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C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y., Honored



Kauffmann presents "Ridderkorset" to Christensen

On Thursday evening, May 20, a fine audience paid tribute to Past Supreme President C. Bysted Christensen, honoring him with a dinner and dance upon having recently received from the King of Denmark "Ridderkorset af Dannebrog." (This was bestowed upon him on April 19, in New York, by Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann in the Danish information office.) About 200 of his friends were present and several speeches were heard mentioning the many fine things that Bysted has performed both for his fellow men and his mother country, Denmark. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, mostly red and white, also some in blue, especially the head table.

The chairman of the committee, Aage Mikkelsen, bid the guests welcome and introduced the toastmaster for the evening, Mr. J. Connely, Postmaster of Schenectady. He called upon several speakers and we just name them in the order they were called upon:

Carroll Gardner, County Clerk, Mr. Fisher, who spoke in behalf of the Mayor of the City, who was unable to be present; Brother Viggo Christensen spoke for the Kiwanis club of which Bysted is a very active member; Bysted's sister, Anna Jespersen; his partner, Henning Nielsen; President of General Committee Aage Jespersen; Aage Mikkelsen; Judge W. Campbell;

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Editorial

The Danish Brotherhood has now been in existence 72 years, during which time it has been of much benefit and great enjoyment to its members. It is, today, financially sound but somewhat lacking in size of membership. There should be at least 50,000 members, instead of a mere 12,000, or less. The rate at which our membership is diminishing, there is some doubt that there will be a celebration of the Brotherhood's ninetieth anniversary.

I am no pessimist, however. I honestly believe that a bright and prosperous future is possible for our Brotherhood if all of us will get to work and make arrangements for the adjustments that are necessary to bring about the expansion of our membership roll.

The "Old Timers," as we affectionately call them, built well for their times, as they saw them. We, of the present, are obligated to continue from where they left off. In order to bring the framework of our organization up to date, it appears to be necessary to adopt new ideas, or, let's say newer ideas.

A bright picture of the Danish Brotherhood, of the future, would show the lodges being represented, at national conventions, by delegates chosen by the lodges combined, in groups or districts. The result would be a smaller assemblage at the convention, which would reduce the cost of the convention considerably. Conventions should be entirely for the purpose of conducting the business of the Brotherhood.

To reduce the expense further, all conventions could be held in Omaha, our centrally located "Home Office City." Should the lodges in or neighboring Omaha, wish to provide entertainment, they would do so of their own volition. Of course, if conventions after 1955, are not to be held in Omaha, they

must by all means, be distributed fairly throughout the nation and not concentrated inside of one small circle, geographically.

The money saved, by having smaller conventions and by holding them in a centrally located city, plus the rent now being paid for the office rooms in Omaha, would, within a reasonable length of time, pay for a moderately sized office building for the Brotherhood. The rooms, in which our home office is now housed, are very crowded and certainly do not allow any great expansion of activities.

Our office should maintain a promotional department, the functions of which, should occupy a great deal of our Supreme President's time and efforts. Correspondence and records of this department would be conducted and stored in Omaha, but the visiting of lodges and localities for the purpose of promoting the progress and welfare of our organization, would be performed by the Supreme President. He should be paid a nominal annual salary but should be adequately compensated for traveling expenses incurred and time consumed, while traveling.

Our Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, while being in full charge of the home office, should be authorized to employ sufficient help in the office to relieve him of routine duties, thereby enabling him to apply a maximum of time to the supervision of our investments.

The Supreme Board should make a calculation of the time spent in behalf of each fund, by the convention, the Supreme Officers and the office force. Each fund should be charged with the cost of the time spent in its behalf, as well as all other costs incurred by it.

It should not be compulsory to buy insurance, in order to gain membership. I believe that quite a few prospects would become members if insurance was not required. As it is, we lose several who would help to increase the attendance at lodge meetings and who oftentimes prove to be some of our most faithful and diligent boosters and workers. I do believe that such members should be classified as social members and should not have all the privileges of insured members. In that manner they certainly are not an expense to the Brotherhood and generally are an asset to the lodge.

We should add health and accident insurance to our present types of insurance. (In other words, sick benefits.) Insurance should also be made available for every member of a Brother's family.

Good use can certainly be made of competent membership solicitors, who should be compensated in a measure commensurate to their accomplishments.

The continuation of the payment of \$1.00 per year to the relief fund by insured members would make it possible for the transfer of \$2,000.00 each year from the relief fund to the scholarship fund, which I believe is a worthy cause.

Honorable and respectable white men of other than Danish descent might be admitted to membership, provided that they were recommended by at least five insured members of Danish origin or descent.

These and many other progressive ideas combine to color the bright picture that is possible for the

future of Danish Brotherhood. No one item, alone, will completely solve our problem, but a combination of them can do much toward continuing the existence of our organization. Let it not be said, in 10 or 15 years, "Too bad that D. B. is no more, and it was so young and wonderful, too." It's not enough to say that our society can go on as it has in the past, and leave it there. No organization can constantly remain static, it must either advance or steadily backslide into oblivion.

So, at our convention in Racine, let us make proper adjustments which will promise anniversaries for the Brotherhood, long after the ninetieth. Long live the Danish Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN, Supreme Trustee.

Financial Report

APRIL 30, 1954

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1954	\$ 27,428.29
Assessments	10,421.53
Interest on bonds	14,767.20
Bonds (matured)	1,000.00
Premium on currency exchange	116.20
	\$ 53,733.22

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 18,292.49
Cash surrender	443.19
Collection expense on bond coupons	8.00
Transfer	6,330.09
Balance on hand April 30, 1954	28,659.45
	\$ 53,733.22

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1954	\$ 6,028.15
Received in April	978.01
Transfer	6,330.09
	\$ 13,337.15

Disbursements:	
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	\$ 55.69
Advertising, printing and stationery	41.90
Actuarial expense	100.00
Rent and lights	181.14
Printing and mailing official publication	408.97
Membership rewards	5.00
Petty cash	10.00
Insurance on office furniture and equipment	14.52
Books (Postal Guide)	1.75
Towel service	4.50
Charities	10.00
General office expense	50.00
Travel expenses	47.20
Salaries to officers and employes	1,192.00
Employer taxes, social security and unemployment	20.08
Balance on hand April 30, 1954	11,194.40
	\$ 13,337.15

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1954	\$ 8,815.91
Relief assessments	8,806.00

Interest on bonds	187.50
Relief payments returned	8.88
Relief payments repaid from insurance	500.00
	\$ 18,318.29

Disbursements:

Postage, express, telephone, etc.	\$ 6.00
Relief payments	1,776.52
Balance on hand April 30, 1954	16,535.77
	\$ 18,318.29

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1954	\$ 2,583.40
Juvenile assessments	111.74
	\$ 2,695.14

Disbursements:

Balance on hand April 30, 1954	\$ 2,695.14
	\$ 2,695.14

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,951,631.88
Relief fund investments	220,000.00
General fund investments	35,000.00
Cash in bank	59,084.76
	\$4,265,716.64

C. B. Christensen Honored

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Lawyer Leo Bagley who presented a beautiful booklet with names of all those present inscribed; Rev. Blaze, city pastor, presented Bysted and Johanne with two rose plants to plant in their garden; George Petersen from Providence, R. I., a friend of many years; and Ole Hansen, brother from Schenectady lodge. Many telegrams and greetings were read and Johanne was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. Of course both Johanne and Bysted responded in fine words.

