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Greetings



Otto Nielsen

A month has gone by since the convention in Racine, and again I would like to say "Thank You" for the great honor of being selected your Supreme President for the next four years. I am indeed very grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I shall try to be worthy of that trust. It matters not who voted for my election at the convention because we shall all stand united in the best interest of our Brotherhood.

The next four years will be crucial years. You have given us on the Supreme Board, a mandate. We shall do our best to fulfill your wishes, but we need your help and the help of each and every one of you Brothers

to go out and sign up that prospective member. A great majority of you have sons and sons-in-law who do not belong to our Order. Convince them that the Danish Brotherhood is worthy of their membership.

I am confident that with the other members on the Supreme Board we shall, in unity, go far and leave no stone unturned in promoting **the very best** for the Danish Brotherhood. With this in mind, we shall face the future with confidence.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

OTTO NIELSEN,
Supreme President.

Official Minutes

It was planned to have the official minutes of the Racine national convention in this issue, but due to circumstances beyond control, they will have to be delayed another month. The reason for this delay is that some of the motions passed at the convention are of such a nature that they must be approved by the

insurance department of the state of Nebraska and possibly also by insurance departments of other states.

It would be unfortunate to publish the minutes as passed and then later be obligated to come along and tell you that the state insurance department would not approve some of the motions.

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Donations to Children's Homes

Nearly all lodges contribute an average of 10 cents per member toward the Children's Homes each year with their November or December assessment remittance. That is just fine, but do you realize that the dime of today is worth only about one-half of what it was ten years ago.

By all means send the dime as usual, but if you can, then add a little bit extra to it as it goes to a very worthy cause: our Danish Children's Homes.

Lodge contributions may be remitted on the regular monthly assessments statement by the lodge treasurer. Individual members contributions can also be forwarded by the lodge treasurer or sent direct to the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

We should like to have all contributions reach us before Christmas.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Sec.-Treas.

Nationality

By JUL. ANDERSEN

Nature and life is a mystery. None of us had any choice of being born into either nationality, race or color, be they white, yellow, red or black, male or female, all must accept what nature and life has ordained for us.

To those who are of Danish nationality or descent that fact should be accepted by all of us as a gift of the great spiritual power creating the universe and all living things there upon, human beings term by different names, we call it God. We of our nationality should never forget that fact even though we have adopted the U. S. as our home and the land wherein

we have improved our conditions and living. Everyone should honor and appreciate their nationality and help to keep up the reputation our people have gained here as the best and most honorable citizens immigrated from Europe.

What can we do to keep that reputation continuing? Some may think it can be done by joining other fraternal societies, clubs or unions, but there is no better or truer way, than for all who are eligible to join in with the Danish Brotherhood, by doing that we follow the acts of nature that made us what we are and also follow the ideals of the Veterans, when forming the society tried to inculcate therein, knowing what they had gone through, fought, suffered, died and wounded for, so our homeland could exist and future generations live in freedom, happiness and well being.

I hope all members who read this will think it over carefully and take the message with them to some potential members. Try to convince them, they should help to their very best ability, helping to keep our organization alive, to grow and be respected by all of our nationality as well as other citizens showing all, we are trying to live according to the creed of our order, as honest, respected people, who do not forget the creator placed us here, from a nationality that can and should be the best of all. Get them to join in with us.

Relax, My Friend, Relax

Don't race your body engine with your brakes on — if you want to stay healthy. Needless tension wastes energy, says the Christmas Seal organization.

When you're tense, you become tired. When you're tired, your work becomes more inefficient. As you work harder to keep up your production rate, you become more tired.

Don't get caught in this vicious circle. By learning to relax even while working, healthy people can help themselves stay healthy. A few of the work-day suggestions are:

If you drive to work in the morning, sit back against the cushion and relax the muscles in your shoulders and legs. If you are a bus rider, lean back and practice untensing your nerves. And if you miss the bus now and then, don't stand impatiently, checking your watch and biting your fingernails. Energy used in grimacing or grumbling will not shorten the wait.

At the lunch counter or restaurant, don't work yourself into a state of tension while you wait for food. Relax, enjoy your lunch, and avoid having to take bicarbonate of soda in the afternoon.

"Time to relax" can even be included in working hours. If you're a desk worker, for example, you can place your telephone far enough from your chair so that you stretch to reach it. Or if you stand at work, you can choose some signal—perhaps the ringing up of a sale on the cash register or the handing of change to a customer — to remind yourself to relax tension in your back, knees and shoulders.

The relaxed worker gets more done in a day and feels less tired at the end of it.

Thirty-nine per cent of the deaths and 35 per cent of the injuries due to motor vehicle accidents last year occurred on Saturdays and Sundays.

Financial Report

SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1955	-----	\$ 19,057.94
Assessments	-----	9,352.17
Interest on bonds	-----	10,621.70
Investments sold	-----	101,982.50
Profit on investments sold	-----	41,566.29
Certificate loans repaid	-----	12.50
Interest on certificate loans	-----	.75
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		\$182,593.85

Disbursements:

Death claims	-----	\$ 8,536.07
Cash surrender	-----	313.83
Collection expense on bond coupons	-----	8.00
Certificate loans issued	-----	60.18
Balance on hand September 30, 1955	-----	173,675.77
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		\$182,593.85

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1955	-----	\$ 28,135.33
Received in September	-----	1,879.72
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		\$ 30,015.05

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	-----	\$ 5.84
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	-----	128.03
Rent and lights	-----	180.74
Printing and mailing official publication	-----	390.81
Travel expenses	-----	200.00
1955 convention expenses	-----	17,666.05
Insurance Department, license and fees	-----	4.00
Prizes, membership contest	-----	125.00
Membership rewards	-----	4.00
General office expenses	-----	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	-----	2,149.95
Employers Social Security and State Unemployment taxes	-----	19.62
Final payment of 1951 convention expenses	-----	5,500.00
Balance on hand September 30, 1955	-----	3,591.01
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		\$ 30,015.05

Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1955	-----	\$ 12,885.39
Relief assessments	-----	23.50
Interest on bonds	-----	625.00
Relief payments returned	-----	5.00
Repayment of 1951 convention loan	-----	5,500.00
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		\$ 19,038.89

Disbursements:

Relief payments	-----	\$ 331.50
Balance on hand September 30, 1955	-----	18,707.39
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		\$ 19,038.89

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1955	-----	\$ 5,078.62
Juvenile assessments	-----	140.40
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		\$ 5,219.02

Disbursements:

