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## Medal of Merit Awarded to Hasselriis



Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann (left) awards the Danish Medal of Merit in Gold to Mr. C. H. W. Hasselriis, director of the Danish Information Office. At right is Mrs. Hasselriis.

King Frederik IX of Denmark has awarded the Medal of Merit in Gold to Mr. C. H. W. Hasselriis, Director of the Danish Information Office in New York. The unique medal, awarded to only about 30 living persons, none of them in U. S. A., was presented by Henrik Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to this country.

Mr. Hasselriis came to this country 50 years ago. He has been active promoting good relations between Denmark and the United States ever since. During World War II he directed the efforts of the Friends of Denmark to inform Americans about the real situation in occupied Denmark, and after the

war he became director of the Danish Information Office. He has been a guiding spirit behind the Danish celebration of the American Independence Day, held every year on July Fourth at Rebild National Park, attracting 40-60,000 people including often the Danish King and Queen.

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## The Brotherhood Dying - Baloney!

Brotherhood is a wonderful thing and can be expressed in many different ways, but none more heartily than the way Lodge No. 264 received the General Committee of Utah and Idaho Lodges when they gathered in Pocatello, Idaho, for their last meeting before the annual convention.

On Saturday, August 4, the members from Salt Lake City and Brigham City in Utah traveled with their ladies to Pocatello in order to be able to participate in the local lodge's regular meeting. They were welcomed by the president, Brother Willard, and everyone was asked to say a few words. The brothers expressed their happiness over being present and the ex-vice president of the Supreme Board, Brother Hilmar W. Hansen, gave a serious and thought provoking speech about the Brotherhood's survival and measures to prevent its dying out, which was received with an encouraging applause.

After the meeting the ladies had arranged a delicious coffee table and everybody had a good time in meeting old friends.

The next morning the committee members hurried to Blackfoot to Brother Rasmus Christensen's lovely place in the outskirts of town where the meeting took place.

The business was executed in good order and lasted only a couple of hours, and by then the brothers from Pocatello started to arrive. Car after car came filled with people, with children and food, and in a short time the place looked like a Main street on a Saturday afternoon. Long tables were set up on the lawn and the new big patio, and loads of food and drinks stacked on top. At this picnic there were no speeches — official that is — for

everybody talked to their heart's desire, but someone had found out that it was the birthday of Hilmar Hansen so he was given his "Happy Birthday" and a big hand.

After the lunch was over the Brothers from Utah had to leave, much to their own regret, but the local brothers had a long, wonderful afternoon with all kinds of fun. The General Committee takes here the pleasure to extend its most gratifying thanks to the brothers in Idaho and especially to Rasmus and Dagmar Christensen for their wonderful friendship and devotion to the Brotherhood. With all the talk about the Brotherhoods dying out because there "is nothing for the members," they showed that with the right spirit there is plenty. And now, see you all again at the convention in Salt Lake City on Labor day where Lodge No. 278 will show us another good time.

BORGE KRAGH, Corres.

## En God Gerning

L. Mortensen, secretary of Vind's Lodge No. 42, Spokane, Washington, had the following to say as the closing paragraph in his August 18th Bulletin:

En god gerning kan ikke gøres for tit, hedder det i et gammelt ord. En ven fortalte mig forleden, at han havde omskrevet det gamle ord til: En god gerning gøres ikke for tit. Han har ret. Hvor gør vi i grunden sjældent en god gerning i det daglige. Spejdere aflægges løfte om at gøre en god gerning. Dette burde alle andre ogsaa gøre. Vi burde hver morgen sætte os for, at vi i dagens løb vil udrette mindst een god gerning. Og det er ofte et megte lille offer, man skal bringe for at gøre en god gerning. Et opmuntrende smil og en venlig bemærkning er mange gange i stand til at gøre ens næste glad, ja lykkelig. Og er det ikke en god gerning at gøre et andet menneske glad? En moderne menneske er desværre ofte sig selv nok. Han overser alt for ofte, at han med ringe ulejlighed kan gøre en god gerning. Tænk vel mange gange ikke over det, fordi han i tidens jag er blevet egoist. Men det er værd at tænke paa. Gode gerninger vil lette livet for andre — og en selv.