The dinner was prepared and served by Nina Bukke and her staff and was delicious.

The committee in charge consisted of the following: Chairman, Aage Mikkelsen, Peter Nielsen, Henry Bukke, Svend Jensen, and Harold Hansen.

The ladies at the head table were all presented a beautiful corsage by the committee.

A very fine testimonial to Bysted, we are sure he shall long remember this evening.

The rose bushes were named: "Rose of Stars and Stripes" and "Rose of Dannebrog."

G. V. P.

Change Of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 186, Roy W. Peterson, Box 233, Luck, Wisconsin.

Treasurers:

Lodge No. 45, Einar Hedberg, 3133 42nd Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lodge No. 329, Alfred Andersen, 1425 Hellman, Long Beach, Calif.

Attendance Contest Standings

Herewith a complete report of the Attendance Cards which were sent in during the contest. In isolated cases only four cards were received, but in no instance did that change the standing of the lodge in question. At the end of each group there is listed the lodges which sent in only three cards.

Group One: 11 to 50 Members

Lodge No.	Location	Membership at start	Per cent
234	Woodstock, Ill.	12	75
225	Canton, Ohio	29	66
38	Laramie, Wyo.	18	61
323	Alhambra, Calif.	21	57
185	Madison, Wis.	16	56
335	Port Alberni, B. C.	34	56
217	Humboldt, Iowa	16	56
155	Bellingham, Wash.	19	53
260	Williston, N. D.	17	53
306	San Diego, Calif.	30	52
89	Superior, Wis.	26	50
177	Cordova, Nebr.	30	50
5	Moline, Ill.	12	50
319	Bakersfield, Calif.	34	50
301	Akron, Ohio	40	45
230	Arcata, Calif.	31	45
332	Ripon, Calif.	44	45
90	Port Reading, N. Y.	20	45
267	Brigham, Utah	16	44
321	West Palm Beach, Fla.	22	41
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	20	40
191	St. Louis, Mo.	20	40
16	Minden, Nebr.	40	38
102	Providence, R. I.	30	37
239	Lake Forest, Ill.	28	36
273	Dillon, Mont.	43	35
188	Del Rey, Calif.	32	34
50	Byram, Conn.	47	34
170	Rocky River, Ohio	40	33
278	Salt Lake City, Utah	30	33
154	Withee, Wis.	36	33
125	Weeping Water, Nebr.	33	30
202	Warren, Pa.	46	30
264	Pocatello, Idaho	34	29
152	Wilbur, Wash.	43	28
62	Sioux City, Iowa	44	27
233	Toledo, Ohio	33	27
84	Lincoln, Nebr.	49	27
294	Barre, Vt.	33	27
240	Rochester, N. Y.	38	26
78	Salt Lake City, Utah	50	26
69	Cleveland, Ohio	44	25
103	Waterbury, Conn.	40	25
96	Jackson, Minn.	35	23
171	Jamestown, N. Y.	37	23
26	Fremont, Nebr.	47	21
11	Clinton, Iowa	45	18

Three Cards Only

334	Geneva, N. Y.	49	37
3	Bettendorf, Iowa	29	20
262	Cozad, Nebr.	16	56
288	Cotesfield, Nebr.	13	53
18	Chicago, Ill.	44	25

Group Two: 51 to 80 Members

117	Plainview, Nebr.	59	59
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113	Enumclaw, Wash.	75	45
299	Solvang, Calif.	57	44
195	Omaha, Nebr.	58	41
330	Prince George, B. C.	52	40
67	Fresno, Calif.	70	34
184	Hayward, Calif.	73	34
268	Junction City, Ore.	67	33
42	Spokane, Wash.	72	33
111	Austin, Minn.	70	30
41	Shelton, Conn.	54	30
219	Clear Lake, Iowa	52	29
269	Fowler, Colo.	59	29
30	Muskegon, Mich.	57	28
56	Kansas City, Mo.	73	27
205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	56	27
64	Rockford, Ill.	53	25
32	New Haven, Conn.	77	23
255	Parlier, Calif.	67	19
117	Portland, Me.	51	18
134	Ringsted, Iowa	55	18

Three Cards Only

15	Des Moines, Iowa	56	12
65	Duluth, Minn.	54	22
107	Chicago, Ill.	75	21
298	Chicago, Ill.	56	21

Group Three: 81 to 125 Members

325	Valley Stream, N. Y.	102	38
70	Greenville, Mich.	104	29
71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	124	27
35	Chicago, Ill.	97	23
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	98	22
183	Troy, N. Y.	85	21
182	Waukegan, Ill.	96	20
92	St. Charles, Ill.	93	19
37	Bridgeport, Conn.	81	19
51	Ludington, Mich.	89	19
36	Milwaukee, Wis.	109	19
143	Petaluma, Calif.	108	16
46	Perth Amboy, N. Y.	113	16
75	Albert Lea, Minn.	85	15
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	94	14
59	Menominee, Mich.	87	13
91	St. Paul, Minn.	85	13

Three Cards Only

34	Dwight, Ill.	93	13
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Group Four: 126 to 200 Members

328	Vancouver, B. C.	172	42
318	København, Danmark	148	32
263	Askov, Minn.	129	28
116	Newark, N. J.	174	25
242	Erie, Pa.	178	24
190	Schenectady, N. Y.	148	22
283	Dagmar, Mont.	136	18
167	Portland, Ore.	170	16
314	Hartford, Conn.	198	12

Three Cards Only

164	New York City, N. Y.	149	19
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Group Five: 201 and up Members

1	Omaha, Nebr.	257	18
39	Oakland, Calif.	204	17
29	Seattle, Wash.	365	16
227	Detroit, Mich.	316	12
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	301	9
4	Racine, Wis.	523	9
49	San Francisco, Calif.	357	8

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Chairman of Trustees.

D. B. S. And D. S. S. District Convention, Lower Michigan And Upper Ohio

The 27th annual convention will be held at Greenville, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20.

We extended a hearty invitation to Brothers and Sisters from far and near to be with us. You can be assured of a good time and interesting meetings.

CHRIST JENSEN, Secretary.

Introducing

By Jul. Andersen

During my visits to many lodges of the Danish Brotherhood, several years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting many sincere brothers, who understood what real fraternalism meant as well as practicing it, doing all in their power to promote friendship, welfare and happiness among our membership. In Chicago I had the honor of meeting Brother Marius J. Krogh, who arrived in Chicago in 1909. He married a lovely girl in 1913 and they have two fine and respected sons. In 1943 he moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, where he started a successful manufacturing business, naming it "The Southern Woodcraft."

However, it is not the private business of Brother Krogh that impressed me, it is his fidelity to the principles of the Danish Brotherhood. He saw and felt in his heart the founders of our society had opened the doors for every one of our nationality to unite in becoming better citizens in our adopted land, to imprint indelibly in the hearts and minds of members the duty they owe the memory of their parents as laid down in the scripture and the laws of nature and to propagate true love for one another. He saw and felt what fraternalism truly is.