Balance on hand September 30, 1955	-----	\$ 5,219.02
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		\$ 5,219.02

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	-----	\$3,900,080.57
Relief fund investments	-----	240,000.00
General fund investments	-----	40,000.00
Cash in bank	-----	201,193.19
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		\$4,381,273.76

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1955
4	Racine, Wisconsin	24	521
263	Askov, Minnesota	17	130
190	Schenectady, New York	14	144
116	Newark, New Jersey	12	165
227	Detroit, Michigan	12	316
330	Prince George, B. C.	10	52
126	Los Angeles, California	9	295
328	Vancouver, B. C.	8	194
49	San Francisco, California	7	347
113	Enumclaw, Washington	6	85
183	Troy, New York	6	82
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	5	107
30	Muskegon, Michigan	5	57
67	Fresno, California	5	82
268	Junction City, Oregon	5	63
299	Solvang, California	5	65

Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
263	Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota		14
4	Peter Jensen, Racine, Wisconsin		13
330	Nels Sorensen, Prince George, B. C.		7
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		6
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, California		5
268	Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Oregon		5
116	Preben Wendt, Newark, New Jersey		4
227	Albert R. Halse, Detroit, Michigan		4
227	Christian Larsen, Detroit, Michigan		4
255	Melvin W. Hoegh, Selma, California		4
10	Hans Norregaard, Council Bluffs, Iowa		3
29	J. Magnus Jensen, Seattle, Washington		3
49	Henning Jensen, San Francisco, Calif.		3
62	A. M. Petersen, Sioux City, Iowa		3
116	Carl E. Rasmussen, Newark, New Jersey		3
183	Andrew Thomsen, Troy, New York		3
230	Gunnar Ladefoged, Arcata, California		3

Change in Meeting Date of Lodge

Lodge No. 37 has changed its meeting date to the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at the IOOF Hall, Cemetery Drive, Stratford, Connecticut.

"Care" Opens '55 Food Crusade With U. S. Farm Supplies

Eight million people in needy areas of Europe and Asia will share in the U. S. surplus foods to be distributed by CARE in its 1955 Christmas Food Crusade.

Each \$1 contributed will guarantee delivery of 22 pounds of food overseas, CARE President Murray D. Lincoln said: "The Food Crusade offers every American an opportunity to express the spirit of the holiday and the goodwill of our country by helping to move some of our 7 billion dollars' worth of idle foodstuffs to the bare tables of people who never get enough to eat."

Mr. Lincoln outlined a six-month program in which CARE will deliver through the fall and winter especially packed cartons of butter, cheese, powdered milk and butter oil to families and institutions in Italy, West Germany and Berlin, Yugoslavia, Greece, India and Pakistan. Other countries will be added as distribution plans are worked out.

Two types of packages designed to meet the dietary preferences of the people receiving them will be delivered. The parcel intended for India and Pakistan will contain two tins of butter oil, each weighing 5½ pounds, and two tins of powdered milk, each weighing 4½ pounds. The European countries will receive a package containing one 7-pound tin of cheese, 2 tins of powdered milk of 4½ pounds each, and one 6-pound tin of butter. CARE is asking Americans to contribute at the rate of \$1 for each package to cover packing and delivery costs. Each package will bear the name and address of the American donor when it is delivered to the recipient.

A particular area of continued need is Berlin, to which about 45,000 of the 22-pound parcels have been

allocated for distribution among needy families of unemployed, old-age pensioners and refugees from the East Zone of Germany. CARE Mission chiefs in other countries will cooperate with private and governmental welfare agencies to deliver the foods where they are most needed.

Since 1951, when CARE began shipping U. S. surplus foods for foreign aid, this non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization has received from the government more than 225,000,000 pounds of these products valued at more than \$70,000,000. In addition to distributing the U. S. surplus food, CARE is continuing its regular programs such as Village Aid, aimed at the support of a given village in an underdeveloped country by a U. S. community or civic group, to provide the villagers with plows, tools, looms and other "self-help" equipment; and CARE's regular service of standard food, textile and other packages for delivery to 15 countries abroad.

In nine years of operations, sixty countries have become participants in CARE's aid program. Many of these countries are not only beneficiaries of aid through CARE, but in turn are also contributors to CARE. It is now possible for donors with the local currencies of their own countries to use CARE's facilities for their own overseas aid projects.

Some of the contents of the 125 million packages shipped abroad by CARE since 1946 have included: 75 million quarts of milk, 30 million pounds of butter, 41 million dozen eggs, nearly 32 million pounds of meat, 220,000 books, 580 miles of suiting material, and hospital and laboratory equipment, plows and agricultural implements, and hand tools valued at \$3,335,000.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Sept. 13	Johannes Jacobsen	74	Aalborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1905	Arteriosclerosis	\$1,000.00
Sept. 1	Louis W. Hansen	70	Seattle, Wash.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1918	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Sept. 4	Julius Danielsen	88	Spokane, Wash.	42	Spokane, Wash.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	783.88
Sept. 1	Peder M. Pedersen	69	Marslev, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1921	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Aug. 9	Hans C. Andersen	79	Nørreballe, Lolland	119	Pueblo, Colo.	1899	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Sept. 10	Claus M. Sorenson	74	Haderslev, Amt.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Sept. 7	Ingvard Jensen	53	Odense, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1942	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Sept. 22	Carl Wulff	73	Aalborg, Denmark	277	Kensal, N. D.	1926	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Sept. 8	Mathias Beyer	92	Ribe, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1899	Cardiac decompensation	651.68
Sept. 23	Hans C. Christensen	76	Sorø, Amt., Denmark	121	Tyler, Minn.	1920	Not given	1,000.00
Aug. 15	Herman Christensen	62	Greenville, Mich.	163	Edmore, Mich.	1918	Carcinoma	500.00
Sept. 17	Sinius Christensen	81	St. Louis, Mo.	4	Racine, Wis.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	428.64
Aug. 7	Hans J. Lorensen	86	Brede, Denmark	103	Waterbury, Conn.	1902	Hodgkins Disease	500.00
Sept. 19	Lars Chris Nielsen	70	Denmark	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1924	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Aug. 19	Edward Krogh	85	Ribe, Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1895	Cardiac insufficiency	778.68
Sept. 12	Ludvig M. Lund	86	Stenderup, Slesvig	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1903	Coronary thrombosis	814.06
Sept. 16	Albert Wilhelmson	68	Frederikshavn, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Sept. 16	Niels P. Nielsen	74	Denmark	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1910	Arteriosclerosis	961.63
Sept. 28	Hulbert N. Larsen	40	Cleveland, Ohio	51	Ludington, Mich.	1934	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Sept. 6	Laurits P. Nielsen	72	New Haven, Conn.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1906	Carcinoma	956.37
Sept. 9	Alfred Thomsen	68	Ribe, Denmark	3	Davenport, Iowa	1923	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Sept. 13	Peter Hansen	89	Skørbelev, Denmark	89	Superior, Wis.	1899	Heart failure	758.50
Sept. 25	Andrew Nielsen	82	Vejle, Amt., Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1906	Coronary thrombosis	868.50
Aug. 26	Sarinus Kobsted	76	Randers, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	912.52
July 28	Peder Nielsen	76	Viborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Uremia	449.05
Oct. 3	Søren Peter Fries	74	Kolding, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1908	Heart failure	500.00
Sept. 25	Alfred E. Hansen	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1928	Cancer of throat	1,000.00
Oct. 8	Otto Christensen	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1913	Cardio Vascular disease	250.00
Sept. 29	Sam Hansen Slius	88	Højdrup, Slesvig	39	Oakland, Calif.	1909	Senility	888.48
Sept. 25	Martin Eriksen	86	Starup Vejle Amt.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1897	Cerebral hemorrhage	388.28
Sept. 19	Chr. W. E. Sundell	85	Nykjøbing, Falster	40	Rawlins, Wyo.	1906	Carcinoma of bladder	208.19
Sept. 15	Jens Dahl	77	Præstø, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Uremia	894.06
Sept. 27	Jens Lauridsen	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	34	Dwight, Ill.	1940	Not given	Social
Aug. 14	Hans C. Hansen	67	Ribe, Denmark	255	Selma, Calif.	1947	Not given	Social

