



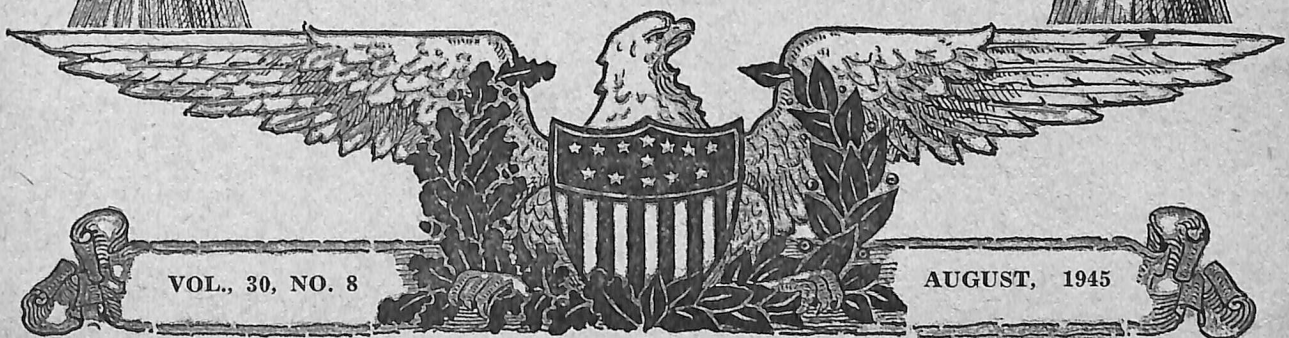
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Statement of Mr. Aldrich, President of National War Fund, Inc.

"The decision of America-Denmark Relief to withdraw from the National War Fund, in order that other liberated peoples may share to a greater extent in the united generosity of the people of the United States, is more than a generous and timely gesture. It is an action in keeping with the Danish character of courageous self-reliance and in keeping with the Danish tradition of neighborliness and good-will.

"Coming at this time, the action makes it possible for the National War Fund to concentrate its relief resources still further on areas which have suffered the greatest devastation, and which to date have had the least American help."

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New Immigration Regulations

Question: I want to bring my sister from Denmark to U. S. A. I am told I have to send certain forms to the Visa Division of the Department of State to ask permission to have her come over here. Is that true? If so, where do I get the form?

Answer: It used to be true, but beginning June 12, 1945, it is no longer true. Since July, 1941, for reasons of security a person wishing to bring a relative or friend to the United States has had to get the Secretary of State's approval first. To get such approval he has had to fill out certain forms, known as BC forms and send them to the Visa Division. Now that

the European war is over, it is believed that this precaution is no longer necessary and, as indicated above, no BC forms have been required since June 12.

As in pre-war days your sister must get in touch with the American Consulate in the country in which she lives and apply for an immigration visa enabling her to come to the United States. You can help her to get such an immigration visa if you send her an affidavit to submit to the American Consul, promising that she shall not become a public charge after she is admitted to the United States and furnishing detailed information about your financial status so that the consul will know that you can keep your promise.

The American consul will not accept your sister's application until after she has a valid passport issued by the government to which she owes allegiance or, if she is a stateless person, an affidavit to that effect. She must also have an exit permit from the government of the country in which she lives, before he will pay attention to her application. Furthermore, the American consul will not issue her an immigration visa until she can prove that she has a steamship ticket or reservation and that she will be able to sail for the United States within four months. As you probably know, at present there are very few ships sailing between Europe and the United States and it is extremely difficult to get passage on such ships.

There are as yet no American consulates in most of the countries which have recently been liberated. There are American consulates only in France, Italy, Belgium and Greece, and of course also in the countries which were neutral in this world war, and in Great Britain and Soviet Russia. Your sister must apply to an American consulate in the country in which she lives. If there is no American consulate as yet in that country, she must wait till one is opened. Even if there is an American consulate in a neighboring country, there is no use in her going to that consulate to apply for an immigration visa, as the American consul will not accept her application.

Action speaks louder than words. There is much we could say about the necessity and desirability of securing a large group of new members, but there is very little we can do about it.

It is up to each lodge to create action.

It is up to each member to secure another member.

IT IS UP TO YOU, BROTHER!

Fraternally Yours,

**JOHN HANSEN,
AXEL SKELBECK,**

HILSEN FRA DANMARK

Medens jeg var hjemme i Danmark, blev jeg tilsagt til Audiens hos Hans Majestæt Kong Christian. I Samtalens Løb udtrykte Kongen det bestemte Ønske, at jeg som Overpræsident ved min Tilbagekomst til Staterne skulde bringe Hilsen og Tak til alle Medlemmer af Dansk Brodersamfund, der i de sidste fem for Danmark saa trange Aar har arbejdet for Danmarks Sag herovre.

Gennem disse Linier overbringer jeg denne Hilsen og Tak.

Det faldt ogsaa i min Lod at tale med deres kongelige Højheder Kronprins Fredrik og Kronprinsesse Ingrid ved flere

Lejligheder og sidst ved Fjerde Juli Festen i Ræbild Bakker. Baade Kronprinsen og Kronprinsessen udtalte Haab om engang i en nær Fremtid atter at være istand til at besøge De Forenede Stater for selv personligt at takke alle, der i de forløbne Aar har arbejdet for Danmark.

Indtil dette er muligt, bad baade Kronprinsessen og Kronprinsen mig om at hilse og takke alle Medlemmer af Dansk Brodersamfund for deres Indsats for Danmarks Sag. Ogsaa denne Hilsen overbringer jeg gennem disse Linier.

**JOHN HANSEN, Overpræsident,
Dansk Brodersamfund i Amerika.**

From The President's Desk

I am now back in Davenport after spending some unforgettable weeks in Denmark. A few days before leaving New York I had the opportunity of talking to Mr. Stærmose, who as you all know is a member of the Danish Parliament, and that he was spending time on a lecture in the United States.

During the course of our conversation he told me that my first impression after arriving in Copenhagen would be one of a people well fed and well taken care of and that prediction was fulfilled.

I arrived in Copenhagen after a fine trip by airplane across the Atlantic; and by the way this trip is a story in itself.

We (meaning Jean Hersholt and I) were met at the airport by a few reporters and Mrs. Christmas Miller, who as you know is the wife of the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs. We were taken immediately to Kristiansborg where the Foreign minister, himself, bade us welcome to Denmark.

Mrs. Christmas Miller then took us on a little drive through Copenhagen and the impression I got was exactly what Mr. Stærmose had predicted in New York. We saw Copenhagen at its best on a sunny Sunday afternoon. We also saw some of the ugly scars of war.

At Langelinie we saw the ruins of the Royal Yacht Club Pavilion, the result of a reprisal bombing. We saw the ruins of the East Asiatic Steamship Company building. We saw the ruins of the Gestapo headquarters building, the notorious Shell House and we saw the ruins of the most tragic bombing in Denmark, the ruins of the French school for girls, which as you know was bombed by mistake. The Shell House was the target for this particular bombing by the Allies. One of the Allies' planes fell in flames and this plane exploded at the school. Following waves of planes coming in assumed that the explosion they saw was the target and they in turn dropped

their bombs with the result that an area which I should judge to be equivalent of six city blocks in the United States was in ruins. The loss of life was terrific. I was told by a guard that forty-six children were killed. The same guard told us that he personally was responsible for removing thirty-two children to safety, and that he had received a golden crucifix for saving so many lives.

I saw the ruins of several buildings which had been blown up by the Gestapo for reprisals of one or another act on the part of the Danish saboteurs. I saw the result of the work of Danish saboteurs who had blown up factories doing work for the Germans, but coming from the city of London with all its destruction and having flown over the battlefields of the Netherlands and Belgium, I was of the same opinion as the Danish people, that the destruction was small by comparison.

During my stay I came in contact with a good many people of the resistance movement, and the stories they told me of what they had done to the Germans were very fantastic. In fact, the actual happenings with respect to saboteurs was a case where the truth is stranger than fiction. I'll relate just one of many instances that came to my attention.

The minister of foreign affairs had set aside an automobile for our use because of the fact that we had to be at many different meetings, at different places, and at definite times. Taxi service was very slow and uncertain. The driver of this car had been the organizer of one of the first groups of saboteurs in Copenhagen, a group named Holger Danske. The Gestapo had finally gotten hold of him and they had tortured him in order to get all possible information out of him. They had finally gotten to a point where they thought he was of no more use to them and he was sentenced to be shot. In some manner he managed to relay the information about his shooting to his friends on the outside. They, in turn, got word back to him that on the day before the shooting at eleven o'clock they would make an attempt to get him out. You might understand the mental strain

he was under when eleven o'clock on the appointed day arrived.