Brother Krogh joined Lodge No. 58 shortly after settling in Chicago, and becoming an active member among the members in that city, the several lodges there formed a Central Committee and chose him as their president and leader for four successive years. He was also a delegate to the Detroit convention in 1931. In 1943 when he moved to West Palm Beach he naturally associated with the Lodge there and in 1949 transferred his membership to the lodge there as he felt a Brother is a Brother irrespective of what lodge he is a member; there they soon learned how sincere and true Brother Krogh is and this year elected him as their president, where he now yields a sincere brotherly influence among all the members. They are both proud and happy to have him as their leader and as an outstanding member of the Danish Brotherhood.

If any of our members should visit Florida and stop at West Palm Beach, be sure to attend a meeting of the lodge, you will then see and understand what Brotherhood stands for in the deep south, as well as in any other place in the United States.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

Solvang. To Danes this word has, I believe, an entirely different meaning than it has to an American even after we try to translate it into English. Sol, meaning sun and vang meaning field, so the combination in English would be sunfield, but it would not have the same meaning at all, I am afraid. To me it would mean: "Marker bugnende med gylden Høst; Marker med Køer der staar i Kløver op til Knærne. Det mener Enge der lugter af nyslaet Hø, og med en Aa der snoer sig langsomt imod Fjorden. Det mener Gaarde der er omgivet af blomstrende Syrener. Det mener Heden med dejlig Lyng og trillende Lærker, til mig mener Solvang—Danmark."

And so I guess the good Danes felt the same way, when in the early part of the century a few of them settled in Santa Ynez Valley, one of the many beautiful valleys in California.

The valley was, of course, inhabited by the Indians when the Franciscan Padres came there about 1800; and the Mission Santa Inez was founded in 1804. The buildings of the Missions were partly demolished in 1812 by an earthquake but was rebuilt in 1817. The first seminary in California was established here in 1844, but had to be abandoned in 1850 when Governor Pio Pico leased the mission for \$580.00 a year. There was a steady decline of the Mission until 1904, when a Franciscan priest, Rev. Alexander Buckeler came to the Mission and the Mission was restored in 1924.

I feel it is fitting to give above background to the little town of Solvang because here, as well as in many other places in California there is a background of the Spanish. However in most places the name of a city is in Spanish but here we have a truly Danish name for a town.

The Danish settlement was started by three Danes in 1911, who dreamed of an all Danish community where they could recreate the customs and arts of their homeland. These three were Pastor J. M. Gregersen, Pastor B. Nordentoft and Mr. Peter Hornsyld.

Pastor Gregersen and Mr. Hornsyld came to California in search for this place they had in mind. When they arrived at the Santa Ynez Valley they were so entranced by its natural beauty and ideal climate that they purchased 9,000 acres of the Old Rancho San Carlos de Jonata. They sent word to prospective settlers in a dozen midwest states and even to some in Denmark, that here was truly a place that could be called Solvang and many came and settled for life.

The Danes in Solvang are proud of their little "Landsby" and are justly proud of the many things they have accomplished here.

Probably one of the most interesting sights to visitors is the Bethania Danish Lutheran Church which is built entirely like one of the country churches in Denmark. It took the Danes 17 years to build the church and it was built and completely furnished with the aid of Danes from all over the world. The Danes in Solvang provided the physical labor, while Danes from other parts of the world contributed material and furnishings for the edifice. The altar, font and pulpit were handcarved by a wooden shoe-maker in Wisconsin; Danes in China sent the rare

Altar Cloths and Danes in Illinois gave the hymn books. The church bell was the gift of another Dane and was formerly part of an old ammunition factory in Santa Cruz.

Besides the church there is Atterdag college, which was also built with free labor and gifts and is now the property of the Danish Church. Atterdag college was, of course, first intended to be used similar to the Danish Folk High Schools in Denmark, and where students besides getting their learnings also received board and room. I spent a few days there a good many years ago when Pastor Evald Kristensen and his good wife were in charge and enjoyed it very much.

Solvang is about 4 miles from the highway, and when you come to Buellton you turn off. If you come from the North you turn left and visa versa if you come from the South you turn to the right. There is however another road from Santa Barbara and this is a very beautiful drive but it is over some pretty high mountains but well worth your while.

I mentioned Buellton above and I may add here that this is partly settled by Danes too. We have, for instance, the Buell Inn, which is besides a very fine hotel, also the home of the Andersen Split Pea Soup. People come from afar off just in order to get a bowl of split pea soup, and it has become so popular that it is now put up in cans as well as frozen, and you can buy it in most grocery stores in California.

Many of the members of the Brotherhood will also remember Buellton as the home of our late Brother Harold Ferslew, who was President for our General Committee about 20 years ago. His place was, I think, one of the forerunners of today's motels. His dining room was known for its good food all the way to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and many an evening I have spent in the beautiful large living room with its open fireplace, and with Harold as host and a hot toddy. It was really something to remember. He was one of the finest of men I have ever met, and besides, he came from Aalborg.

With people coming from so many places in the United States it was but natural that many would be coming here with Danish Brotherhood affiliations, and hence on August 10, 1933, the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 299 was founded.

Solvang lodge was one of the early lodges to join the General Committee, and I think the older ones of us will remember especially the late Brother John Roth, who was elected the fourth President of the General Committee in 1927. Brother Roth had previously lived in Ferndale, another little Danish town in California and had been a member of No. 95.

The General Committee held its first convention in Solvang in 1928, a convention which I shall always remember, as it was here I was elected an officer for the first time. We again had a convention in 1938 and the good people in Solvang have again this year invited the General Committee to come to Solvang during the days of August 26, 27 and 28. The invitation is, of course, also extended to the General Committee of the Sisterhood Lodges.

Those of us who have been in Solvang before,

need very little urging to go. But to the many who have never had the privilege to visit this ideal place, we do urge you to make an effort to come. Many changes have taken place in Solvang during the last few years. It has grown a good deal and its citizens are justly proud of their accomplishments, the last of which, but certainly not the least, is the new Danish Old People's Home, sponsored by the Danish Church.

In a later issue I shall tell you more about Solvang, as well as giving you more about the convention detail, such as Hotel accommodation, reservation and etc. But right now plan to come to Solvang, and plan to come to the convention.

It is with real regret we learn that our Danish Consul General, Brother Paul B. Ryder, is leaving us within the very near future in order to take a position within the Foreign Office in Copenhagen. We can truly say that he has established himself in the hearts of his countrymen, not only in San Francisco, but elsewhere on the Pacific Coast and he will leave a void that will be hard to fill. The Central Committee of San Francisco is arranging a luncheon in his honor at the Fairmont Hotel on June 26; for details see Bien.

As will be recalled from the Convention in Fresno last October, a committee was appointed with Brother Herbert Helseth as Chairman, to look into the matter of a Welfare Fund within the California Lodges. Brother Helseth has sent to all the lodges a proposal by the committee, to be acted upon at the convention in Solvang. Please be sure to attend the meeting of your lodge when this proposal is acted upon, so that your delegates will be properly instructed about this matter when they come to Solvang. It is a most important matter and should have every member's undivided attention.

Brother Helseth has also sent out a circular

to all the lodges of the Brotherhood relative to a National Bowling Tournament.

In last month's column I mentioned the 60th anniversary of the Margrethe Lodge No. 24, but I forgot entirely to mention that Sister Bessie Olsen, Vice President for the Sisterhood General Committee, represented the General Committee at the banquet in the absence of Sister Margaret Christiansen.