New Members

Booster	Lodge No. Location	New Member
Villy Nielsen	4—Racine	Jens Albert Andersen
Einar S. Johnson	4—Racine	William O. Rasmussen
Christ Mortensen	4—Racine	Henluf Wangaard
Russell Jensen	4—Racine	Ralph C. Pierce
Russell Jensen	4—Racine	Roy C. Smith
Jens Engholt	4—Racine	Hans Peter Nielsen
Jens Engholt	4—Racine	James Engholt
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Holger P. Lindgren
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Kenneth P. Jensen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Hans M. Nielsen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Walter F. Sorensen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Frederik Jorgensen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	George P. Andersen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Erland Muoio
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Troels Jensen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Clarence Larson
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Chas. W. Illingworth
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Adolph P. Andersen
Peter Jensen	4—Racine	Donald J. Ramsey
Hans Norregaard	10—Council Bluffs	H. D. Quigley
Robert C. Hansen	14—Kenosha	Roger J. Sorensen
Hans J. Hansen	90—Port Reading	David Hansen
C. A. Nielsen	90—Port Reading	Skalborg Nielsen
Kaj Holm	116—Newark	Svend Hugo Kjaer
H. W. Krake, Jr.	190—Schenectady	Hans C. Krake
G. Petersen	190—Schenectady	Kevin Petersen
John Christensen	225—Canton	Mark William Neil
Svend Petersen	263—Askov	Ronald F. Dietz
Albert Thomsen	263—Askov	Darrell E. Thomsen
Carlo Klitgaard	278—Salt Lake City	Egon Fano

NOVEMBER ASSESSMENT

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December 1, 1955

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

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Salesmanship

By JUL. ANDERSEN

Recently the Supreme officers of the Danish Brotherhood sent a letter to our members urging them to help increase the membership of our society. This should be a real inspiration for all members to do our utmost in order to make the society grow in numbers. This will prolong our existence and help both our present members as well as future members to have both insurance and brotherly unity.

Years ago I worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Every Saturday afternoon, after figuring out our collections for the week, a meeting was held by all of us. At these meetings the agents would suggest ways and means whereby we could induce people to join the company by taking out life insurance on themselves or members of their families.

Wouldn't it be an excellent idea if at every meeting held by the various lodges the subject of acquiring new members was discussed and leads given for new members? Then, if one was not able to get the new member, some other brother could contact him. In many of our lodges I have found that the shorter the meeting the better many of the members liked it, so they could get together over a card game or lunch.

Impress upon the potential members the fact that the D.B.S. was started by the Veterans of the Wars of 1848 and 1864 who, after saving and protecting our homeland, our families and ourselves, joined into an organization similar to the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Tell them also that, after the wars, many immigrated to the United States and formed societies where they helped one another as brothers and countrymen. Then in 1882, when their numbers diminished, they formed the present Brotherhood, where the rest of their nationality and family could join in to keep alive the purposes and ideals for which they had fought, their comrades had died, and many had suffered injuries. Those who were lucky enough to get out of the battles alive, learned that patriotism and loyalty to the land of their birth should never be forgotten. Let us try it at every meeting!

Automobile Facts

DETROIT—Sixty-one million registered motor vehicles and 72 million licensed drivers in the United States today are piling up mileage at the unprecedented rate of more than 560 billion miles a year, the Automobile Manufacturers Association reports.

This is an average of approximately 9,200 miles per vehicle, and 7,800 miles per driver.

The AMA released these and hundreds of other facts about highway transportation and the automotive industry as it introduced the 35th edition of its annual statistical handbook, **AUTOMOBILE FACTS AND FIGURES**.

The new edition contains some 80 pages of tables, charts and indexes, covering a wide range of subjects relative to motor vehicle production and use.

A special feature is the 15-page section devoted to highway subjects. Among the many highway facts presented are these:

1. Motor vehicle registrations and travel mileage on the nation's highways are due to increase more than 33 per cent by 1965.

2. Inadequate roads today are costing U. S. motorists more than \$5 billion per year.
3. To correct road inadequacies, \$101 billion will be needed for highway construction during the next 10 years.
4. Half of the anticipated traffic growth in the coming decade will be on the 40,000-mile Interstate Highway System.
5. Highway construction and maintenance costs per mile have doubled since 1941.

The following are other highlights from the new **AUTOMOBILE FACTS AND FIGURES**:

Taxes take 24 cents out of every dollar spent for the purchase of an automobile. Special automotive taxes paid by U. S. motorists in 1954 totaled \$6.2 billion.

There are 3.3 persons per passenger car registered in the U. S., or an average of one car per family. Seventy-one per cent of the nation's families own at least one automobile, and approximately 12 per cent of car-owning families own two or more cars.

Two out of every three passenger cars produced and three out of every four trucks produced in 1954 were sold as replacements for vehicles scrapped. An estimated total of four million vehicles were scrapped in 1954.