Outside of his cell he heard heels clicking and orders given in perfect German. Soon his cell door opened up and there were two men in uniforms of German officers rudely demanding that he accompany them to the Gestapo headquarters for another hearing and some more torture. He followed the German officers and at the entrance to the jail he was ordered into a waiting taxi-cab which took him and the two officers up to the railroad station in Copenhagen where all three disappeared in the crowd. The name of the saboteur is Tom Sondergaard. I learned a great deal about his activities and he promised me that he would write a book about all the things he and his group did. When that book is published I am sure it will make very good reading, and I must also say that Tom was not the only one I met and that Tom had many comrades who did splendid work for the Allies and for the cause of Denmark. They were not all as lucky as Tom. Many of them were shot by the Germans and the people with whom I talked estimated that somewhere around five thousand men and women have given their lives during the occupation for the cause of Denmark.

From my observations I am sure there is no need for additional food in Denmark. The Germans did not destroy the Danish capacity for producing food, and the latest reports I saw in Denmark indicated that the agricultural production is about what it was in 1939. The Germans realized that Denmark was their bread-basket. The Danes tell us that they were feeding at least twenty million Germans in Germany besides taking care of themselves. During the occupation it was sport to hoard food. All which the Danes were able to store away or hide was equivalent to taking that much away from the Germans and that idea of hoarding and buying from the Black Market was going on quite extensively and I can say that now the Danes realize, in fact they demand that their rations be cut because they want to do their share of sacrificing in order that other nations such as Holland, Belgium and Norway may have more food and clothing.

Beer is not as plentiful in Denmark as it used to be and believe it or not, you can not go into a restaurant and buy it. You will be told that you can only get beer with your meal. In many places you could not get more than one highball and that one was made out of a poor grade of whiskey. Imported whiskey could not be had.

As to tobacco they have started growing a tobacco on the island Fyen. It does not ripen fully but they are able to use it for cigarettes and cigars. However, Danish smokers offered as high as two crowns for a single American cigarette, and it was not uncommon to hear of people paying as high as twenty crowns for an American cigar. I am mentioning the liquor and tobacco for information. I have not smoked for twenty years and I do not use very much liquor, so I do not say that any of these conditions was a hardship for me, and I don't see how they could be a hardship for anyone else.

Coffee and tea were almost unheard of, and I know of a great many coffee drinkers who would pay almost any amount of crowns for a pound of coffee or tea.

Milk is plentiful, but whipping cream and coffee cream could not be bought. Butterfat content is controlled just like it is in this country.

The quality of soap is poor. They are using soap which is called forty per cent soap. I presume that it contains forty per cent fat, but washing with a hard water or with a fairly hard water, you might as well try washing with a piece of chalk. You do not get any soap suds.

When I first came to Denmark a trip from Copenhagen to my home city, Nykøbing, Falster, was a one day affair. A trip from Copenhagen to Aalborg was a two day affair. If you started from Copenhagen in the morning, you might arrive in Odense by night-fall. You could then start out the next morning and make Aalborg before too late in the evening, if you were lucky.

Gasoline was very scarce and most of the few automobiles that were running were using wood for a fuel. The wood being put into a generator carried on the back of the automobile and the gas distilled off the wood was used as fuel in the motor.

Clothing of course is a big problem. Undergarments are needed much more than outer garments, but there is a great need for clothing. This need can only be remedied by imports of cotton, wool and fuel so that the textile industry can start working, producing needed cloth and yarn.

Denmark, I believe, is a country that has suffered the least and everyone in Denmark with whom I talked agreed with me, but do not get the idea that Denmark was a wonderful place to live in during the occupation. Far from it! During the last two years and especially the last six months the Danes were living under a terrific psychological pressure. During the last six months not one Dane felt certain. No one knew when the German Gestapo would search the home or take the occupants to jail and probable execution. The last six months in Denmark was hell on earth for the Danes, never knowing when the Gestapo would take them and do away with them.

I have tried to cover some of the high spots in this writeup and if the editor wants more in a following issue, I shall be glad to go into many other questions relating to the situation in Denmark and all in view of my own experiences.

JOHN HANSEN, Sup. Pres.

(Editor's Note: This is first hand information and very interesting; I have already asked Brother Hansen to give us a similar story for next month's paper, and hope that he will find time to comply with this request.)

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

Rebild National Park, Denmark, July 4th Address by Our Supreme President

We are pleased to present here the text of the English as well as the Danish address given by John Hansen, Supreme President, at the Rebild National Park, Denmark, July 4th. The English text was broadcast as a greeting from Denmark.

Your Royal Highnesses, Mr. Prime Minister, Your Excellency, Friends:

It is with the strangest emotions that I as an American citizen am standing here in Rebild National Park in far away little Denmark, celebrating our American Day of Independence.

For the first time in six long years are the Danish people again able to express to us and to the world their true sentiments towards the United States and towards all the United Nations and the expression is one of the highest degree of appreciation, admiration and thankfulness for deeds accomplished for Denmark by the United Nations.

As I am standing here in Rebild Park, the only place in the world where the Stars and Stripes is waving alongside the old Dannebrog and where at the same time our 48 State Flags are floating in the breeze from 48 mastheads, I feel very strongly the force of the ties between the nations and I sincerely hope that these ties will grow in strength in the future.

During my stay in Denmark I have had the honor and privilege of visiting homes of people in all walks of life. I have had the honor of visiting his Majesty King Christian in his palace and workers in the humblest of homes and in all did I find the same joy over the liberation. Joy over again being a free people and with the joy I found a very keen sense of the responsibility of the Danish people towards the United Nations and the world.

As I am standing here in Rebild Park I can greet you from a nation united as never before in its long history. From a nation with one desire, namely that of taking its proper place among nations. From a nation not only desiring but demanding that its resources be used to the fullest extent by the United Nations. From a nation demanding that it be allowed to do its share of sacrificing and work to the end that the peace which we all so ardently desire shall be won for all mankind, for all the world and for all time.

I am greeting you from dear little Denmark.

JOHN HANSEN.

Deres kongelige Højheder, Hr. Statsminister, Excellency, ærede Forsamling:

Det vilde have været en ubeskrivelig stor Glæde for Jean Hersholt, hvis det havde været muligt for ham personligt her i Dag at bringe Hilsen fra de Tusinder af Dansk-Amerikanere ovre i Staterne, som han som Præsident af America-Denmark Relief Inc. repræsenterer.

Hr. Hersholt's Arbejde i Radioen i Amerika nødvendigjordt hans Afrejse sidste Fredag. Forinden Afrejsen overdrog han mig som Stifter, forhenværende Præsident og som hans lovligt valgte Stedfor-

træder og en af Vicepræsidenterne i America-Denmark Relief Inc., at repræsentere vor Organisation i Dag.

Jeg hilser fra Jean Hersholt.

Som Overpræsident af Dansk Brodersamfund i Amerika hilser jeg ogsaa fra vore 15,000 Medlemmer. De er alle med os i Aanden her i Dag.

De Begivenheder, der er sket herhjemme i de sidste fem Aar, har bevirket, at vi Dansk-Amerikanere ovre i Staterne staar mere enige end nogensinde før. Og Danmarks Stilling derovre har aldrig været bedre, end den er i Dag.

Vor Stilling mellem vore amerikanske Venner i Særdeleshed og i Amerika i almindelighed gennem de første Besættelsesaar var lidt vanskelig paa Grund af Forholdene, saaledes som de nu engang udviklede sig herhjemme. Men dette kan jeg sige med absolut Sikkerhed: at aldrig vaklede vi i vor faste Overbevisning om og faste Tro paa, at Danmark var i de Allieredes Rækker, selv om saa Beretningerne herhjemme fra syntes at modsige det. Aldrig tvivlede vi.

Vi var fuldtud forvisset om, hvor I alle stod, og at Danmark vilde komme til et Punkt, hvor I vilde sige: Hertil og ikke længere. Komme, hvad der vil.

Den Dag kom jo ogsaa den 29de August. Og fra den Dag blev vort Arbejde lettere og eders Vilkaar herhjemme strengere og strengere. Det er ikke min Hensigt at blande mig ind i eders indre Forhold i Danmark, men som Borger af en Nation, der to Gange i 25 Aar har ført uegennyttig Krig i Europa; som Borger af en Nation, der endnu har Tusinder af Invalider fra den første Verdenskrig, som Borger af en Nation, der i denne Krig til Dato har mistet en halv Million i dræbte og trekvart Million i saarede af vor bedste Ungdom, som Borger af en Nation, der endnu er i Krig, en Krig, der sikkert vil blive den blodigste — Krigsgælden paa over 300 Milliarder kan ogsaa nævnes — maa det nok være mig tilladt at sige et Alvorsord ved denne Lejlighed.