I recently mentioned two of the brethren in No. 49, who retired from their offices after many years of service, namely Brother Carl Mygind and Carl Kemp. Just in passing it will undoubtedly interest the many friends of these brethren that Brother Mygind will celebrate his 80th birthday June 5. And further that he is toying with the idea of taking a trip to old Denmark, the first one since his arrival here as a youngster. In both instances we send Brother Mygind our warmest wishes. As for Brother Kemp, he is now enjoying his "Otium" at the beautiful Adlersly in San Rafael.

And before closing may I remind you of the special trip to Solvang for the convention. Contact Brother Dan Andersen and make reservations for the special Bus, and the \$12.00 rate for the round trip is worth considering.

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DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE No.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
April 6	Chas. M. Andersen	76	Kolding, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1919	Arteriosclerosis	\$ 250.00
April 4	Marius Rasmussen	84	Næsbyhoved Broby	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Coronary Occlusion	442.48
March 22	Jens Chr. Christensen	90	Hjørring, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1899	Arteriosclerosis	325.84
March 27	Johannes Bylling	85	Slesvig, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	1894	Arteriosclerosis	768.32
April 4	Soren K. Andersen	59	Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1914	Not given	500.00
March 22	Julius Jaspersen	86	Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1903	Hemorrhage	1,000.00
April 1	Claus H. Petersen	62	Ærø, Denmark	175	Jacksonville, Iowa	1918	Metastasis	1,000.00
April 3	Johannes Jensen	64	Copenhagen, Den.	257	New York, N. Y.	1924	Not given	250.00
April 8	Fritz Petersen	72	Vandsted, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1907	Hemorrhage	237.40
April 10	George Hansen	80	Klinting, Als, Den.	151	Escanaba, Mich.	1904	Cerebral Hemorrhage	436.20
April 12	Martin Nielsen	61	Lohals, Langeland	4	Racine, Wis.	1925	Coronary Thrombosis	250.00
April 10	Louis C. Hansen	86	Ringe Sogn, Svend., A.	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1906	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
April 16	Carl M. Sorensen	78	Hjørring, Amt., Den.	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1918	Heart Disease	1,000.00
April 13	Carl J. A. Grenaae	73	Copenhagen, Den.	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1909	Carcinoma	474.66
April 11	John J. Jensen	78	Køge, Denmark	233	Toledo, Ohio	1906	Coronary Occlusion	250.00
April 6	Hans Forslev	85	Førslev, Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1913	Arteriosclerosis	479.09
April 13	Lawrence A. Hansen	73	Greenville, Michigan	70	Greenville, Mich.	1915	Coronary Occlusion	494.38
April 9	Marinus Nissen	72	Veje Amt., Denmark	212	Waterloo, Iowa	1907	Coronary Occlusion	943.85
March 28	Carl Jensen	70	Brørup, Denmark	186	Luck, Wis.	1910	Coronary Occlusion	490.43
April 28	Ferdinand Hansen	89	Langeland, Denmark	269	Oregon, Wis.	1910	Carcinoma	906.85
April 4	Nels P. Jensen	83	Svendborg Amt., Den.	149	Luverne, N. D.	1896	Senility	789.64
April 17	Marius M. Steffensen	65	Vilbjærg Sogn, Den.	29	Waterloo, Wash.	1912	Leukemia	1,000.00
Dec. 20	Lars P. J. Friis	69	Vejlby, Denmark	157	Audubon, Iowa	1909	Not given	244.72
April 11	Carl G. Andersen	92	Slagelse, Denmark	242	Erie, Penn.	1900	Chronic Myocarditis	571.77
April 20	Hans Peter Larsen	70	Copenhagen, Den.	5	Moline, Ill.	1907	Carcinoma	971.82
April 20	Jacob H. Bagge	84	Tjornelunde, Holbæk	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1898	Cardiac Dilatation	800.38
April 27	Alfred L. Balle	60	Veje, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1936	Rupture	125.00
April 13	Harry W. Larsen	79	Chicago, Ill.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1908	Carcinoma	457.26
April 24	Christian Christiansen	95	Tumbøl, Aabenraa	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1899	Coronary Occlusion	608.12
May 1	Rasmus Andersen	61	Manistee, Mich.	51	Ludington, Mich.	1911	Cerebral Necrosis	1,000.00
April 13	Jens Chr. Jensen	87	Brønderslev Sogn	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1892	Coronary Thrombosis	1,000.00
March 19	Otto Jensen	50	Copenhagen, Den.	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1946	Not given	Social
May 3	Arthur H. Fuller	69	Brown County, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1950	Not given	Social

Friendly Chatter

By Norbert E. Grove, District Sec.-Treas.
Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood
711 North Eye, Tacoma, Washington

The last few months, we have given you quite a spread about the district convention. We won't devote much space to the Fifth Annual gathering of our thirteen lodges in this issue because as we go to press, the event is only a few hours away and so we are more or less "between the devil and the deep blue sea" so to speak. Latest comment from General Convention Chairman Carl N. Grove "Oh, it's going to be a great affair and the many committeemen and others who have worked so hard during these pre-convention months deserve a lot of credit for their efforts."

Chatter from here and there includes a nice dinner evening at the West Seattle home of Ex-District President John A. Hansen and wife, Kristine, Supreme Sisterhood Trustee—among the guests were Past District President Carl Grove and wife, Myrtine; President of Number 29, Kristian Jorgensen and his wife; Brother Einar Hansen and Mrs. Hansen; and Brother Arent Nielsen, Resident Manager of the Old People's Home. Brother John Jokumsen who was vacationing in Arizona with his family was called back to Enumclaw because of a series of heart attacks suffered by his pickel packer son. Tacoma's Danish Church was the host meeting place on Friday, April twenty-third of the Old People's Home Directors. Vind's Lodge No. 42 has several items of interest this month—Brother John Bech is spending this fine May weather as a jurymen at the Courthouse, Brother Robert Hoegh was decorated with his Ex-President's emblem, Brother Lawrence Cherneski is in Japan, the Eskebergs and Paulsens are already week-ending at their respective lake homes, Brother Julius Danielson, only 87 years old, needs visitors and Past Supreme President N. B. Nelson is reported improved. Brother Herbert H. Helseth, Senior, of Santa Barbara, California, DBS No. 322 is launching an enthusiastic effort to re-establish a National Bowling Tournament within our ranks. A March pinochle and dinner party at Osceola found the Andrew Hansens, John Hansens, Graves Graversens and Peder Livingstons together—the latter now on a concert tour through Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Enumclaw's Past President John L. Rieck singing a special Mother's Day ballad at the joint meeting of Number 113 and 75 while Brother Pete Livingston opened his singing engagement the same evening in Minneapolis. Brother Harold Holm and wife have again taken a leave from Boeings and are visiting their native state of South Dakota—grandson Douglas Michael Holm recently being accepted as another juvenile link in Enumclaw's junior lodge. Portland's Brother Chris Pedersen and his missus leaving for Denmark and Brother and Mrs. Chris Nielsen celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Three more members took the obligation at the last meeting of Enumclaw's D. B. making a total of sixteen new Brothers the past year—Hans Sands, Chris Kamp and Clyde Eagon.