Seventy per cent of the world's passenger car production is in the United States. Of world passenger car registrations, 73 per cent are in this country.

Auto loans repaid in 1954 equalled the amount of loans extended during the year — \$12.5 billion. Loans outstanding at the end of the year totaled \$10.3 billion.

California leads all states in automobile registrations, with a 1954 total of 4,879,210. New York State is second with 3,893,980.



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer
711 North Eye, Tacoma, Washington

Time is indeed, a fleeting thing. It seems only yesterday that I was in Racine associating with brothers from everywhere and yet a whole month has slipped by. That week in Wisconsin was an eventful one and a great experience in the lives of most of we younger men. We now face the challenge of another four years before we meet again in Omaha to compare notes. Any project is completed successfully through teamwork rather than through the efforts of an individual and I hope that our brothers throughout the many DB lodges will remember this when our Supreme Officers, to whom we have entrusted the destiny of our future, embark on their new program. I sincerely and fraternally hope that "the good old Danish Spirit" will carry us on to even greater successes in the coming months and years.

To declare that the recent session of the Supreme Board with DBS delegates from all recognized and chartered lodges in our Order was complete and considerate of every issue brought before the convention would be a gross understatement. One moment, the conclave would "spend money like a drunken sailor" and the very next minute, actually become "pinch pennys" — no consistency, in other words — and that is also true of a number of the brothers who seemed to "have the floor" a great deal of the time. Since the Pacific Northwest organization sponsored the several proposals in behalf of Canadian Lodges becoming "full fledge" active units of our great fraternity, it is only natural that I single out this proposition as an example. The "stage" was set long before the convention convened in Racine and the Supreme Officers were destined to railroad the Canadian Question towards "the river of no return." Resolutions properly executed and signed by the required lawmakers were submitted on the very first day of the business agenda and due to constant reminders were eventually read on the floor, however, a chance to vote was left until the very last few seconds of the final day when the Chair immediately entertained a motion to "drop the whole matter." The delegates from Vancouver and Prince George, British Columbia were seated without a vote yet were never given the opportunity of rebuttal nor time enough to explain their side of the issue. According to interpretations from the Roberts Rules of Order, the presiding officer is never to voice his own opinions thereby influencing the assemblage yet Brother Svend never failed to "take advantage of his position." Promotion of facts on both sides of any subject cannot be freely exploited when the chairman violates this precedent. Be that as it may, our meetings were conducted by one of the finest parliamentarians within the DB — it was a pleasure to see him operate. Svend's gift of persuasive speech has fitted him to be a leader of men wherever he chooses to be active even though we do not always agree. The writer had the final few words of this convention when he politely asked for the floor as a point of order and queried "Does the Twenty Fourth DBS Convention think they are doing the proper thing in treating this situation so lightly?" The answer did not officially go on record but it was the general consensus of opinion after the final gavel, that "someone received a raw deal."

In honor of Brother Otto Nielsen being elected Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood in America,

Lodge No. 29 of Seattle, arranged a dinner party at Washington Hall on Saturday, October 8. According to Club Manager, Brother Paul Kisbye, there were approximately 160 reservations. It was a very lovely affair as always when the Seattleites sponsor a "do." Past President Kristen Jorgensen was the master of ceremonies and Otto paid tribute to all his loyal brothers for their long and tireless work on behalf of the DB and expressed the hope that he would be with us for many years to come. Other speakers praised the new leader of over eleven thousand American Danes for his long faithful membership and wholehearted interest and work for our lodges. Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 was well represented but the only Portland representative was Helen Hirsch, wife and daughter of two very active No. 167 brothers, but also a very good worker in her own right both in the Sisterhood and as Director of the Old People's Home.

The Northwest Danish Old People's Home for Oregon and Washington held their quarterly business meeting and annual party in Portland again this year. With the help of the DB and the DS, Portland Directors sponsored a card festival and dance for the benefit of the Home and its residents. Danish sandwiches and other refreshments were served for this worthy cause at Pythian Hall, 918 Southwest Yamhill, on Saturday, Oct. 22. This was in line with the recent proclamation issued by President John A. Hansen whereby the last week in October was to be known as "Old People's Home Week," being the twenty-first such annual week to be proclaimed. As we went to press, several organizations in Seattle were planning a joint celebration at Washington Hall on November 5. Brother Chris Hansen has now officially taken over his duties and responsibilities as OPH Secretary, replacing another brother of long time service, Immanuel Jensen.

Brother Marius G. Madsen, born in Randers, Denmark, on April 4, 1886 passed away at the Puyallup Lutheran Hospital October 12, 1955. A pioneer in the true sense of the word he endured hardships with the same spirit with which he accepted the joys that were given him. Marius had an inquiring mind, a zest for life and a love for people which stayed with him to the end. Although on the sick list for many months and more or less out of circulation, he will be missed. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Minnie J., Seattle; his daughter, Mary M. Rasmussen, Tacoma; his son, Lt. Col. Archie Tom, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; his sister, Sine Christensen, and four grandchildren. A member of St. John's Danish Lutheran Church, the Apartment Operator's Association and the Danish Brotherhood since 1907, Brother Madsen was laid to rest in the Lakeview cemetery following funeral services at the Columbia Parlors and officiated by Rev. Dr. Jens

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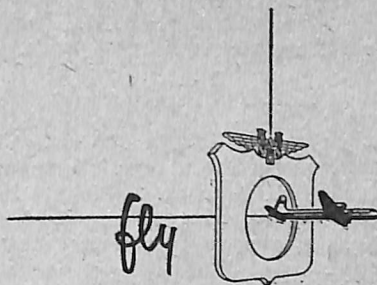
C. Kjaer Pallbearers were Brothers John Hansen, Bert Jessen, Einar Hansen and Otto Nielsen.

Walter Markeberg, eighty years of age, born in Denmark but living at Surprise Lake for over fifty years, died on September 8 in St. Joseph's hospital, Tacoma. Brother Markeberg was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church and an old timer in the DBS. Two sisters, Christine Jensen and Amalia Rasmussen, and a nephew and niece in Copenhagen are left to mourn. Rev. John Pedersen conducted services at the C. O. Lynn Funeral Home, and Mt. View cemetery became the final resting place.