Jeg maa nok ogsaa sige et Alvorsord paa de 1500 danske Sømands Vegne, som siden 9de April har ofret Livet for de Allieredes Sejr og for Danmarks Sag.

Jeg maa ogsaa have Lov til at sige et Alvorsord paa de Tusinder af danske Mænd og Kvinders Vegne, der herhjemme har ofret Livet for Danmarks Befrielse.

Paa de Mænds og Kvinders Vegne, der herhjemme har gennemgaaet de frygteligste Pinsler, Pinsler, som kun tyske Hjerner kan opfinde; paa de Kvinders Vegne, som gennem Dage, Uger og Maaneder har gennemgaaet de ulideligste Kvaler, som kun Bekymring for deres Kære, Angst for det uviste, kan bringe, paa disse Mænds og Kvinders Vegne vil ogsaa jeg sige: Rens ud. Og lad Udrensningen blive grundig.

Lad ikke Blødatighed og idle anbragt Barmhjertighed forårsage, at alle disse Mænd og Kvinder har maattet lade Livet forgæves. Ære være deres Minde!

Lad ikke den Propaganda, som jeg ser nu og da dukke op i Blade og Aviser her og i Amerika om, at det kun var en lille Gruppe af Tyskere, der har Ansvaret for Krigens og al dens Rædsel og Lidelse, faa Overhaand.

Lad os ikke glemme vore egne, men lad os handle saaledes, at det ikke igen, om faa Aar, maa være nødvendigt at sende vor bedste Ungdom til Slagmarkerne.

Det er ikke min Opgave at tale Had og Uforsonlighed, men det Ansvar vi har over for vore egne Mænd og Kvinder, som ofrede Livet, kræver Retfær-

dighed. Retfærdigheden maa ske Fyldest, og lad ikke Ugidelighed slappe vor Arbejdskraft.

Under Besættelsesaarene er der sket store Omvæltninger og Forandringer ude i den store Verden.

Det Amerika, som I maaske kendte fra før Krigen, eksisterer ikke mere.

Jeg tror, at den danske Presse har en mægtig Opgave i at gøre det danske Folk bekendt med Forandringerne. Hvis ikke dette sker, saa vil I lære ad Erfaringens Vej, og den er somme Tider lidt langsom.

Jeg tror ogsaa, at Pressen har en stor Opgave i at gøre det danske Folk bekendt med den Verdensorganisation, der er ved at blive dannet i San Francisco. Det er en Organisation, der har til Opgave at umuliggøre eller da i det mindste forebygge Krig i Fremtiden. Ude i Verden er der skrevet Millioner af Ord om denne Organisation og dens Betydning for den almindelige Mand, for i den sidste Instans er det hans Organisation, og Pressen ude har paa det kraftigste opfordret alle til at sætte sig grundigt ind i, hvad denne Organisation er. Det er for sent nu,

til at det danske Folk kan have stor Indflydelse paa selve Organisationen, saaledes som andre Folkeslag har haft det.

Naar den Glæde over Befrielsen, som I nu — og selvfølgelig — nyder, lægger sig, og det danske Folk atter har begge Fødder fast paa Jorden, da vil I løse alle de Opgaver, som stilles til eder. I har dygtige Mænd og Kvinder herhjemme, som er Opgaven voksen, og Kærnen i det danske Folk er sund.

Vi beundrer Danmarks Indsats i Krigen.

Fremtiden vil bringe Overraskelser. Men jeg er fuldt ud overbevist om, at det er en lys og lykkelig Tid, vi alle snart skal gaa i Møde.

Da jeg i 1938 afsluttede min Tale her i Rebild Park, sagde jeg: Gud bevare Konge, Land og Folk. Gud bevare Freden.

I Aar vil jeg tilføje: Guds Hjælp og fra Menne-skets Side Arbejdsomhed, Offervillighed og Forstaaelse ene kan bevare Freden.

JOHN HANSEN.

Fra Styrelsesmødet i America-Denmark Relief, Inc.

America-Denmark Relief, Inc., afholdt Styrelsesmøde paa Palmer House i Chicago den 13de Juli 1945. Efter at Formanden, Hr. Jean Hersholt, havde aflagt Rapport fra sin Undersøgelsesrejse til Danmark, var et af Mødets føste Skridt at anerkende hans Aktion, ifølge hvilken America-Denmark Relief trækker sig tilbage fra National War Fund fro og med den 30te September 1945, en Bestemmelse som Hr. Hersholt tog efter speciel Opfordring fra den danske Regerings Side.

Hr. Hersholt meddelte, at der uden Tvivl var meget stor Mangel paa og Brug for Beklædningsgenstande i Danmark, og at det Tøj og de mange Beklædningsdele, der af America-Denmark Relief's mange frivillige Arbejdere er blevet forarbejdet og er rede til Forsendelse, baade vil være en stor Hjælp og blive modtaget med Taknemlighed. At dette Arbejde er blevet udført har i Virkeligheden gjort det muligt, at America-Denmark Relief ikke længer trænger Støtte fra National War Fund, men nu kan træde ud herfra.

I Danmark er situationen med Hensyn til Levnedsmidler i Dag meget god, og at Danmark allerede nu er i Stand til at kunne udføre Levnedsmidler i endog meget stort Omfang, vil være af stor Betydning for Indførslen til Danmark af Kul og de andre Raavarer, som Landet saa haardt trænger til.

Under Mødets Forløb indgav Hr. Esper A. Petersen sin Afskedsbegæring som første Viceformand i America-Denmark Relief, Inc., men Styrelsen udvalgte ham umiddelbart derefter til at fungere som Leder og Formand for Foreningens Beklædningsafdeling og bad ham fortsat om at dirigere rette Projekt, indtil America-Denmark Relief's Arbejde er endt.

Styrelsen vedtog ligeledes, at Hr. Esper A. Petersen paa Foreningens Vegne, saa snart det kan lade sig gøre, rejser til Danmark for yderligere, sammen med Kronprinsesse Ingrid og Departementschef Koch, at drøfte Uddelingen af de Tøjjforsendelser, som America-Denmark Relief, Inc., har afsendt.

America-Denmark Relief Distrikts Hovedkontor vil blive lukket i næste Maaned.

Man vedtog ved en Resolution paa Styrelsesmødet, at der inden den 31te December i Aar skal indkaldes til en Medlems-Generalforsamling, ved hvilken Foreningen opløses.

Styrelsen for America-Denmark Relief, Inc.

Officer: "Hey! Pull over to the curb, lady. Do you know you were doing seventy-five?"

Cute She: "Isn't it marvelous? — And I just learned to drive yesterday."

Glem ikke Modersmaalet!

Hold det vedlige ved at læse Nyhederne, Artiklerne og Historierne i det ældste, største og bedste dansk-amerikanske Ugeblad:

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Picnic in Omaha

The Omaha D. B. S. lodges will hold their annual picnic in beautiful Vennelyst Park on Sunday, August 12. A committee from Lodge No. 1 and No. 195 is busy making plans for the day and guarantees good weather (?) and a swell time for everybody. There will be games for children and for the grown-ups too. Refreshments will be available at the park. This annual picnic is held not only for all members and their families in Omaha and vicinity, but also for all their friends. Just bring your lunch and supper and come as early as you like.

The Committee.

To the Danish Brotherhood Lodges in Nebraska

At the meeting of the Nebraska State Lodge in Omaha in September, 1943, the officers of the General Lodge were authorized to decide whether or not annual meetings were to be held for the duration.

In keeping with that decision the officers last year decided not to call any meeting for the year 1944.

Due to government restrictions on traveling and conventions for the duration we have again this year after due consideration, and after having brought the question before the various lodges in the state, found it necessary to omit the calling of a state meeting.

We know we express the hope of all the lodges when we look forward in great anticipation to the year 1946 as the banner year and may we have the pleasure of seeing the conflagration ended and peace again restored to our beloved country.

With hearty greetings to all and with the best wishes for a victorious and peaceful 1946.

M. A. SORENSEN, Sec.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan District

In spite of the difficult times, but to keep up the tradition, the district is going to hold its annual convention in Milwaukee, Sunday, September 2 and Monday, September 3.

The committee has promised us an old-fashioned convention with delegates and visitors quartered in private homes. The convention will be held at the hall at 16th street and National avenue, and will start Sunday morning. Lunch at 12 o'clock and banquet and dancing and entertainment Sunday evening. The convention will end up Monday noon.