It's an honor to wear a beautiful DBS lapel pin for it signifies that the wearer belongs to one of the finest brotherhood organizations in America. This attractive jewelry is available by merely asking your local secretary and the cost is very nominal. To say

that all brothers thoroughly enjoy wearing it would be putting it mildly. Whenever you are right in the thick of that spirit of brotherhood that is generated by your participation in so many of our worthwhile activities, be proud to wear that pin.

Brother Harry J. Lorenzen of the Shoreview Beach Homes at Long Beach, Washington and a former member of the Everett DBS lodge since 1907 which is now part of Seattle's No. 29, invites all brothers to his resort establishment for an outing. Together with his wife, Emma, Brother Lorenzen operates this peninsula vacation spot at Tongue Point on the grand old Columbia river by the Pacific Ocean and bids your pleasure in seeing their oyster beds, cranberry bogs and magnificent views of historic interest including Cape Disappointment, Fort Canby, Harbor Gate, Willapa Bay and Dead Man's Hollow.

Even though Enumclaw's DBS Treasurer Andrew Hansen (for nearly thirty years) has his days and nights fully occupied with several duties including the many details of Registration Chairman for the Fifth Annual District Convention, he nevertheless finds the time to write a column now and again for the Danish Pioneer. Andy never misses a regular meeting of either his own lodge or the quarterly gatherings of the Old People's Home Directors. And speaking of attendance, with the National Convention only fifteen months away, local lodge sessions are more important than ever.

Our Danish Brotherhood ought to be the part time profession of every member who would protect our fraternal insurance organization and who would preserve those good and fruitful ideals on which our forefathers founded the fraternity. The DBS should and must be the concern of every member who would see our order increase in numbers and our Brotherhood strengthened. Only in unity can the strength of each of us be multiplied by the total of all of us. A number of interesting items will undoubtedly be brought up for discussion at this convention and periodic reports and details of negotiations will naturally be outlined at the meetings of all local lodges between this and the national get-together in 1955.

The convention city had a good year these past twelve months—what with new members, new activities, new building rejuvenations and a new year with which to strengthen and sustain interest in our organization—we are better off today than yesterday and that is as it should be. Attendance has been stimulated by a ten-cent jackpot system, by observing wedding anniversaries of all our Brothers, arranging celebrations whenever fifty year membership honor pins are presented, making mention of vacationers and wishing them bon voyage, maintaining interesting sessions followed by nice social hours with the Sisterhood, sending birthday postcards to all member, practicing a telephone campaign to route out procrastinators (those who like to do tomorrow what they could do today), calling on the sick, placing younger officers in our chairs and striving to carry out the suggestions of our Supreme Officers who have a bird's eye view of all DBS lodges. We were indeed proud to receive the second prize in group two of Supreme Trustee Viggo Mikkelsen's Attendance Contest and we are sincerely hopeful that the efforts expended in this venture will continue to gather momentum towards still more interesting and better attended meetings everywhere.

Spokane's Secretary L. Mortensen's "Convention

Special" monthly bulletin had this to say as a last reminder—Quote: "That colossal, that stupendous, that exhilarating, good will gathering known as the thirteen Pacific Northwest DBS lodges is your opportunity to treat yourselves to the very nicest kind of week-end vacation possible with mirthful, social and educational entertainment offered all." Unquote. We hope his prediction was correct. As Enumclaw's DSS Secretary Ann Boysen would say—"Conventionally yours, Grove."

Golden Anniversary At St. Louis

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 191 celebrated its 50 year-anniversary May 1 at the Tulip Box in Maplewood with a banquet for its members and their wives. The hall was full; the tables decorated with Danish and American flags, the serving was fine and the food was excellent.

Oluf Larsen acted as toastmaster. The secretary gave the record of the lodge in its 50 years of existence. Our main speaker was former Supreme Vice President Julius Andersen, who with his daughter, Kathrine, had flown up to us from Florida.

There was a telegram from Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, congratulating us, another from Henry Andersen, Birmingham, Alabama, and letter from John Christensen, Omaha, Nebr., both members who were unable to attend.

Julius Andersen presented Brother James Brock with the 50-year Emblem, which was sent us for him from the Supreme Lodge and Brother Jim was very proud of it.

The highlight was that Brother Jul. Andersen was there. He is over 81 years but even after the long flight up here, he looked hale and sound, better than he did some months ago, when my wife and I visited him at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He has lately received the Liberty Medal from the King of Denmark through the Danish Ambassador, and he is very proud of it, even if it came late. His daughter sang for us in Danish: "Hils fra mig derhjemme, hils min gamle Mor"; none knew that she could speak Danish, and it was greatly appreciated by all present.

Everyone was satisfied and happy and hoped that this may lead to the result that we wake up and get in some new members.

ALBERT JENSEN, Sec.
D. B. Lodge No. 191.

Let's Both Live

The worst automobile accident toll in the nation's history — more than two million casualties — was recorded in 1953, according to figures released today by The Travelers Insurance Companies.

Traffic deaths totaled 38,500, an increase of 900 over 1952. The injury count reached 2,140,000 compared to 2,090,000 for the previous year.

The totals are statistics from "The Passing Scene," twentieth in an annual series of traffic accident data booklets published by The Travelers. Accident facts from every state in the country are collected and analyzed for the publication by Travelers statisticians.

Excessive speed was the most dangerous driving

mistake in 1953. Speed killed 13,870 persons and injured more than 600,000. Drivers under 25 years of age were involved in almost 25 per cent of the year's fatal accidents although they constitute only about 15 per cent of the total of all drivers.

Week-end crashes accounted for 15,800 killed and 800,000 hurt during 1953. Forty-one per cent of the deaths and 36 per cent of the injuries occurred on Saturdays and Sundays last year.

The pedestrian record reflected the third consecutive year of improvement. Booklet figures show pedestrian casualties reduced by 50 to 8,600. Crossing between intersections, "jay walking," still is the chief cause of pedestrian deaths and injuries.

"The Passing Scene" also reports that three out of four 1953 auto accidents happened to passenger cars driving in clear weather on dry roads.

Eighty per cent of vehicles involved in fatal accidents were traveling straight ahead.

Saturday was the most dangerous day of the week to drive.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

George V. Petersen, 20 Maywood Dr., W. Warwick, R. I.

Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge No. 37

The most important news from the East this month is the meeting in Bridgeport held on Wednesday, the 12th of May.

This was really a very pleasant meeting where 76 brothers were present. Visitors were from New Haven No. 32, 11; Derby No. 41, 9; Byram, No. 50, 5; Providence No. 102, 5; Waterbury, No. 103, 3; Hartford, No. 314, 18; Newark, No. 116, 1; "Modersmaalet," New York, No. 164, 1; and from Denver, Colorado, No. 43, 2 brothers were present.

Hartford Lodge showed up with its Degree Team and initiated Brother Tage Sorensen into "Denmark" Lodge No. 37. Brother Sorensen has been in this country less than two years.

It is worth mentioning that 7 Ex-Presidents of the General Committee were present among the visitors. Erik Garde, the president of Lodge No. 37 was elected delegate to the convention in Schenectady.

After the regular meeting a discussion was had about the Brotherhood in general, but it was discussed in details just what was to be done in the several lodges to create more interest among the members.