I made many notes as I circulated around the convention hall in Racine and frankly, it is impossible to decipher some of them — I must have written them in Chinese. Brother C. F. Brown of Minneapolis wanted to be remembered to Brother Soren Pedersen of Enumclaw and to Brother Fred Hoiland of Tacoma. Santa Barbara's Niels Christensen hopes to attend the Pacific Northwest convention in Vancouver, B. C., next summer. Clinton, Iowa's Brother Anton Gertsen renewed old time acquaintances with Anna Nielsen, wife of Supreme President Otto. A coincidence in birthdays found "Gold Medal" Peter Jensen, General Chairman, celebrating on September 22nd; Svend Petersen on the 24th and Otto Nielsen, the 25th. Brother L. J. Madsen of Racine was seen most any place, day or night, although over 84 years old. Soren Sorensen of Tyler, Minnesota, informed me that he was an old time friend of Enumclaw's Brother Carl C. Johansen. Emil Lindholdt, Senior, Seattle, and Jacob Ludvigsen, Chicago, were reminiscing friendships dating back to 1907. "Progressive" Peter Jensen, another of the active Racine committeemen, was the official "Mixologist." That's about all I can unravel this time.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By
Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

In my article for the month of October I promised to write about some of the impressions from our recent trip to England and Denmark. Thinking in retrospect the impressions are so many and varied that it might not be an easy matter to put them into print but I shall try.

As we landed first in England, naturally the impressions begin at that point, and so let us begin where we arrived in Liverpool.

First of all the thing we first notice is the language. You may think this sounds funny, but it is really not so intended. Of course, they speak English, and so do we, but it is different. Both Mrs. Olsen and I had arrived in ships of the Cunard Line, and had somewhat gotten used to hearing English at a different — shall we say — pitch, but it is really first when we land in England we notice the difference and very often we had to ask for a "repeat" before we understood. This, of course, was mutual, because at a number of occasions we had to repeat what we were saying.

The traffic is, of course, on the wrong side of the street in that the British, like the Swedes, drive on the left side. It is very bewildering to begin with but you get used to it after a while. Again we notice the difference in clothes. People are not as well dressed as in United States or Canada, and one notices a different cut in the clothes. The British are a very conservative people, and hence so many, both men and women are dressed almost alike.

We had arrived on a Saturday and the streets were very busy with shoppers. Many fruits and vegetables seemed to be sold from carts instead of from stores as we are used to in this country. Apparently there is considerable poverty in England, or shall we say in Liverpool, because we saw many women standing on the sidewalks, with a head of lettuce, or celery and a few tomatoes trying to make a few pennies. Perhaps they were grown in their own gardens, but at any rate these women certainly tried to make a living the hard way. In Liverpool we saw two lady traffic cops in the down town section. The only place we saw this, not that there is anything wrong in having a lady cop giving you a ticket or a bawling out, you understand, but it just looked strange to us.

It was a sad sight to see all the ruins from the war, but new buildings are going up all over town, but when you see ruins of churches and hospitals you feel rather sad to think this should be the result of our civilization. In talking to one of the men from our Home Office about this he agreed that Liverpool like London and other large cities, was badly hit during the war, but he said, you should have seen what the Germans got after we got started and particularly after you Americans came over. One day Mrs. Olsen was wondering why they had "so many small foreign cars" in England and I had to remind her that the "foreign cars" she saw were Austins and Morris and other small cars made in England.

I have been in London several times and I never get tired of this interesting city with its many odd names and places, such as Picadilly Circus, The City, the small section around Westminster Abbey; The Mall and Trafalgar Square with its monument to Nelson; the Strand, Haymarket and many other places. In the business section of London it is rather peculiar to see most of the

business men and executives all dressed almost alike, and they are thus dressed both summer and winter, namely in striped pants, black coat, a derby hat or bowler as the British call them and an umbrella. We were in London when they had 90 degrees heat and yet the good men did not have nerve enough to leave the umbrella at home. After all it might rain. But the British are lovely people, perhaps a bit conservative to begin with, but after a bit you will find them most friendly and helpful.

We had enjoyed the countryside very much in traveling through England, but we enjoyed the countryside even more in Denmark. The neatness of the farms and the fields strikes the eye as soon as you land in Esbjerg and the train starts its trip to Copenhagen. The beauty of the country around Kolding and Vejle is simply indescribable in traveling through Fyn and Sjælland it seems that the farms are more like gardens than anything else.

Of course, we were a bit partial towards the Danes, I guess, but the attitude of the Danes is entirely different from the English or the American for that matter. The Danes smile easily and the Copenhageners are undoubtedly the most witty person in the world. He likes to poke fun at and about everything and even the Danish King gets the going over every now and then in the newspapers. It was this sense of humor that was able to carry the Danes through the occupation of the Germans who, of course, became the target of the Danish satire and wit. You may walk along the streets of any large American city and rarely ever see anyone smile, this is not the case in Denmark, where one sees the smiling faces of people who apparently are having a good time just by appreciating living, or let us say: they enjoy living. It is hard to put your finger on just why this is so. I am not sure but perhaps it is because there is not the fight for the almighty dollar as we know it here. The tempo is easier. If you don't accomplish something today, you may be able to do it tomorrow, so why worry or rush about it.

Our impression was that the Danes are some of the best dressed people we saw, certainly far better dressed than the English, and walking down the streets of Copenhagen and Aalborg we saw magnificent shops. While the Danish woman may not be so diet conscious as her American sisters, nevertheless, they dress extremely chic and tasteful.

The Danes eat well, perhaps too well. The food is more expensive than in England and it is heavier, principally potatoes and heavy gravy. In the summer you may get a bit of salad but certainly very little vegetables, and fruit only when in season. Some of our good friends knew we liked vegetables and were good enough to make an effort in order to serve us. Which reminds me of the story of a lady who came back to Denmark after many years in America and of course her friends wanted her to know they could serve a vegetable with her dinner, and so for 21 days in a stretch she had creamed cauliflower. The Danes have a phrase which I heard time and time again and it was this: "skal vi ikke nyde noget." And of course, the answer would be "Ja Tak" and as a consequence the restaurants are doing a good business. The Danes undoubtedly make the best beer in the world and the

Danish Akvavit is just as good. But it is very expensive. The Akvavit is served in the smallest glasses anyone could imagine, and in most places they charge Kr. 3.75 per glass. It is, of course, the tax on the stuff that brings the price up. In crossing the North Sea on the beautiful "Kronprinsesse Ingrid" I had a glass about three times as big for only 50 Øre.

The waiters take care of their tips themselves, so to speak, as the legal tipping in the restaurants is now 12½ per cent. But unless you watch them they are apt to either put down 15 per cent or at least suggest to you that is what is expected. This was not the case in England, where you do your own tipping, and I noticed that if you tipped, say two shillings, which at the present exchange is about 28 cents, that the waiter was very pleased, and if you were very pleased with the service you might tip half a crown, which is two shillings and six pence, or about 35 cents.