On account of the difficult food situation the committee must have reservations for the banquet 10 days before the convention, so please write Brother O. F. Petersen, 4705 N. Sheffield Ave., Milwaukee 11, as soon as possible and tell him how many reservations you want. Let him also know how many you want room for.

N. C. NIELSEN, Secretary.

Long Beach, Cal., Celebrates

The 7th of July, 1945, will long be remembered as an outstanding date by all who participated in the formation of the new lodge of the Danish Sisterhood.

In these days of numerous war-activities it is a real accomplishment when women and men can spare the time and energy necessary to do the work which must be done before a new lodge is ready for action and they deserve the unstinted praise by members of both the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

The installing officers were the president of the California General Committee of Sisterhood lodges, Mrs. Agnes Jurvig, San Francisco, and the president of the Los Angeles lodge, Mrs. Margaret Christiansen. The ladies' drill-team from Los Angeles contributed color and dignity to the ceremonies by assisting with the installation, which was followed by a banquet and ball.

Los Angeles, Alhambra, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Oakland and San Francisco were represented by delegations and visitors and the new lodge was given a start fitting the occasion and promising a bright future.

Best wishes for success to D. S. S. Victoria Lodge No. 167, Long Beach, California.

VIGGO C. HANSEN, Supreme Trustee.

Counsel (in divorce case): "Is it true your husband led a dog's life with you?"

Wife: "He did. He came in with muddy shoes, leaving footprints all over the carpet. He took the best place near the fire and waited to be fed. He growled at the least provocation and snapped at me a dozen times a day."

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News From The Eastern Lodges

By
GEO. V. PETERSEN

Troy and Schenectady Have Well Attended Meetings

It was my good fortune to attend the meetings in Troy and Schenectady, N. Y., the 5th and 6th of July. On the 5th Troy lodge had arranged to have visitors from Schenectady and when they have visitors they usually have the well known Medisterpølse supper after the meeting. This was no exception. The meeting was very well attended and expertly conducted by the president, Brother Chris Jensen.

The secretary of the General Committee from the Eastern lodges informed us an invitation was extended from the officers of the Home for the Aged in Metuchen to hold the annual meeting there. Since then, we understand that the invitation has been accepted and the meeting will be held there over Labor Day as per usual. It is a great relief to know, because too many here in the East did not know what to do over Labor Day this year.

Remember for the past 20 years it has been a regular trip to take in these annual meetings. We are sure they can take good care of all who wish to attend. We know they have the brethren there who are always ready and willing to work for the home and the Danish Brotherhood. Of course after the meeting a most enjoyable evening was spent among a real good bunch of fellows and the Medisterpølse was fine. Brother Andersen certainly deserves a great deal of thanks for preparing such a delicacy.

On the 6th we traveled with the brethren from Troy to Schenectady, this lodge had changed its regular meeting from the 4th to the 6th so that it would be possible for the visitors to come.

It was a fine meeting conducted in a very able manner by the president, Brother Johansen, who by the way was president 25 years ago. There was initiation of two new members; otherwise a quick meeting as the committee had provided for some pictures to be shown by the U. S. Army. They were from the Halloran Hospital on Long Island, showing how the army takes care of their wounded; indeed a great picture. We all should see them, we would then perhaps feel a little more at ease if one of our boys should be wounded, if we knew a little about what is being done to make them well again.

This meeting was also well attended and after the meeting we all retired to down stairs where a fine table was set by the two very able sisters, Nina Bukke and Ellen Mortensen and I believe there was another lady, but I did not get her name. This supper was cold dishes and potato salad, most prominent was the delicious ham.

These ladies deserve a lot of thanks for their work in arranging this supper.

Many short but very good speeches were heard. We heard from the lieutenant in charge of the crew who were showing the pictures. All the men were patients from the Halloran hospital. Also heard were Supreme Vice-president C. B. Christensen, George Petersen from Providence, R. I.; the president of Troy lodge, Chris Jensen; Carl Langerman from Troy and several more.

Silver Wedding Anniversary In Philadelphia

Saturday, June 23 was the occasion for celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boldsen, well known for many years in the Danish colony in Philadelphia. At 6 p. m. about 60 invited guests started to assemble in the beautiful Shriners Country Club in Fox Chase, a suburb of Philadelphia. Even though the weather was hot, it did not take the guests long to get in a festive mood. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all in a room beautifully decorated for the occasion. When the bride and groom entered, the applause of those assembled showed in what esteem this wonderful couple is held by their friends.

Ex-president Gunnar Rasmussen acted as toastmaster and many speakers expressed their feelings of friendship for Mr. and Mrs. Boldsen. Two songs, dedicated to the bride and groom, written by Mrs. Dagmar Rasmussen, made a great hit.

Among the speakers were the Danish consul of Philadelphia, Brother George Courtsen, president of Philadelphia D. B. S. lodge; Brother Chris Madsen from Lodge No. 116, treasurer of General Committee of Eastern Lodges, and most wonderful replies were made by both the bride and groom.

Brother Boldsen is a member of many years standing in the Brotherhood, and has acted as financial secretary for his lodge for 23 years. He is a man who has played a great part in keeping the Danish Brotherhood alive, and has done much to keep the members in his own lodge. Brother Boldsen, in his own quiet way, has always seen to it that none of the brothers were in arrears or dropped, and many a time a helping hand has been extended by Brother Boldsen to a less fortunate brother. It has been a happy twenty-five years for the couple, and everyone present joined in the wish that the next 25 years will be just as happy.

Newark Lodge No. 116

A member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 116 is with the U. S. army of occupation forces in Copenhagen.

St. Sergeant Svend F. Sorensen of Newark has had the good fortune to be stationed in Copenhagen with the U. S. army occupation forces, and has been able to visit his parents who are still living in Copenhagen. Mrs. Sorensen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kracht of Newark, is now anxiously waiting for transportation to be opened up, so that she can join her husband in Denmark, and also pay a visit to the land she has never seen, but has heard so much about.

At a well attended meeting in Newark, with visiting brothers from New York, Philadelphia, Port Chester, it was brought up that our supreme president, Brother John Hansen had been in New York for some time previous to leaving on a trip to Denmark. No. 116 would certainly have been very proud to have had a visit from our supreme president, and the members feel that it is the duty of our supreme officers, if time permits, to pay their respects to the lodges, whenever they are in the vicinity.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mortuary Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance June 1	\$342,217.70
Received in June	9,973.92
30M Municipal bonds sold	30,600.00
Interest on bonds	16,702.50
	<u>\$399,494.12</u>
Disbursements:	
Death claims paid	\$ 14,564.77
Collection expense	12.85
Bought 375M war bonds and interest.....	375,433.50
Balance	9,483.00
	<u>\$399,494.12</u>

General Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance June 1	\$ 2,053.73
Received in June	589.14
	<u>\$ 2,642.87</u>
Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 19.75
Bank charge on checks collected	1.60
Printing and mailing official publication..	260.64
Postage, express, telephone, and telegraph	53.20
Rent and light	91.38
Salaries of officers & home office employes	630.00
Balance	1,586.30
	<u>\$ 2,642.87</u>

Relief Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance June 1	\$ 10,589.82
Received in June	70.86
Interest on bonds	995.00
	<u>\$ 11,655.68</u>
Disbursements:	
Assessments and special relief	\$ 50.00
Balance	11,605.68
	<u>\$ 11,655.68</u>

Membership Campaign Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance June 1	\$ 2,070.76
Disbursements:	
Membership prizes	\$ 96.25
Balance	1,974.51
	<u>\$ 2,070.76</u>

Bonds and Cash.

Mortuary fund bonds	\$3,606,000.00
Relief fund bonds	155,000.00
General fund bonds	5,000.00
Cash in bank	\$37,778.21
Less outstanding checks	12,901.79
	<u>24,876.42</u>
Check on hand	52.37
	<u>\$3,790,928.79</u>

When A Worker Reaches 65 Or Dies

(Prepared by the Social Security Board)

Many workers do not know that when they pay social security taxes they are paying not only for old-age but also for survivors' protection. The result is that individuals and families eligible for benefits on the death of the breadwinner fail to put in a claim; or they delay putting in their claim, with a consequent loss of benefits.

Federal old-age and survivors insurance is not a program for old folks only, as many workers think; it is a family insurance program. Monthly benefits are payable not only to the insured worker himself when he retires at 65, or later, but to his wife when she is 65 and to his children under 18. Furthermore, when he dies—no matter at what age—his family receives benefits. If he leaves a widow with children in her care, the widow and the children will get monthly payments until the youngest child is 18. If his widow has no young children, she will get a lump-sum death benefit, and when she is 65, monthly payments will start, provided she has not remarried. If he leaves neither widow nor children, then his parents get payments.