Certainly it is good to have these mass meetings and the Hartford lodge invited to a meeting in their hall on June the second; we hope just as many will show up there. Here it will be discussed if it would be advantageous to issue a monthly magazine for the Eastern lodges. Other subjects may be brought forward.

And Byram lodge invited to another meeting in their hall on Saturday, Aug. the 14th. At this meeting there is bound to be more subjects as it will be only a couple weeks before the convention.

Of course, delicious sandwiches and coffee was served after the meeting, prepared by several ladies, and they were delicious. It is worth traveling 130 miles to have some of this fine food among such fine friends and brothers. Remember brothers, you who say that interest is lacking, when you see a meeting like this one, do you think that interest is lacking? The next regular meeting will start promptly at 8 p. m.; the lodge will have its regular meeting at 7, to give the visitors more time for discussion.

"TAK FOR SIDST I BRIDGEPORT."

Providence, R. I., Lodge No. 102

The brothers decided to have a supper at the meeting in May, therefore they just asked the Sisters at the meeting if they would prepare it for them. Of course, this they did and it was just fine.

This time we had it after the meeting, so that we could have our ladies with us the rest of the evening and promptly at 8:30 we sat down to the most delicious "Eøf med Løg" you can imagine and as desert we had "Rabarbergrød og saa Kaffe og Wienerbrød."

After we had planned this dinner we discovered that our President Fred Mortensen and his wife,

Cora, were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, which of course put a little more spirit in the affair; the tables looked beautiful.

We certainly appreciate our ladies, they are always so willing to help us out. We here in Providence are so few; but we are doing just fine. Our Brother Th. Andersen, who will be 93 this fall, was here and he is present at almost every meeting. We like that.

"Mange Tak, Søstre."

Newark, N. J., Lodge No. 116

From Newark we understand that they are very pleased with their new hall; their meetings are well attended and no less than 3 applications were read at the meeting in April.

All applicans were sponsored by the president, Geo. Godthaab.

An application from a social member was read at the January meeting and Brother Paul Petersen from New York was visiting this evening and he recognized the name as a cousin of his whom he has not seen for over 30 years. They finally met at the initiation at the meeting in April; of course there was something to talk about then.

Oh yes, sometimes it pays to be a member of the Danish Brotherhood. The meeting in May should be pleasant, a new Sister, Mrs. George Nyborg, has promised to make "Æbleskiver til Kaffen." I bet the meeting will be well attended.

Lurbladet, Philadelphia, Pa.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Brother Chris. Kaer on his 90th birthday which is on May 23rd.

We see a most interesting history of Brother Kaer since he came to this country in 1886. The lodge deserves a lot of credit to mention a Brother's life this way.

Also we find that the officers are trying to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary of Enighed Lodge; this to further the interest of all concerned in Philadelphia. We wish them luck and success in this undertaking.

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Resolutions

JOHN JACOB JENSEN, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, John Jacob Jensen, who passed away April 11, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Toledo Lodge No. 233:

Resolved that we regret the loss of our brother and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

KARL PEDERSEN, President.
HANS SOE, Secretary.

RASMUS ANDERSEN, Ludington, Michigan

Resolved, that the membership of Danish Brotherhood, Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan, mourns the passing of Brother Rasmus Andersen.

Be it further resolved, that the charter of this Lodge be draped in memory of this departed brother for a period of thirty days.

Further, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family, a copy filed in the permanent minutes of this Lodge, and that a copy be published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Danish Brotherhood, Lodge No. 51.

ELMER FREDERICKS, President.
EARL G. JENSEN, Secretary.

HERMAN A. KOFOED, Jamestown, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, Herman A. Kofoed, who passed away April 15, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 171, Jamestown, N. Y.:

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

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

SIGVARD FLYGER, President.
MERLE LASSEN, Secretary.

CHRIS OLSEN, Clear Lake, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Chris Olsen, who passed away May 5, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by the members of Lodge No. 219:

That we regret the loss of our 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 in his memory, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and entered in the minutes of our lodge, and a copy be sent to his family.

S. M. OREDSSEN, President.
E. C. E. ESTERGARD, Secretary.

CARL JENSEN, Luck, Wisconsin

In memory of our departed brother, Carl Jensen, who passed away March 28, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 186.

Resolved that we regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for

a period of 30 days in his memory and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. Entered in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

MILTON NELSON, President.
ROY W. PETERSON, Secretary.

ALFRED J. NIELSEN, Luck, Wisconsin

In memory of our departed brother, Alfred J. Nielsen, who passed away April 12, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 186.

Resolved that we regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. Entered in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

MILTON NELSON, President.
ROY W. PETERSON, Secretary.

JOHANNES V. JENSEN, New York, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, Johannes V. Jensen, who passed away April 3, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 257:

Resolved, that we regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. Entered in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

KARL AXSEL, President.
ANDERS JENSEN, Secretary.

CARL G. ANDERSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Carl G. Andersen, who passed away April 11, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by "Lyngblomsten" Lodge No. 242, D. B. S.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and that we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy; that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days; that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

KARL NIELSEN, President.
P. H. NELSON, Secretary.

Change In Address Of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 211, Wm. Johnson, 618 West 11th, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 188, Fred Hammerick, 13493 East Lincoln Ave., Parlier, California.

Excessive speed was the principal cause of traffic accidents in 1953.

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Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1954
67	Fresno, California	10	70
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	10	185
4	Racine, Wisconsin	9	523
263	Askov, Minnesota	9	130
1	Omaha, Nebraska	6	273
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6	206
17	Chicago, Illinois	6	192
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	5	234
110	Winside, Nebraska	5	24
113	Enumclaw, Washington	5	78
126	Los Angeles, California	5	303
143	Petaluma, California	5	110

(Juveniles included in the above)

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
67	Julius Hansen	Fresno, Calif.	8
45	Chris W. Pedersen	Minneapolis, Minn.	5
113	Norbert E. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	5
263	Jens J. Krogh	Askov, Minn.	5
4	Arne Sondergaard	Racine, Wis.	4
143	John V. Jensen	Petaluma, Calif.	4
1	Kaj Refslund	Omaha, Nebr.	3
17	August P. Larsen	Chicago, Ill.	3
35	Marius Pedersen	Chicago, Ill.	3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen	Winside, Nebr.	3
155	Hans F. Hansen	Bellingham, Wash.	3

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Pioneer Plov Opstillet I Rebild

Da Rebild National Park Boards president, direktør Holger Bladt, Aalborg, sidste efteraar var i Amerika, havde han øjnene aabne for at finde en eller anden ting, der var velegnet til at staa som minde fra de første pionerers tid i staterne, hvor de sled og slæbte med at dyrke jorden. Den historiske ekspert, museumsinspektør Peter Riismøller, havde ladet nogle ord falde om, at en plov af en eller anden konstruktion var noget af det, der manglede i museet i bakkerne.

Nu er ploven kormet og med fuld honnør opstillet paa en fin plads med mørkesedler, affattet baade paa engelsk og dansk, saa besøgende kan se hvor og af hvem den har været brugt.

"NABOSKABETS PLOV"—Ploven, som menes at være fra ca. 1850, er skænket af Thomas Fay Ford, Centerville, Davis County, Utah. Den har været i samme families eje gennem 4 generationer, og paa enen blev den kendt som "Naboskabets plov." Den ædle giver satte sig i forbindelse med kvindeorganisationen "The daughters of pioneerers" i Utah (døtre af pionerer). Disse kvinder fik ploven anbragt i en stor kasse og sendt til New York hvorfra Svenska-Amerika-linien gratis har transporteret den til København.

