City, Utah, will celebrate its golden anniversary in May this year. Committees are now busy making arrangements for the festivity. The lodge intends to make the occasion one to be long remembered.

Norman Le Roy Therkildsen of the U. S. Marines and Shirley Louise Rath were joined in matrimony March 4th in the Danish church in Los Angeles, Rev. A. E. Farstrup officiating. Le Roy is a son of Alex and Helen Therkildsen both well known in the Danish colony and active members respectively within the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood.

Lodge 116 of the D. B. S., Newark, New Jersey, celebrated its 45th anniversary on the 4th of March after the close of its regular meeting. Several interesting short talks by members and visitors were given and enjoyed by the assembly. A delicious lunch was served. Among out-of-town visitors were Anders Jensen, president of the Old Peoples Home in Metuchen, and Chas. Christiansen, both members of lodge "Cimbria", New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Aabling of Portland, Oregon, were visiting around in the Bay towns of California lately. Their intentions were to surprise their daughter and

their son and daughter-in-law, who are residents of Berkeley; but they themselves got a surprise when their daughter, Miss Phyllis Aabling, revealed and declared her betrothal to A. Galvin, a young man in the employ of the General Cable Company as engineer.

D. B. S. lodge No. 39, Oakland, California, had a festive meeting lately. A large delegation from lodge 49, San Francisco, was visiting and their presence helped a great deal to animate the meeting. Among the visitors were Sven Stribolt and Harry Roddick both well known as talented entertainers. Harold Sundby from Hayward was also present. After the closing of the business meeting a satisfying lunch with extras was served. The visitors were bid welcome by No. 39's president and he named brother Chris Pedersen toastmaster for the evening. A number of speeches were delivered, some held in a serious vein while others were more humorous. It was also a gala evening at the Sisterhood meeting as the visiting brothers from San Francisco and Hayward had brought their wives along.

The "Nationalkomiteen" in Chicago has named a subcommittee composed of Mrs. Lida Nielsen, Arnold Andersen and Christ Brix for the purpose to work out a plan by which the renewed interest among Danes in the Danish language and Danish culture may be prolonged. A while ago a questionnaire was mailed to the several Danish churches and Danish societies in the city asking for opinions on the question of how best to go about organizing for teaching Danish language and Danish culture to the young generation of Danish-Americans. The replies received were overwhelmingly in favor of that something in the line of schools be started or whatever else could be done to further the cause. It would seem the only way in which our mother tongue, our cultural inheritance and the life of our Danish Churches and Danish societies can be preserved, prolonged and appreciated by our children. So here is hope the subcommittee may find a way.

Lodge D. B. S. No. 17, Chicago, celebrated its 60th anniversary on the 25th of March at a jubilee-banquet

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in its lodge building on Fullerton Avenue. The committee, with Jorgen Sondergaard, president of No. 17, in charge, had worked long and ardently arranging the details in order that the celebration would be a success. Notables in attendance were Supreme President John Hansen and Supreme Vice-President N. C. Nielsen both of whom spoke inspiringly praising the lodge for its good work for the Brotherhood during the years. No. 17 has every reason to rejoice in its past. It has produced many able leaders whose good work have contributed much to the esteem in which the Danish born Americans are held in the windy city.

D. B. S. lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington, will celebrate its fifty-sixth anniversary day on the 15th of April at a banquet in its lodge building followed with a ball.

J. Jessen, San Leandro, California, celebrated his seventieth birthday on the 13th of March. Jessen is a charter member of the Hayward lodge No. 184. He was its first secretary which office he held for 40 years. By his arduous and faithful work for the welfare of the lodge he earned the high esteem of the lodge brothers and to show him how much his work was appreciated by the brothers they voted at a previous meeting to send him a valuable birthday gift in recognition of his long and true service.

The writer of this column sometimes wonders why we never hear from the hundredths of lodges located in small towns all over the country. Would it not be possible for the secretaries of these lodges to inform the editor or this writer of the goings-on? There must be a lot of interesting news that would be of interest to other lodges and members. Please let us hear from you. It would not only be interesting but also aid the cause of Brotherhood and amity.

... NEW MEMBERS ...

Honor Roll	No.	Location	Name
J. Christensen	4	Racine	Harry Jensen
C. N. Norholm	4	Racine	Francis H. Wendt
C. N. Norholm	4	Racine	Emanuel L. Dreyer
Hans Lorentsen	4	Racine	Martin Christophersen
Peter Jensen	4	Racine	Einar S. Johnsen, Jr.
Lauvits Bendsten	4	Racine	Christ Olesen
Einar S. Johnson	4	Racine	Charles Olson
Fred Christensen	45	Minneapolis	R. T. Ravnholt
A. Jorgensen	67	Fresno	N. W. Smith
Carl Torp	116	Newark	Ove Reed Clausen
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They Recently Said . . .

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a proclamation designating Sunday, May 21 at "I Am An American Day":

"Our nation has been enriched, both spiritually and materially, by the naturalization of many thousands of foreign-born men and women and by the coming of age of great numbers of our youth, who have thereby achieved the full stature of citizenship, and these citizens have strengthened our country by their services at home and on the battlefield."

REV. DR. F. HOWARD CALLAHAN, pastor of the Methodist Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, New York City, in a sermon on the peace;

"In a sense it is true to say that this war is a war to establish democracy in the whole world, not because democracy is a particular theory of government which we happen to like, but because it is the only theory of relations among people or nations which can offer a basis for the recognition of like and equal rights. There can be no peace as long as any nation claims exclusive and special privileges."

DR. HENRY W. WRISTON, president of Brown University, in an address before the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York:

"There will be need in the organization of the peace for some functional agencies, but they must be proper instruments of American democracy and of free peoples everywhere. They will be effective in the interests of peace only if their relationship to the domestic life of the several nations is explicit and sharply defined, only if they are controlled by the over-all world organization, and their functions and powers are severely limited."

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