Benefits—either monthly or lump sum—are payable only if the worker was insured. However, it is not up to the survivors to decide whether their breadwinner was insured. If any time since January 1, 1937, he worked on a job in private industry or business—that is, if he had a job in some such place as a mill, factory, mine, store, office, garage, bank, hotel, restaurant, gas station—his family should get in touch with the local office of the Social Security board. They will get there, free of charge, all the information and help they need in filing a claim.

The Social Security board would like to impress on every worker in private industry and business that he should tell his family about their survivors' rights. It would like to impress on all such families that they should lose no time in getting in touch with the local office of the Social Security board when the breadwinner dies. Monthly benefits to survivors are retroactive for only three months; thus, if a claim is filed on the fourth month after the breadwinner's death, one month's payment is lost. Claim for the lump-sum death benefit must be made within two years of the death of the insured person.

There is one other occasion on which the local office of the Social Security board should be consulted. That is when the worker reaches his 65th birthday. It is better if the worker goes to the office but if he cannot go, he should write a letter and ask about his benefits. He should do this whether or not he expects to retire soon. At 65 there are important things about his retirement benefits that a worker should consider. It may be advisable for him to file his claim for benefits even though he intends to keep on working. He will want to discuss this and other matters with an officer of the board so that he may get the maximum benefits possible under the law.

"What the deuce are you doing down there in the cellar?" asked the puzzled rooster.

"Well, if it's any of your business," replied the hen, "I'm laying in a supply of coal."

An Open Letter

170 So. Beverly Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.
July 20, 1945.

Mr. George Ugilt,
America-Denmark Relief,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ugilt:

I am addressing this letter to you, as you are the secretary-treasurer of America-Denmark Relief.

I have just received check for \$1,324.32 to cover cost of transportation for my Denmark trip—an expense the board of directors of America-Denmark Relief had voted on unanimously to defray.

However, I am returning herewith same check, marked cancelled. Although my trip to Denmark has cost me around \$10,000 (loss of salary for 3 weeks' radio broadcasts, wire charges for broadcasting from Denmark to America, etc.) I feel that I do not want to be reimbursed for any part of the expenses connected with the trip I took to Denmark on behalf of America-Denmark Relief. I have always paid my own expenses connected with the work I have done for National America-Denmark Association and America-Denmark Relief, and upon due thought I feel this instance should not be an exception.

Please change the records accordingly.

Copies of this letter have been sent to Mr. Jensen and Mr. Steele of the National War Fund, so that they are informed of my decision.

Sincerely yours,

JEAN HERSHOLT, President.

Opinions of Others

Alhambra, Calif., June 25, 1945.

Regarding district conventions. When I joined the Danish Brotherhood in April, 1906 I heard a lot of discussions all through the eastern states, both for and against district conventions. At that time we had a larger membership and much smaller treasury than we have today and when I heard the discussions for these

district conventions I saw no good of them in a lot of cases and have never in all of these 39 years Brotherhood experience been able to see any benefit to them.

In the first place, you will only have a dozen, or perhaps fifteen at the most, representatives to a national convention instead of 260 or thereabouts, if each lodge in the Brotherhood is represented. You will have a poor representation at a national convention—create a lot of hard feelings throughout the old Brotherhood which our forefathers established away back in 1881.

Some of the brothers have been known to say that we would save a lot of money in the traveling expenses of our delegates, which is true, but what if you did save a few thousand dollars—what would you gain in the end. The old Brotherhood which must keep on existing for many years to come cannot be compared to the larger American lodges where they have 3,000 lodges and where no doubt such district conventions are a benefit; but when we only have around 14,000 members and only 260 lodges I cannot understand why some of these brothers are so persistent to get their own way, when they ought to know, after these long years, that the lodges have in the past and will, I am certain, continue to vote down such a silly idea as a district system.

Brothers, don't be so stubborn and keep bringing it up when you can see from the past that it can't ever be put over. The small lodges will vote it down and they ought to as all lodges are equal regardless of size, and are entitled to representation.

Our treasury goes up, I am happy to state, so I would advise you brothers that have been wanting a district convention system to forget it.

This is not my lodge No. 323's 100% idea, but it is my own and that of many of our members' idea.

Very Fraternally yours,

C. F. PETERSEN.

Wife (to very tardy husband): "Is that you John?"
John: "It had better be."

Have you heard about the girl who looked like she was poured into her dress — and had a couple cupfuls left over?

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
June 7	Jacob Petersen	78	Barrit, Denmark	225	Canton, Ohio	1905	Cancer of Prostate	\$ 500.00
May 29	Soren Nelsen	74	Østrup, Sjælland	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1904	Myocardial degeneration	841.07
June 3	Laurits Hansen	86	Vejen, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1894	Hepatitis	676.69
June 10	Holger L. Mitchell	56	Odense, Fyn	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1916	Coronary Arteriosclerosis	250.00
June 22	Niels A. Andersen	85	Axa, Jylland	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1895	Hypostatic Pneumonia	674.66
June 19	Jens Rasmussen	84	Nakskov, Lolland	128	Avoca, Iowa	1906	Heart Failure	415.33
May 30	Hans L. Kreutz	66	Næstrup Sogn, Jyll.	3	Davenport, Iowa	1907	Hypostatic Pneumonia	1000.00
June 24	Theodore H. Hein	81	Roskjar, Hostrup S.	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1900	Cerebral Hemorrhage	739.23
June 4	Anders L. Rasmussen	79	Langsted, Fyn	87	Boston, Mass.	1908	Cerebral Hemorrhage	871.75
June 18	Andrew Drexler	77	Hundborg Sogn	38	Laramie, Wyo.	1898	Congestive Heart Failure	776.48
June 15	Peter Hilbert	63	Kalundborg	50	Port Chester, N. Y.	1915	Arterio Sclerosis	996.61
June 22	Jens Pedersen	84	Jylland	186	Luck, Wis.	1907	Myocardial Failure	213.99
June 3	Bent Petersen	87	Sweden	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1905	Heart Failure	250.00
June 26	Christian Larsen	62	Ringe	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1920	Heart Failure	500.00
June 27	Lars O. Petersen	86	Ærø, Denmark	157	Audubon, Iowa	1902	Myocarditis	203.69
June 19	Albert Rosenbeck	68	Flensborg, Slesvig	103	Waterbury, Conn.	1919	Cancer of Prostate	500.00
June 25	Henry T. Johansen	74	Copenhagen	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1902	Heart Disease	409.14
June 8	Andreas V. Madsen	74	Aarhus	88	Elba, Nebr.	1902	Cardiac Failure	414.44
June 27	Victor P. Kloster	49	Chicago, Ill.	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1940	Heart Failure	250.00
July 1	Jens Jensen	88	Dallerup	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1905	Cardiac Failure	652.62
July 7	Mikkel Mikkelsen	49	Omaha, Nebr.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1916	Heart Failure	1000.00
Dec. 25, '44	Alf G. Ewald	27	Copenhagen, Den.	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1941	Killed in Action	500.00
July 5	Jens M. Nielsen	77	Jylland	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1898	Carcinoma	1000.00
June 21	Carl J. Rasmussen	60	Svendborg	227	Detroit, Mich.	1915	Heart Failure	250.00
June 10	Peter Petersen	60	Odense	245	South Bend, Ind.	1915	Coronary Thrombosis	1000.00

Kansas City, Kans., Lodge is Growing

As industries in this location increase the number of their employes, the fact is reflected in the membership of Sunflower Lodge No. 173. Five new members have been added since January 1, and more applicants are expected to join in a short while. The total membership has reached sixty, and a goal has been set to increase this number to sixty-five by the first of the year.

Attendance in meetings is increasing gradually. The average for the first half of the year has been fifteen with a membership on January 1 of 55. We think the reason this attendance has been so good is due to the following facts:

1. Increase in membership.
2. Interesting meetings conducted by our president, Brother Niels Hansen.
3. Music with our songs.
4. Fine lunches served after meetings.

Report on further progress of the lodge toward our expected goal will be submitted periodically.

BEN MILLER, Trustee.

Anniversary Dinner For No. 325

June 26 was our 19th birthday and we celebrated it on Saturday night, June 30, with an anniversary dinner dance held at "Neiderstein's", a popular restaurant and road house on Long Island.

A beautiful birthday cake decorated in our colors and with our flag in sugar colors in the middle, was the center of attraction. We had a good attendance of our members and their families, and despite the hot weather quite a few danced.

Plenty of good drinks went around and everybody was feeling jolly when we decided to go home.