Ploven, som minder en hel del om nutidens plove, bærer i høj grad præg af at være brugt. Den mangler saaledes begge styrestænger, men det er kun godt, at der ikke er monteret nogle nye. I sin nuværende skikkelse er den meget værdifuld.

OPLYSNINGER OM EJERNE—Den oprindelige ejer hed John Ford og var født i England i 1843 og

emigrerede allerede i 1854 til Amerika sammen med sine forældre. Han beskrives som værende 5 fod og 8 tommer og vejende 210 pund. Han havde brunt haar og øjne, et godt helbred og rent tøj og endelig et rent hjem. Desuden var han kendt som en god husband og fader.

Ved præsentationen i Rebild vistes forøvrigt ogsaa budskabet fra præsident Eisenhower, som sidste aar blev oplæst under Rebildfesten, og som blev indlemmet i samlingen i blokhuset. De af Rebildkomiteen, der var til stede, glædede sig særlig over at have et saadant budskab i museet fra den sidende præsident.

Ploven er en virkelig attraktion, der sikkert vil skaffe mange besøgende, og sikkert ogsaa mange, der vil mindes gamle dage, hvor man brugte den slags til at dyrke jorden med.

In 1953, 2,140,000 Americans were injured in traffic accidents.

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Diversified Ideas

Editor Gerhard H. Rasmussen continues to do a fine job editing the Danish Brotherhood News for Racine Lodge No. 4. Whether or not he had the Supreme President's so-called Twenty Points in mind is not known, but here is what he has to say in the March, 1954, issue:

The Editor Says . . .

Most fraternal organizations consist of three classes of members: 1. The few, who make things happen; 2. The many, who watch things happen; and 3. The overwhelming majority who have no idea what has or is happening.—Group No. 1 are generally unjustly accused of "running the thing"; Group No. 3 either are not interested, do not particularly care, or just "belong" to something.

Group No. 2 are members who generally always come to meetings but never voice their opinion—they just "watch." In contacting these members I find that the two main reasons why they never take part in discussions are: 1. Afraid they might be wrong, and 2. By talking, they might be talked about! —I do not believe either reason is valid. Oscar Wilde said: "The only thing worse than being talked about is **not** being talked about." A person not being talked about either favorably or unfavorably is a nonentity, or a nobody. He doesn't do or say anything worth talking about. Those most talked about are mostly leaders or people of action, even when they are criticized for bossiness. The ones least talked about always have the fewest friends. It certainly is preferable to be talked about, than being a "nobody."

As far as being "wrong"—or in the minority—well—a minority has often, after a period been found to be right! The Author Samuel Hopkins Adams said: "A thousand pioneers may be wrong before one is right" and the late Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, once said to his board

of trustees, "Let me remind you gentlemen, that academic freedom involves the right to be wrong as well as the right to be right." History is full of names of explorers and scientists who were thought wrong—yes—ridiculed and hampered; but their firm conviction and belief, their honest opinion and their perseverance, blazed trails anew, and furnished proof, that they, after all, were right! Honest opinions are worthy to be heard. Who knows, but that from untried or new ideas may not come something good? Glory is properly the reward of success, but it does not follow that disgrace should be heaped upon failure! Trial and error are methods by which progress is made, and error may be as honorable in intent as truth.

Your lodge needs many diversified ideas—the more the better. We will then have more choice; never mind what others think of your opinions, if YOU believe them to have merit. Never mind criticism. Remember, there is only one sure way to avoid it, namely: "Do nothing — say nothing — and be nothing." Opinions and ideas cause action and enthusiasm. And a man with enthusiasm and little judgment will usually accomplish more than a man with judgment and little enthusiasm. Thinking about your lodge only, what should or should not be done, gets us or you nowhere; voicing your thoughts brings out ideas, ideas sometimes bring action; and action means vitality and life for any organization!

Speeding on U. S. streets and highways last year killed 13,870 men, women and children.

Eighty per cent of vehicles involved in fatal traffic accidents in 1953 were traveling straight ahead.

Husk at gaa til møde i Loge 318 naar du er paa besøg i Danmark. Logen møder paa St. Knudsvej 26, København, V. I Juni og Juli dog kun vej 26, København, V. 2. og 4. Fredag.

Straw Vote Ballot

Discussion Subject for the Second Quarter of 1954:

"Shall the Supreme Board investigate the possibility of providing an insurance policy whereby any member of the Society can insure his wife and minor children."

Result of vote in Lodge No. _____ Dated _____

YES_____

NO_____

Signed _____

Secretary.

Send this, or a similar report, before July 12, 1954, to

The Danish Brotherhood in America.
908 W. O. W. Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Kaj Refslund	1	—Omaha	—Knud Erik Jensen
Gunnar S. Engskov	1	—Omaha	—Robert D. Sheehan
Thorvald Ladefoged	4	—Racine	—Henry L. Hansen
Thorvald Ladefoged	4	—Racine	—Paul N. Ladefoged
N. E. Tofing	4	—Racine	—Elmer H. Hansen
Chris Pedersen	10	—Council Bluffs	—A. Sorensen
Jacob Zimmerman	14	—Kenosha	—Elmer Zimmerman
Jens Haugaard	14	—Kenosha	—L. E. Haugaard
Albert Nielsen	14	—Kenosha	—Albert R. Nielsen
Martin Jensen	14	—Kenosha	—Charles R. Jensen
John A. Hansen	29	—Seattle	—Milton A. Rhodes
Knud Sondergaard	32	—New Haven	—C. S. Williams
Andrew P. Nielsen	34	—Dwight	—Leland Ray Madsen
John Jacobsen	36	—Milwaukee	—C. H. Nielsen
Erik Garde	37	—Bridgeport	—Tage Sorensen
Don S. Kuykendall	39	—Oakland	—Russell E. Hansen
Robert A. Jensen	39	—Oakland	—H. D. Christiansen
Chris W. Pedersen	45	—Minneapolis	—Arthur Fisher
Chris W. Pedersen	45	—Minneapolis	—Bennie Dietz
Chris W. Pedersen	45	—Minneapolis	—Ralph Petersen
Chris W. Pedersen	45	—Minneapolis	—Thorvald Fisher
Chris W. Pedersen	45	—Minneapolis	—Holger Fisher
Axel Jacobsen	49	—San Francisco	—Fred Larsen
Axel Jacobsen	49	—San Francisco	—N. Daphne
Hilmar W. Hansen	78	—Salt Lake City	—A. Eggertsen
Borge Kragh	78	—Salt Lake City	—C. Nielsen
N. O. Hansen	107	—Chicago	—Lewis J. Manahan
Hans C. Iversen	188	—Del Rey	—Henry Danielsen
Ove Rostgaard	227	—Detroit	—Niels V. Paarup
Sigfred Jorgensen	227	—Detroit	—James J. Dryer
Howard Andersen	273	—Dillion	—Willis F. Koeneke
B. P. Christensen	299	—Solvang	—Knud Raben
B. P. Christensen	299	—Solvang	—Ib Thorvald Raben
Aage Pedersen	314	—Hartford	—Lucien Christensen
Otto F. Pedersen	322	—Santa Barbara	—T. Sorensen

(Juveniles included in the above.)