There were a few things we did not care for. For instance the awful "dyner" they give you instead of blankets. Uha! But I supposed the Danes like these monstrosities. We did not care particularly for their trains and we felt their "Fællesklasse" was most uncomfortable. And it is not inexpensive at that. Besides your regular ticket you will need seat reservations and if the train has any speed at all you will need "hurtigtogsbillet." We got into one train without this sort of ticket and were fined Kr. 1. each. We used this "Fællesklasse" between Copenhagen and Aalborg and

we found this was more expensive than First Class on the ship which sails between these two points, and the latter included a very fine cabin with berths.

But that was about all we did not like. We criss-crossed Denmark from one end to the other and just loved it. The clean cities. The friendly people. The gentle landscape with fertile fields and the many beautiful country churches, the many lakes, the beech forests, the castles, and above all the friendly attitude of all, made a lasting impression upon us. The memory of the days spent in Denmark will linger with us always.

To you who are contemplating a trip let me give you this bit of advice. Go to Denmark with an open mind and with the idea you are going to enjoy every moment of your stay. Take your time about it. Remember you have perhaps spent many years in contemplating this trip so why rush, enjoy yourself, because it is later than you think.

I was very happy when at the convention in Racine it was decided to sponsor an excursion to Denmark. To you who are contemplating going over, say in 1957, wait for the announcement when it comes from the Supreme Board and then join this group. As a matter of fact, I believe there would be nothing at all against you dropping a note to Brother Skelbeck telling him you are thinking about it and to get yourself on the list.

If you are going over next year, see your travel agent at once and ask him to get space for you. And remember "Getting there is half the fun."

"Danish New Year" 1956

If you have a friend who can read Danish we suggest you buy this popular annual. Like the previous issues it is richly illustrated and brings a wealth of varied, entertaining, informative and inspirational reading matter.

Among the contributors to this year's edition are Axel H. Andersen, August L. Bang, Norman Bansen, J. Christian Bay, A. Farstrup, Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard, P. Guldbrandsen, John Gebuhr, Eskild Hauglund, Anna Helledi, Johs. Knudsen, Anton Kvist, Martin Lange, Matt Madsen, Enok Mortensen, Christine Nielsen, Jens Nyholm, Agnes Ringsborg, Georg Strandvold, Ebba Trampe, Svend Waedelin and J. M. T. Winther.

Here are Christmas stories, memories of pioneer days, interesting interviews with Lis Hartel and Victor Borge, notes about many Danes in U. S. A. and in Canada, a birthday calendar for the pastors of the UELC and the AELC, etc.

In "DANSK NYTAAR'S" first two years unexpected large sales caused the necessity of reprints. But as it is difficult to prepare new editions in the busy season, it will not be done again. Instead a much larger first edition is being printed, and readers are urged to place their order early in order to be sure of delivery. The book will be ready by October 1.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

John Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia, Pa.

If the couple of weeks before our deadline is any criterion, this column will soon have a new heading, "NO News From the Eastern Lodges." No news may be good news, but no editor will believe it.

Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey, in its newsy little paper that certainly deserves a name, reports that plans are already under way for their annual Christmas tree party. The date is Sunday, December 18; the time, 5 p. m.; and the place, Elm Hall, Midland Ave. and Elm St., Kearny. Children under 16 years of age whose parents are members of the Sisterhood or Brotherhood will be admitted free. Children otherwise related to members may also attend by paying a modest 75c admission.

Denmark Lodge No. 37, Bridgeport, Connecticut, we hope escaped the brunt of the floods that ravished the state so they could go through with their plans for a Danish night on Saturday, November 5. Brother Erik Garde, chairman of the arrangements committee, earlier reported that there would be a Smorgasbord, Danish dances, singing, and a color movie of Denmark.

Enigheden Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa., has its second class of candidates to initiate at its November meeting. There are a couple more applications for membership on the griddle which may mean another class for the December meeting. Lodge No. 172 meets in the Club Room of the Drake Hotel, 1512 Spruce St., in downtown Philadelphia, on the second Saturday of each month.

The Home for the Aged, Metuchen, New Jersey, has a hard worker in Joan Madsen whose Ways and Means Committee ran a rummage sale last month for the benefit of the guests of the home.

Fraternal organizations by the dozens have for so many generations been a part of the American scene that they are all too often regarded as commonplace. Nevertheless, they have had a mighty part in shaping what we call the American way of life. Yet, almost without exception, fraternal societies of all sorts have suffered a decline in membership in the last thirty years.

In the case of the Danish Brotherhood, the great majority of us have been so much a part of it for so many years that we find it next to impossible to make an objective analysis of our situation, particularly at the local level. Too many of us are prone to dismiss the matter entirely under the assumption that we are a dying organization. God forbid!

Surely, one thing we all agree upon is that the Danish Brotherhood must **attract** to its membership thousands of eligible young men, or in the course of the next three decades face the danger of becoming extinct as a fraternal organization.

How, then, may we not only attract the thousands of eligibles to our lodges, but hold them as interested and active members? Well, let's face the facts of life. Remember "the birds, the bees, and the flowers?" What is the essential element of initial attraction between the sexes? Is it not **SHOWMANSHIP**?

When you last bought a cigar, a pack of cigarettes, a car, or almost anything else under the sun, what prompted you to buy the brand you did, whether it

is one you have been using for years, or one relatively new on the market? Advertising, yes — but advertising still expressed in terms of **SHOWMANSHIP**. However much we may damn TV and radio commercials, billboards, and the clutter of point-of-sale advertising on a store front, it is this and other forms of **SHOWMANSHIP** that shapes our buying habits. — We cannot escape!

The element of **SHOWMANSHIP** we, too, can utilize; not only to attract new members, but to maintain the interest of present members and, what is more important, make them **WANT TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS**.

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any money whatsoever, or so little that it would not be a burden on even the poorest lodge.

Well, let's apply a little **SHOWMANSHIP** in our lodge meetings and on ourselves. Remember, to get new members. **WE** must **WANT** to bring in new members. This urge will develop when we make our lodge room attractive, our meetings attractive, ourselves attractive, and our social activities attractive. — **SHOWMANSHIP**.