Our Clothing for Denmark Fund drive was officially closed at our last meeting and Walter Highland, the treasurer, presented the lodge with a check for \$1,020.00. This amount represents donations from 98 per cent of our members.

This is our second such drive and the total of the two drives amounts to \$1,720.00.

Clothing is now being manufactured for Denmark's needy from this money.

Long Island Lodge,
HARRY RASMUSSEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

CARL J. RASMUSSEN, Detroit, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Carl J. Rasmussen, who passed away June 21, 1945, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 227:

Be it resolved: That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that the resolution be inserted in our minutes, in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to the family, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

In behalf of Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan.
Carl Hansen, President.
Sigfred Jorgensen, Secretary.

JACOB PETERSEN, Canton, Ohio.

The following resolution was passed at our regular meeting July 2, 1945:

In memory of our old brother and charter member, Jacob Petersen, who died June 7, 1945, Resolved that the

lodge deeply regrets the loss of one of our old members and that we all extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, it is further resolved that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, and be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and the lodge minutes.

Peter Peterson, President.
Chris Bjerregaard, Secretary.

ANDREW DREXLER, Laramie, Wyoming.

In memory of Brother Andrew Drexler, who passed away June 18, 1945, at Laramie, Wyoming, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 38, Laramie, Wyoming:

Resolved that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother and we extend to his family our deepest sympathy. Be it further resolved: that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days; that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 38, Laramie, Wyoming.
Karl Olsen, President.
D. Thorvald Christensen, Sec.

SOREN N. JUUL, Detroit, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Soren N. Juul, who passed away July 8, 1945, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 227:

Be it resolved: That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that the resolution be inserted in our minutes, in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to the family, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

In behalf of Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan.
Carl Hansen, President.
Sigfred Jorgensen, Secretary.

CHRISTIAN N. W. CHRISTENSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Christian N. W. Christensen, who passed away in New York City June 28, 1945, the following resolution was adopted at our last meeting:

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

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be printed in our lodge paper, and incorporated in our minutes, and a copy sent to his family.

Seattle, Washington, July 11, 1945.
Sig. M. Pedersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

LOUIS P. PETERSEN, Santa Barbara, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Louis P. Petersen, who passed away June 10, 1945, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 322 at our meeting June 22, 1945:

Resolved, that our lodge regrets the loss of a good brother, and a charter member of our lodge, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days in honor of our departed brother, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Barbara Lodge No. 322.
C. A. Pedersen, President.
Edward Aasted, Secretary.

ANDREW OLSON, Luck, Wisconsin.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Olson, who recently passed away, we adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That Fredensborg Lodge No. 186 deeply regrets the loss of a good brother and old member of our lodge and that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of our departed brother, and that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be printed in D. B. S. Magazine and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 186,
Christian Jacobsen, President.
Norman M. Pedersen, Secretary.

WALDEMAR F. PEDERSEN, Luck, Wisconsin.

In memory of our departed brother, Waldemar F. Pedersen, who recently passed away, we adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That Fredensborg Lodge No. 186 deeply regrets the loss of a good brother and old member of our lodge, and that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of our departed brother and that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be printed in D. B. S. Magazine and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 186,
Christian Jacobsen, President.
Norman M. Pedersen, Secretary.

JENS PEDERSEN, Luck, Wisconsin.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Pedersen, who recently passed away, we adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That Fredensborg Lodge No. 186 deeply regrets the loss of a good brother and old member of our lodge and that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of our departed brother, and that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be printed in D. B. S. Magazine and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 186,
Christian Jacobsen, President.
Norman M. Pedersen, Secretary.

Ramblings

By
Jul. Andersen

Do you believe in signs? Of course you do! When traveling by automobile we are always looking for signs to direct us and tell us whether we are headed in the right direction or on the right road to our destination. In my travels I have encountered many signs which were helpful to me when driving the automobile in various sections of our land, saving perhaps many miles of driving and wear and tear of the car as well as many gallons of gasoline. So I am really thankful to the people who made these signs along the roads for the guidance of us travelers. However, some of the signs are rather confusing and remind a person of what they call double-talk, so when reading them you must be sure to interpret them as they are intended.

Often you will see a sign reading "Cross Road." Now don't interpret that to mean the road is really cross. It may at times feel rather peeved when some driver slaps on his brakes and skids along for quite a few feet, rubbing the road surface so hard it would lose its hair if it had any, but on the whole I have found the roads quite good-natured and agreeable.

Then you see a sign reading "Slow School." That, of course, may be true. We have many schools that really are slow in giving children proper training and education.

The sign "Soft Shoulders" is often seen along the roadway. That is not meant for those who love to rest upon someone's soft shoulders, no matter how eager they might be to rest on one for a while, or even to have the chance of crying upon someone's soft shoulder.

Now here you see "Curve". There are so many curves on the road of life that we can hardly distinguish the crooked from the straight. I just saw a picture of a beautiful actress with the title "Curves" under it, so don't be misled, it may mean a sharp curve in the road—it probably does!

Upon entering a small town in the southern part of the United States, I read a sign on the roadside, "We love our children." Ah, I thought, this must be a lovable town! I drove very slowly and eagerly to see how a town with such a sentimental motto appeared. At the very entrance to the town there was a colored settlement. In front of one of the shacks was a big, fat colored woman lustily beating a small boy with a stick, the boy screaming pitifully as only a colored boy can. I have heard it said that love sometimes is very painful, but I drove on as I had no business interfering. When we reached the white settlement, I had to stop the car dead still as there was a crowd of white children playing directly in front of me, without any thought of either dodging the traffic or caring where I was going. I began to wonder whether the sign really meant what it said. Maybe it should have read, "We love our animals more than we do our children." As far as I could see their animals were safely guarded from danger by fences and enclosures.

A sign "Winding Road" made me remark to my wife, "When I was a boy, I was good at winding yarn, but I never did see a road that could wind anything."

Then we came to a sign reading "Look Out Mountain." Immediately I stopped. "Why are you stopping?" asked my wife. "I am looking out for the mountain so it will not come upon us unawares." "Now you are getting silly," she said, "the mountain is not coming after us." "Oh, my error, I see it is the mountain that must look out for me and not me for the mountain."

One place I read "Follow the Telegraph Poles to . . ." Now, how in the world could anyone follow a pole when it is stationary and dug way into mother earth?

"Steep Hill" is a sign you often encounter and what a job it must be for Father Pluvius to soak it enough with rain so it will steep.

Some years ago when the famous WPA was flourishing we passed a sign which read "Men Working." We did see plenty of men a short distance away but the only work we saw them do was passing a small bottle around from one to the other. Probably a new kind of work, I thought.

I've often seen the sign "Hospital Zone, Quiet!" One day when I was visiting a hospital a pleasant woman attendant was engaging me in conversation when all of a sudden a screeching voice sounded over a loud speaker, vibrating through the whole building, "Call for Dr. so and so." I did not catch the name, but it was anything but quiet inside the hospital. I asked the woman "What was that?" and she informed me some doctor was wanted. Immediately afterwards I heard the most piercing screams coming from a nearby room. Again I asked, "What is going on?" The answer was, "That was the reason the doctor was called. It appears that this world will soon have a new inhabitant." "Oh, well," I thought, "Quiet must reign somewhere, if not inside the hospital, then outside."

One sign that really seemed to appeal to me as being a direct admonishment to each and all who passed it was the query, "Are you prepared to meet your God?"

"I wonder why so many marriages are failures?"
— "It must be because so many inexperienced people go into it."

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The Boiling Pot

By

A. GRAVESEN

Hans C. Petersen, 4344 Howe Street, Oakland, Calif., one of the old pioneers of Oakland and a very popular member of D. B. S. lodge No. 39, celebrated his 75th birthday, July 8. A number of his friends had arranged a party for him in his garden in the afternoon. When the guests began to arrive they found Gunnar Lassen busily engaged with frying spring chickens to be served with other good things for supper later in the day in the shady garden. Hans C. Petersen hails from South Jutland. He became a member of lodge No. 49 in 1891, later in 1904 he had his membership transferred to lodge No. 39. Mrs. Tine Petersen, a member of the party, also received congratulations, her birthday being the same date.

Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., met on the eve of July 13 for one of those superb dinners at the Alpine hotel. Among the honor guests of the evening was Captain Arne Nielsen. John Andersen, whose outlook on life has been somewhat gloomy the past two meetings, was again looking happy and hopeful the reason being that his daughter and her children and his wife had come back from their vacation and relieved him of cooking and household drudgery. Now he again gets his meals regularly and is exempted from K. P. duties.