Hints For The Handy-man

General Industrial Co. recently announced production of a complete line of "See-Thru" drawer cabinets for small-parts filing and storage in factories, offices and school shops, home workshops and garages.

The popular Model J-20 consists of twenty crystal-clear lifetime-guaranteed plastic spillproof drawers, five and seven-eighths inches by two and three-fourths inches wide by one and seven-sixteenths inches high, in a welded all-steel cabinet. Overall size is ten and one-fourth inches high by twelve and one-half inches wide by six inches deep. The cabinet has an attractive silver-gray hammer finish and is equipped with rubber feet. Adjustable drawer dividers and identification labels are included. The unit is priced at \$7.95, postpaid.

General Industrial Co., 5738 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill., will be pleased to furnish literature and additional information.

There were 50,000 more persons injured in U. S. motor vehicle accidents last year than in 1952.

In 1953, 38,000 Americans were killed in traffic accidents.

Ludington, Michigan

On Friday night, May 14, the Danish Brotherhood held a celebration at the Danish Hall, upon completion of the payments on their mortgage.

The evening was begun with Pinochle being played by members, their wives, and guests from Muskegon and Manistee lodges. High for Ladies was won by Mrs. Andrew Nielsen of Muskegon, second, Mrs. Milton Price of Scottville, and low by Mrs. Carl Jeppesen of Ludington. High for men was won by Walter Hansen, second by J. M. Jeppesen, both of Ludington, and low by Milton Price of Scottville.

Following the Pinochle, a delicious lunch was served, prepared by Elmer Fredericks, Albert Christoffersen and Stanley Williamson. Jim Pedersen was in charge of refreshments.

Special awards were won by Mrs. Milton Price, Ellen Jeppesen and Hans Hansen.

The Mortgage was burned by President Elmer Fredericks, assisted by Lawrence Ritter of Muskegon, and Raymond Dahlvig of Manistee.

Dancing was enjoyed to music of George Hansen and his accordion.

Program and entertainment committee consisted of Earl Jensen, Edward Larsen, Delbert Williamson, Lars Christoffersen and Alfred Larsen.

Sincerely,

EARL G. JENSEN, Secretary.

Make-Believe World

In the April 5th issue TIME Magazine devotes two whole pages to illustrate in color Hans Christian Andersen's "Little Match Girl", "Tinderbox Story", "Little Mermaid," and "Emporer's New Clothes" and under the above caption writes as follows:

Because they can immerse themselves wholeheartedly in a make-believe world, children make fine illustrators. The fact is being handsomely proved by a traveling exhibition of children's illustrations for the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen, who was born in Denmark 149 years ago last week. The show, a vast one to which 45 nations contributed, is divided into sections; this week part of it was on display at the New York Public Library, another part at the Municipal Art Gallery of Davenport, Iowa. Organized by a Danish welfare group, the exhibition is being circulated throughout the free world.

Wellspring of the show was the genius of Andersen himself. Born to a poor and slightly unbalanced cobbler, Andersen liked to dabble in art; he was pretty good at cutting out silhouettes, once designed a whole new set of shapes for gingerbread cookies. But Andersen's real gift was painting word pictures that appealed to children everywhere. Nearly all of the youthful illustrators who submitted entries in the current show were already familiar with Andersen's tales in their own languages.

The result of their work is easier to classify by age and sex than by country. Seven-year-old boys living on opposite sides of the globe are more apt to paint alike than a brother and sister a couple of years apart. The world of imagination, like the world of men, demands conscious loyalties, and all of the young exhibitors showed themselves able and loyal subjects of Andersen's fairy kingdom.

NEW ADDRESS

If you move then write your name and new address in the space provided. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to

DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE, ASKOV, MINN.

Also notify the secretary of your lodge of your new address.

June, 1954

I belong _____ My number in
to lodge No. _____ the lodge is _____

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

Immigration & Naturalization Questions and Answers

Question: I immigrated to the United States five years ago and intend to become an American citizen. I am a seaman and have been out of the country for considerable periods of time since first coming here. In fact my total time absent from the United States is over three years. However, all my service has been aboard ships of American registry. Will the time I have spent on American vessels count in meeting the residence requirement for naturalization?

Answer: Yes. The Immigration and Nationality Act requires that a petitioner for naturalization must have resided in the United States continuously for five years after being lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and also that during that period he must have been **physically present** in the United States for a total period of at least two and one half years. The law specifies, however, that any time served on board a vessel whose home port is in the United States and which is registered under the laws of the United States, or owned by an American citizen, shall be deemed residence and physical presence within the United States, if such service occurred within 5 years immediately preceding the date such person files his petition for naturalization. You are in a position, accordingly, to meet the residence requirements for naturalization.

Question: I am a naturalized American citizen and have lived in the United States for many years. My nephew abroad would like to immigrate and I would like to help him. His quota is open and I believe he meets all requirements. However, the American consul in his country tells him that he is inadmissible because several years ago, when he was 19, he took some wood from an empty lot and was

convicted of petit larceny. His sentence of one day's imprisonment was suspended. Is it true that this minor conviction can keep him from coming to the United States as an immigrant?

Answer: The conviction of your nephew on a petit larceny charge, when he was over 18 years old, will prevent him from entering the United States as an immigrant. The Immigration and Nationality Act excludes all persons who have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. United States courts have held that larceny, no matter how small, is a crime involving moral turpitude. Even if your nephew were to secure a pardon by the court in his country it would not help, as such pardons are not recognized in this connection. The only exception the law makes is the case of an alien who has committed not more than **one** crime involving moral turpitude while **under the age of 18**. In such a case, admission to the United States is possible, provided that more than **five** years have elapsed between the commission of the crime and application for a visa, and provided also that, if the crime resulted in confinement in prison or other correctional institution, more than **five** years have elapsed between release from such confinement and application for a visa.

Question: I was born in Mexico and came to the United States in 1934, crossing the border as a "wet-back," that is, without papers. Because I entered the country illegally, I have never been able to become a citizen, but my wife is a citizen and we have five small children, all born in the United States. After I registered as an alien, my illegal status was discovered and I seem likely to be deported. I would like to remain here. I have lived here 20 years. I have a good job. My wife is a citizen. My children are in school here. I have heard that in certain hardship cases, people are not deported. Would this apply to me?

Answer: The law provides for suspension of deportation in certain cases—in general where deportation would result in "exceptional and extremely unusual hardship" and where the alien can show good moral character and meet certain residence requirements. However, this remedy is not available to a native of any country bordering on the United States, or of any adjacent island—such as Mexico, Canada and Cuba—unless he can establish that he is ineligible for a nonquota immigrant visa. Persons born in Mexico, Canada and Cuba are, in general, entitled to nonquota status. You are not, therefore, eligible for suspension of deportation under the law.

What you should try to do is to ask the Immigration Service to let you depart voluntarily and to have all your papers ready to apply, once you are out of the country, for a nonquota visa. Once this is granted, you can return to the United States as a legal resident and will then be in a position to become a citizen.

It would be desirable for you to consult some organization which can give you expert advice on how to proceed.

In 1953, 8,600 pedestrians were killed in U. S. traffic accidents.

In 1953, 269,360 pedestrians were injured in U. S. traffic accidents.