Our lodge room should be neat, airy, and orderly arranged. Orderly arrangement—**SHOWMANSHIP**. Regardless how small the turn-out, our meetings should be conducted "according to Hoyle" — the ritual. It lends dignity to the meeting if the little black book isn't in evidence. Dignity — **SHOWMANSHIP**. A well conducted meeting earns respect for the chair. Earned respect — **SHOWMANSHIP**.

Initiation Ceremonies — our showpiece for brand new members. Of all the occasions when **SHOWMANSHIP** is of utmost importance, this is it. We want to **IMPRESS THE CANDIDATE WITH HIS IMPORTANCE** in being a member of the Danish Brotherhood. This we can in no wise do with a sloppy presentation of the Initiation Ceremony. How much more impressive is the ceremony when all the officers give their charges from memory. And please, gentlemen; regardless of the season, your coat and tie. It's a dress-up affair. — **SHOWMANSHIP**.

Installation of Officers, when we seat those Brothers upon whom we have thrust the responsibilities of conducting the business affairs of our lodges. Here again is another opportunity of exercising **SHOWMANSHIP**. A good Installing Officer can convey, not only to the men whom he is seating but to his audience as well, the **IMPORTANCE** of each office, thereby creating in the rank and file the desire to hold an office in the future. As an adjunct to the well-spoken word, nothing adds more to the **SHOWMANSHIP** of the installation than Tuxedos or, better yet, white ties and tails, on the installing staff and the officers-elect. Perhaps we could take a few liberties with the ritual and let the installing officers who silently occupy the several chairs, actually give the charge to the officers-elect whose chairs they are holding down for a fraction of an hour. This would induce teamwork, and teamwork calls for **SHOWMANSHIP**.

We are subjected to, and influenced by, varied forms of **SHOWMANSHIP** every day of our lives — we cannot escape it. Let us put it to work for us in our lodges. With repeated application, and a little patience, **SHOWMANSHIP** can help us increase our membership by making us **WANT TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS**.

Julens Sange

En smuk lille sanghæfte med danske og engelske Julesange.

Med Julesæsonen ikke langt borte, gør Svenska Amerika Liniens opmærksom paa at man har faaet et oplag smukke smaa sangbøger, der indeholder de mest populære danske og engelske Julesange. Ved henvendelse til et af Liniens kontor kan man gratis faa disse bøger, der er særligt egnede til danske foreninger og organisationer til brug ved deres kommende Julefester. Sangbøgerne kan ogsaa faaes af enkeltpersoner, der maatte være interesserede.

Se Svenska Amerika Liniens avisannonce andet steds i dette blad for adresse til Liniens nærmeste kontor.

Immigration and Naturalization

Question: I came to this country on a student visa and have been studying here for a little more than a year. Some time ago I met a young man at the university, an American citizen, whom I would like to marry. I have been told that as soon as I get married, I can stop studying and change my status to that of a permanent resident. Is that correct?

Answer: No, that is not wholly correct. It is true that student status, which is a non-immigrant status, can be adjusted to that of permanent resident in the case of a person who has been in the United States for at least one year prior to marriage to an American citizen, and who, at the time of his or her application, is here in awful status. If you came as a student, you will have to maintain your student status not only to the date of your marriage, but also to the date when you file your application for adjustment of status. If you terminate your student status prior to filing your application, you will be considered to be here in violation of your status and therefore will not be eligible for adjustment of status under the Immigration and Nationality Act. In case you come to the United States from Latin America, it may be of interest to note that, although generally the adjustment of status procedure is not available to natives of independent Western Hemisphere countries, such a person may use it if, in addition to his or her nonquota status as a native of a Western Hemisphere country, he or she can also apply as the spouse of an American citizen.

Question: I am planning to give up work and return to my native country abroad when I reach the age of 65. I have never become a citizen of the United States, and I would like to know if I will be eligible to receive social security benefits if I live abroad.

Answer: Everyone, whether he is an alien or a citizen, is eligible for social security benefits when he reaches 65 if he has worked a sufficient length of time on a job covered by the social security law (for information concerning job coverage and the length of time you must work to be eligible for social security benefits write to Social Security Administration, 330 Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C.)

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LETTERS FROM AMERICA

You know what American democracy means. Why not tell about it in your letters to relatives and friends overseas? Don't forget that what you write in your letters to people abroad gives them a picture of the United States. Be sure that the picture is true!

Tall people are increasing in numbers. Since 1918 the number of men five feet-ten inches and over in height has increased 45 per cent; of those, over six feet, the increase has been 70 per cent. Better nutrition, particularly for babies, is believed to be one reason for this increase.

Resolutions

HULBERT NELS LARSEN, Ludington, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Hulbert Nels Larsen, who passed away September 28, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Ludington Lodge No. 51:

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

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

In behalf of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51,

Edward C. Larsen, Pres.
Earl G. Jensen, Sec.

ALFRED E. HANSEN, Detroit, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Alfred E. Hansen, who passed away September 25, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by our Detroit Lodge No. 227:

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

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

Armand Larsen, Pres.
Sigfred Jorgensen, Sec.

INGVARD JENSEN, Detroit, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Ingvard Jensen, who passed away September 7, 1955, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan:

Be it resolved that we truly mourn the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

Armand Larsen, Pres.
Sigfred Jorgensen, Sec.

UDE UDESEN, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In memory of our departed brother, Ude Udesen, who passed away August 31, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45, at our regular meeting September 23, 1955:

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

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

Chris Petersen, Pres.
Carl Gustafsen, Sec.

CARL WULFF, Kensal, North Dakota

In memory of our departed brother, Carl Wulff, who passed away September 22, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 277:

Resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

Carl F. Simonsen.
Anders P. Pedersen.

VALDEMAR KROGH, Lincoln, Nebraska

In memory of our departed brother, Valdemar Krogh, who passed away August 19, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lincoln Lodge No. 84:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Edgar E. Hensley, Pres.
Viggo Christensen, Sec.

PETER LOBNER, New Haven, Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Lobner, who passed away October 12, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Haabet Lodge No. 32:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our departed brother, and hereby extend our sympathy to his family.

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

Kristian Larsen, Pres.
George C. Holm, Sec.

JENS C. CHRISTENSEN, New Haven Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Jens C. Christensen, who passed away September 15, 1955:

We mourn the loss of a brother and friend,
Yet know that we shall meet again.

To you, his dear ones, please may we say,
Accept our sympathy this sad day.

In behalf of Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut.

Kristian Larsen, Pres.
George C. Holm, Sec.