Frank V. Lawson, former supreme secretary of the Danish Brotherhood, and Mrs. Lawson celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at a banquet attended by more than one hundred invited guests at the Blackstone Hotel in Omaha on the 21st of June. After serving of refreshments and the guests having been seated around the beautifully decorated tables, they were bid welcome on behalf of the family by Oscar W. Lawson. With Axel Skelbeck as toastmaster a number of guests were called on for short talks. Among the speakers were N. H. Jorgensen, Dr. John Holst, Harry Knudsen and Richard W. Jepsen, members of the city council; and Einar Clausen. All of them recounting reminiscences from days gone by and wishing the silver bride and groom Godspeed in days to come. A song written by Supreme Trustee Hilmer W. Hansen, for the occasion, was sung and given great applause. The evening closed with a jolly dance.

Marius Rasmussen, one of the Danish Brotherhoods' champions in Salt Lake City, Utah, became great grandfather a short time ago, and just to show how much he appreciated the great honor, he invited the whole family to a trip to Arizona and California. There they will expatiate on the many difficulties, hardships and joys connected with this great honor.

Thomsine Christensen the wife of Martinus Christensen who died in January this year, passed away on the 16th of June at the age of 66. She was a faithful and active member of the D. S. S. lodge in Seattle, Wash., and also of the Danish Lutheran church from where her funeral was conducted on the 19th of June. She was followed to her last resting place on Mount Pleasant cemetery by her many friends and

lodge sisters. Rev. Sorensen delivered the funeral service in the church, and at the grave Sister Lula Clausen read the funeral rites of the Sisterhood. Mrs. Thomsine Christensen had been ailing ever since the death of her husband; she is survived by a sister in Seattle and a brother in Salt Lake City. This lovable couple, now gone to the great beyond, will be greatly missed in Danish circles in Seattle.

The D. B. S. lodge in Hartford, Conn., met on the 20th of June to honor Cpl Alfred Priskorn who not long ago came home after three years service in the South Pacific. The attendance was large and a jolly spirit prevailed. Aage Jespersen was the acting toastmaster and a number of talks were given, lauding the honor guest for his service to his country. Among the speakers was Rev. John Christensen whose theme was "The Returning Veterans."

Martin Mikkelsen of Milwaukee, Wis., a prominent member of the Danish Brotherhood, celebrated his 74th birthday lately at the City Club with a party of invited guests. After the dinner Mr. Mikkelsen showed some very good moving pictures.

Sunday, June 17th, was a warm day out in Los Angeles and it was also Marius Laurrup's birthday. About fifty of his good friends and neighbors were invited to come out to Whittier to his beautiful villa to help him with the celebration. The grounds, decked with flowers and foliage, were beautiful and the refreshments served out in the open were delicious and the dinner served later was delicate and satisfying. The guests presented Mr. Laurrup with a silver buckled belt wrought by Oscar Aarsøe, one of the guests. It was late before the visitors could bring themselves to take leave of their hosts and the beautiful environments, and express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Laurrup for their hospitality.

The Seattle D. B. S. lodge has several of its members serving with the U. S. armed forces and a number of them have paid a visit to the lodge when home on furlough, but not before its last meeting in June has any of those serving at the actual front been present at a meeting when Lieutenant John Nielsen, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nielsen, presented himself. He was at a time a radio operator communicating with the Danes. He has also flown over Denmark, on one occasion he flew over the home of his uncle in Denmark. He talked very interestingly about his adventures on those flying trips and his audience was very appreciative.

Mr. and Mrs. August Andreasen, Oakland, Calif., both long time members respectively of the D. B. S. and the D. S. S., celebrated their golden wedding recently at their home in Oakland, the festivities lasting for three days. Delegations from the D. B. S. and the D. S. S. and from several other Danish societies waited on them and groought gifts and congratulations. Mrs. Andreasen came as a young girl from Farup near Ribe, Denmark, to her cousin, I. Tielman's home in Fresno. She was one of the first

presidents of the General Committee in California and she has been president both of "Dagmar" and the Sisterhood lodges and a member of the D. S. S. for over 50 years. Mr. Andreasen was born in South Jutland; he has held the office of president of the D. B. S. lodge and also of "Dania." They have had their home in Oakland for the past 50 years, and it has always exuded hospitality and friendship and been a good place to abide.

The young D. S. S. lodge "Olga Marie" of Hayward, California, celebrated its fourth anniversary on June 21st at a birthday dinner given by the lodge under the direction of its four past presidents, the Mesdames Eva Heiser, Margrethe Sundby, Oluffa Hoyer and Carolyn Hansen. All members of D. B. S. Lodge No. 185 and also Olga Marie Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jurvig and Mr. and Mrs. Arne Jensen had received invitations to take part in the festivities. A real satisfying dinner was served and enjoyed by all the participants after which the brothers and sisters retired to their respective meeting places to attend to regular lodge matters. A delegation of sisters from D. S. S. Lodge No. 17, Oakland, led by Mrs. Carrie Petersen, called on the sisters. Visitors seen at the D. B. S. meeting were E. Jurvig from Lodge 49 and Arne Jensen, Les Cave, Robert Jensen and Petersen from Lodge 39. During the meeting the problem of securing new members was discussed. Both the Hayward and Oakland lodges did some bragging about how easy it was if done so and so. Finally Harald Sundby from Hayward challenged Les Cave from Oakland to a contest for securing new members, the result to be ascertained one year from date, the stake to be \$10 to be paid by the loser. After closing of the business meetings the members of the two lodges met again and spent a social hour in the banquet room where coffee and cake was served, and with Harald Sundby as chairman a number of congratulatory speeches were heard.

Friday evening, June 20th, when D. B. S. Lodge 39 Oakland, Calif., had its regular meeting, became something of a festival. The reason for which was that some brothers from Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 put in an appearance, namely: Vice-president Axel Christensen, E. Hansen and Louis Pryssing, besides four other Los Angeles men, members of "Soldaterforeningen." In honor of the visitors a delicate lunch accompanied with "sjussers" (something good for the palate) was served. Numerous speeches were delivered.

Jens Jensen, 88, 5701 N. 24th Street, Omaha, Nebr., an old member of the Danish Brotherhood, died on July 1st. For the past 60 years his home had been at Omaha, where he was engaged in the contracting business. Three sons survive him, one of whom is a practicing physician in Seattle, Washington.

Miss Muriel Petersen, a daughter of Mrs. Einar Petersen, Harrison Street, Racine, Wis., and Werner Christiansen, a son of Peter Christiansen, 19th Street, Racine, were married recently. A reception for the newlyweds was given in the Danish Brotherhood hall. Following it they left for a two week's wedding trip through northern Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Hansen, Meyers Rd., Detroit, Mich., celebrated their golden wedding Saturday, June 30th, at their home where they received from

their relatives and friends congratulations and gifts. Hansen was born in Copenhagen in 1871 and came to Detroit with his parents in 1883. He is a charter member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 227. Mrs. Hansen was born at Thornby, Denmark, in 1875; she came to Chicago in 1893 where they were married. She is a charter member of D. S. S. No. 125. Both have been prominent in social affairs in the Danish colony in Detroit. They have two sons, Carl Christian in Detroit and Russel Edward in Lansing, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pryssing, prominent in lodge circles in Los Angeles, started on a vacation tour the latter part of June. Among other places, they will visit friends and relatives in Racine and Chicago.

Andreas Valdemar Madsen, a charter member of Lodge 153 of the D. B. S., Dannevirke, Nebraska, and later a member of Lodge No. 88, Elba, Nebr., died from heart failure June 8th at Phoenix, Arizona. He was born in Aarhus, Denmark, where his father, Michael Madsen, was a mason; his mother, Kirsten Madsen, was a first cousin of Stephen Seir, the first soldier to be killed in the war with Germany in 1848, and whose grave is at Dybbøl Mølle. Madsen was buried in the family plot on the Dannevirke cemetery, Rev. Primrose officiating. Two sisters survive him: Mrs. Eddel Marie Munroe and Mrs. Anne M. Hermansen.

Captain Arne Nielsen, who was president of D. B. S. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, California, at the time of his induction into the U. S. army, was present at the meeting of Lodge 39 on June 29th. He has earned his captaincy in the hard way by his ardour and active participation in the prosecution of the war against our aggressors. He was wounded very severely in his right leg and rumor had it that he would have to remain in the hospital for several months. However, he is now able to walk around in a fashion, but will have to report to the hospital again after 60 days. The lodge hopes to see him once more seated in the presidential chair.

Michael Mikkelsen, 47, 4109 N. 21st Street, Omaha,

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).

\$1.25 for et halvt Aar, \$2.50 for et Aar til ny Abonnenter. Ellers \$3.00 om Aaret i U. S. of \$3.50 til Canada og Danmark.

DANNEVIRKE

Box 126

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Nebraska, a member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 1, died early in July. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three sisters and a brother. He was for many years in the employ of Northrup-Jones. His funeral was conducted from Johnston and Son's Mortuary, interment was on the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

The Minneapolis lodge of the D. S. S. "Alexandria" No. 23, and the ladies of "Dania" gave a surprise party for Sine Wolff, whose birthday is the 14th of July, after their regular meeting on the 6th of July in Dania Hall. About 75 persons honored the much surprised lady with their presence. Boline Petersen, president of "Dania," on behalf of the two lodges presented Sine Wolff with a beautiful butter dish. It contained no butter nor red points, but it did represent the value of a good many pounds of butter. Sine Wolff has been very active in both societies, always willing to help out when needed with work connected with holding parties, silver and golden weddings by the lodges. She has also served on the boards of directors several times.

Julius Andersen, (popularly known under the name of "Garderobe Andersen"), a long time member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 18, Chicago, died July 6th at the age of 77 after a prolonged illness. He was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, where in his younger days he was given the medal for rescuing people from drowning. His funeral was conducted from Nielsen's chapel with burial on Mount Olive cemetery, Rev. Nyholm officiating. He is survived by his wife, Hansine, a son and two daughters.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California, will celebrate its 46th anniversary on the 16th of August. A committee is working ardently arranging the program, and the occasion is looked forward to as a memorable one.

America-Denmark Relief, Inc.'s headquarters in Detroit will soon be closed. It has worked under high pressure since it was established in 1943 with J. Mabley Hansen, president of the Danish church, as leader and August Jorgensen, finance-secretary of D. B. S. Lodge No. 227 as campaign organizer. Credit for the final success of the undertaking is largely due to the untiring efforts of those two men.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., will picnic at Bass Lake on the 19 of August. Invitations to attend have been extended to the D. S. S. lodge and to Dania and Dania ladies of Minneapolis as well as to neighboring lodges and other brothers and sisters that might wish to attend. The success of the picnic is assured with these men serving on the committee: Olav Grand, Almo Russell, Einar Petersen, Harry Rasmussen, Chris Hansen and Peter From. The program calls for sports and games during the day and a dance in the evening.

The following members of D. B. S. No. 4, Racine, Wis., will represent the lodge at the district convention of the D. B. S. and D. S. S. lodges at Milwaukee, September 2nd and 3rd: N. C. Toffing, George Christensen; substitutes chosen are Peter Jensen and N. K. Rasmussen.

On Friday evening, June 2nd, No. 323 of the D. B. S. had their regular monthly meeting at Redmann's hall, 533 West Main Street, Alhambra. Two

delegates to the annual state convention to be held in Los Angeles from September 9th to the 11th were elected, namely Walter Kaysen, our president, and Chris F. Petersen, our secretary. Substitutes elected were Viggo C. Hansen and Irwine Kaysen. After the meeting we had refreshments and a social hour.—C. F. P., Sec.

"Well, if I take this job, will I get a raise in salary each year?"

"Yes, if your work is satisfactory."

"Ah, I thought there was a catch in it somewhere."

. . . NEW MEMBERS . . .

Honor Roll	Lodge No.	Location	Name
Peter Bandgard	4	Racine	Kai Andersen
J. Christensen	4	Racine	Fred Jorgensen
I. Jensen	29	Seattle	Leonard Schröder
F. Christensen	45	Minneapolis	Harry Rasmussen
Frank Hansen	49	San Francisco	C. F. Pedersen
Frank Hansen	49	San Francisco	H. J. Frandsen
L. Schmidt	49	San Francisco	V. Lorentzen
Wm. A. Hansen and Carl Jeppesen	51	Ludington	Brock Gould
Hans H. Jensen	56	Kansas City	Alfred Andersen
Hans H. Jensen	56	Kansas City	L. P. Madisen
A. P. Petersen	67	Fresno	H. F. Hansen
N. P. Hansen	84	Lincoln	Charles G. Hansen
E. Christensen	116	Newark	Johannes Fonss
Axel Pedersen	116	Newark	Arnold A. Nelson
Anton Godthaab	116	Newark	Alfred Hertz
C. K. Hansen	182	Waukegan	B. E. Christensen
H. C. Jorgensen	190	Schenectady	E. Brinkman
Henning Nielsen	190	Schenectady	C. W. Kuehnel
H. Christensen	205	Brooklyn	John Jensen
J. Emanuelson	227	Detroit	Armand Einer Larsen
Peter Skovbo	268	Junction City	E. C. Jensen
Nels Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	T. Louis Jensen
C. F. Petersen	323	Alhambra	Niels P. Larsen
Niels Morck	327	Harlan	Frode Nielsen
George Hansen	328	Vancouver	Ingolf W. Madsen

Address Changes

Secretary:

146—Gus Glaser, 102, West 85th Street, New York 24, New York.

164—Soren Rasmussen, Rt. 1, Owen, Wisconsin.

53—George P. Jensen, 406 East 5th Street, Atlantic, Iowa.

300—Chris Nelson, Rt. 2, Otego, New York.

119—H. P. Hansen, 419½ North Santa Fe, Pueblo, Colorado.

Treasurer:

184—Douglas Sundby, 719 Grace Street, Hayward, California.

40—Chris Brown, Box 347, Rawlins, Wyoming.

118—Paul Paulsen, Wolbach, Nebraska.

Meeting Dates:

164—1st and 3rd Friday.

323—4th Friday.

"The motorist that hits me will certainly be sorry," said the dusty pedestrian.

"Why?" asked his companion.

"Because," said the other, "I'm carrying a stick of dynamite in my pocket."



Vort Billede taget i København viser tyske Soldater, til Fods, paa Cykler og i "Midget Tanks" paa Vejen ud af Danmark. (British Combine—F. D.)

The young lady palmist at the church bazaar said to one of her girl clients: "I see by your hand you are going to be married."

"Wonderful," said the girl.

"You are engaged to a man named Wilkins," continued the amateur seer.

"How amazing," gasped the girl, "surely the lines on my hand cannot reveal the name —"

"Lines," sniffed the palmist, "who said anything about lines? You are wearing the ring I returned to Mr. Wilkins three weeks ago."

They Recently Said:

Edward S. Stettinius, U. S. representative to the United Nations:

"In Washington the war against Japan may seem far away. At San Francisco it is never possible to forget the magnitude of that struggle which must still be won.

Every day we were at work as delegates in San Francisco upon the charter, American warships, transports and planes carrying fighting men left the Golden Gate for the battle fronts. And every day, by other planes and ships, the wounded came back from Okinawa. There was and is no pause for the men who fight and die. There can be no pause for us at home. The tasks of peace that lie ahead of us are urgent. The stakes could not be higher. Let us get on with all we have to do—to make victory and peace secure."

Senator Tom Connally:

"While the completed charter reflects the united opinion of the peace-loving nations of the earth, I do not proclaim it as embodying perfection. It could not be expected that fifty nations could agree upon a document whose every line and paragraph and phrase would meet universal approval. However, the Charter marks a beginning. It will grow and develop in the light of experience and according to the needs of nations under international law and justice and freedom.

"These principles are embodied in the Charter in luminous and moving words. The Charter must be judged—not in its dissected parts—not in its dismembered and mutilated clauses and phrases, but it must be judged as an integrated body, complete in its organs and functions. Judged by that standard, it is a monumental performance."

Chester Bowles, OPA Administrator, speaking over the radio:

"We in OPA are sick and tired of saying No. We would far rather say Yes. But unless we hold firm . . . inflation will be on us with a rush. If that disaster were to happen, prices in stores would start going higher and higher. Rents, too, would zoom. Wages would go up also, but they always lag far behind rising prices. Then collapse! Prices which shot through the air would fall with a thud. Tens of thousands of businesses would go bankrupt. Millions would be thrown out of work. People would watch their savings and insurance policies swept away in the inflationary flood. That's the cycle the war brought last time. That's what we're fighting to prevent this time. We're doing all right—so far. But we aren't through yet. The war with Japan is not yet won. And many experts tell us it may be a long time before it is. So we must keep up our fight to the finish. The shortages resulting from war are not likely to disappear as long as we're fighting a war. Yet with more money in their pockets more people are trying to buy more. That's why inflationary pressures grow with every day of war. Our job is to beat back those inflationary forces . . ."

Change of Meeting Place and Time

Rosenberg Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I., to 48 Snow St., Odd Fellows Halls, Providence, R. I., 3rd Wednesday.

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