MARIUS G. MADSEN, Seattle, Washington

In memory of our departed brother, Marius Madsen, who passed away October 12, 1955, this resolution was adopted by Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 at their regular monthly meeting:

Be it resolved, that we truly mourn the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

Oswald Pedersen, Pres.
Norbert E. Grove, Sec.

Golden Anniversary at Detroit, Michigan



In the picture above, left to right: Viggo Mikkelsen, Karl Kreipke, Thorvald Jensen, Hans Hansen, August Jorgensen, Carl Nielsen, Carl Hansen.

On Saturday, October 1, 1955, Detroit Lodge No. 227 celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding by Thorvald Hansen of Grayling Lodge. Six of the 22 charter members are still living: C. C. Hansen, Carl Hansen, August C. Jorgensen, P. C. Axel Andersen, Carl P. Nielsen, Hans Hansen. Four of them were with us on this glorious occasion, together with several widows of charter members and two fifty-year members from other lodges; Karl Kreipke and Thor Jensen who have transferred to Lodge No. 227.

The past fifty years have seen steady growth of the lodge from 22 charter members to the present 320. In 1916 the lodge built its own temple, a massive three-story building which has been the gathering place of Detroit Danes on many gala occasions through the years. In 1929 a national record was set with the initiation of 72 members in a single day. In 1931 and 1951 Lodge No. 227 was host to the National Convention, and in the latter year was greatly honored by the election of Brother Viggo Mikkelsen to the Supreme Board as Chairman of Trustees. At the Racine Convention this year Brother Viggo was elevated to Supreme 2nd

Vice President. In recognition of his fine work as a National Officer, which reflects great credit both to himself and to his lodge, he was presented with a gold watch by his brothers of No. 227.

In 1948 land and buildings were purchased, and Lodge No. 227 became the only lodge in the country to own and operate an Old People's Home. Some thirty people are enjoying their retirement in a beautifully appointed home situated on 110 acres of quiet peaceful country side 30 miles from downtown Detroit. The Danish atmosphere and modified Danish cuisine impress all visitors, and Governor Williams of Michigan has often said "I see them all—you have one of the best."

The diverse interests of Lodge No. 227 — sick benefits, relief of needy brothers, running the Danish Temple and the Old People's Home as well as planning parties and entertainment for the Brothers, keep many busy on various committees and boards and insure a long and prosperous life for the lodge in the years ahead. We look forward to our Diamond Anniversary with confidence.

A. E. LARSEN, Pres.

This is the season for getting
NEW MEMBERS

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.

November 1955

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

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

Spencer Lodge Honors N. C. Rindsigs on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Niels C. Rindsig were honored with a silver wedding anniversary dinner Sunday evening, September 25, by members of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 317 of Spencer, Iowa. The dinner was held at the Cronks Cafe with the members in attendance. Guests were seated at a long table decorated in red and white, the Danish colors, and a three-course dinner was featured. Celebrating with the honored couple was their daughter, Julia, who was on vacation from her position with the Shell Oil Company in Midland, Texas. Short talks were given by those present and a gift was presented on behalf of the lodge. Mr. Rindsig is president of the lodge and by coincidence also served as the lodge's first president. Following dinner the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dalsgaard for a social hour. Refreshments were served at a late hour with Mrs. Dalsgaard serving as hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jens Sondergaard. The lodge and their many other friends sincerely wish Mr. and Mrs. Rindsig many more happy years together.

JENS SONDERGAARD,
Sec. Lodge No. 317,
Spencer, Iowa.

"Free Christmas Songbooks"

"A Christmas song book covered with the Danish flag and containing Danish and American Christmas songs is now available. The Christmas song book is especially designed for Christmas parties at homes, churches, or societies. By personal call or by letter to nearest office of the Norwegian America Line Agency, Inc., or its agents, these Christmas song books are available in quantities without any charge.

Ten or 12 of them in the average home comes in very handy when you want to sing a few Christmas songs during the happy holiday season.

A hundred of them or even two hundred is very nice to have at your Christmas party to hand out to those interested.

They are absolutely free and you can get them merely by writing to the Norwegian America Line Agency, Inc., at following addresses, 24 State St., New York 4, New York. 325 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1,

Illinois. 833 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis 2, Minnesota. 365-6 White-Henry Bldg., 4th Ave. and Union St., Seattle 1, Washington. Overseas Shipping Co., 310 Sansome St., San Francisco 4, California. Kerr Steamships Limited, Clegg Building, 455 St. John St., Montreal 1 P. Q., Canada. Kerr Steamships Limited, 192 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Write, telephone or call in person, but do it right away so you will be sure to have them for your Christmas party.

Traffic Deaths

HARTFORD, CONN. — (Special) — A moderate decrease in the nation's automobile accident toll in 1954 has been reported by The Travelers Insurance Companies.

Traffic deaths totaled 35,500 last year compared with 38,500 in 1953. The injury count reached 1,960,000 compared with 2,140,000 in the previous year.

The totals are statistics from "Misguided Missiles," the twenty-first 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 again in 1954, killing 12,380 persons. The 1953 total was 13,870. The injury total resulting from excessive speed remained about the same as the preceding year — 659,000.

Drivers under 25 years of age were involved in more than 24 per cent of 1954's fatal accidents although they constitute only about 14 per cent of the total of all drivers.

Week-end crashes accounted for 13,980 killed and 678,000 injured. The 1953 week-end record was 15,800 killed and 800,000 injured. "Misguided Missiles" also reports that 39 per cent of the deaths and 35 per cent of the injuries occurred on Saturdays and Sundays last year.

The pedestrian record reflected improvement for the fourth consecutive year. Pedestrian deaths were reduced to 7,700 in 1954 compared with 8,600 in 1953. Crossing between intersections, "jay walking," remains the chief cause of pedestrian deaths and injuries.

The 32-page booklet in two colors features 14 cartoons by Chon Day. The booklet also reveals three out of four 1954 auto accidents happened to passenger cars driving in clear weather on dry roads.

Seventy-eight per cent of the vehicles involved in fatal accidents were traveling straight ahead.

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

1954 was the first year since 1949 to see a decrease in the death toll.

To protect the health of the individual and the safety of the nation, it is imperative to increase physical activity from early childhood through old age. Fifty-six per cent of several thousand U. S. children couldn't pass six simple muscle tests, as against 8 per cent of European youngsters. Under-exercising may well contribute to organic disease by storing emotional tension and producing all the diseases associated with stress. — Dr. Hans Kraus report to the AMA, as reported by Alton Blakeslee, AP, in the St. Paul Dispatch.

Eradication of tuberculosis will come only when the whole community unites to practice and put into action the facts we know.