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## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand July 1, 1956	\$ 20,088.31
Premiums on bonds	23,013.84
Assessments	11,196.74
Interest on bonds	11,509.00
Interest on certificate loans	9.00
Bonds sold	103,844.00
	<u>\$169,660.89</u>

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 16,848.08
Bonds	102,000.00
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	535.50
Collection expense bond coupons	7.50
Investment expense	847.00
Premium on bonds purchased	1,020.00
Assessment refund	5.70
Cash surrender	624.61
Balance on hand July 31, 1956	47,772.50
	<u>\$169,660.89</u>

## General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand July 1, 1956	\$ 881.97
Received in July	1,722.71
	<u>\$ 2,604.68</u>

Disbursements:	
Postage, telephone and telegraph	\$ 78.13
Advertising, printing and stationery	2.73
Rent and lights	198.00
Printing, mailing official publication	391.64
Insurance department license and fees	31.13
Membership rewards	55.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,046.07
Employer taxes	36.52
Miscellaneous	12.14
Balance on hand July 31, 1956	753.32
	<u>\$ 2,604.68</u>

## Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand July 1, 1956	\$ 12,880.58
Assessments	14.15
Relief payment returned	5.30
	<u>\$ 12,900.03</u>

Disbursements:	
Relief payments	\$ 444.00
Balance on hand July 31, 1956	12,456.03
	<u>\$ 12,900.03</u>

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand July 1, 1956	\$ 6,769.03
Assessments	157.14
	<u>\$ 6,926.17</u>

Disbursements:	
Balance on hand July 31, 1956	\$ 6,926.17
	<u>\$ 6,926.17</u>

## Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,040,534.05
Relief fund investments	248,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	67,908.02
	<u>\$4,396,442.07</u>

# Memories

By Jul. Andersen

The first time I met George P. Jensen was during World War One. I attended a patriotic rally at a park in Chicago where George was the principal speaker and delivered as eloquent a speech as anyone could expect to hear. After the affair was over, I was introduced to George and we had a very interesting conversation with the result that both of us became friends and remained so until his death, which happened on February 10th, this year after he had spent considerable time in hospitals, due to the condition of his blood circulation.

George P. Jensen arrived in the United States when eight years old after his father's death in Denmark and did not have much opportunity for an education in his homeland, so he was very eager to get schooling and learn, not only the three R's, but a real educational knowledge. After learning the language he went to school and read constantly educational books, studying diligently in his spare time, although he did work for other people part time.

When he grew up, he fell in love with a girl who later became his wife and mother of their two children, a boy and a girl. He started in the advertising business and built up one of the largest and best advertising offices in the city of Chicago.

He became one of the best and most beloved members of the Danish Brotherhood, as well as a member of other Danish clubs and societies, serving as president of the lodge he belonged to and was also a delegate to several conventions. Could likely have been chosen as a member of the Supreme Board, but felt he could not do justice to such a position as his business required almost all his time.

During World War Two he worked hard and earnestly to help his native land and country people, for which the King of Denmark awarded him the Knighthood of Dannebrog. Later he built a lovely home for his family in Deerfield, Illinois, but still retained his business in Chicago.

From the first day of our meeting each other, George and I remained close friends, corresponding with each other frequently. He visited me several times while we lived in St. Louis, Mo., and he also visited me here in Florida. His demise was a great loss to me, his many loyal friends as well as to his faithful wife and children. His memory will linger with us for the rest of our lives.

He: "Would you sell yourself for a million dollars?"

She: "Why, yes. I think I would."

He: "Would you sell yourself for two dollars?"

She (shocked): "What do you think I am?"

He: "We've already settled that. Now we're haggling about the price."

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer,  
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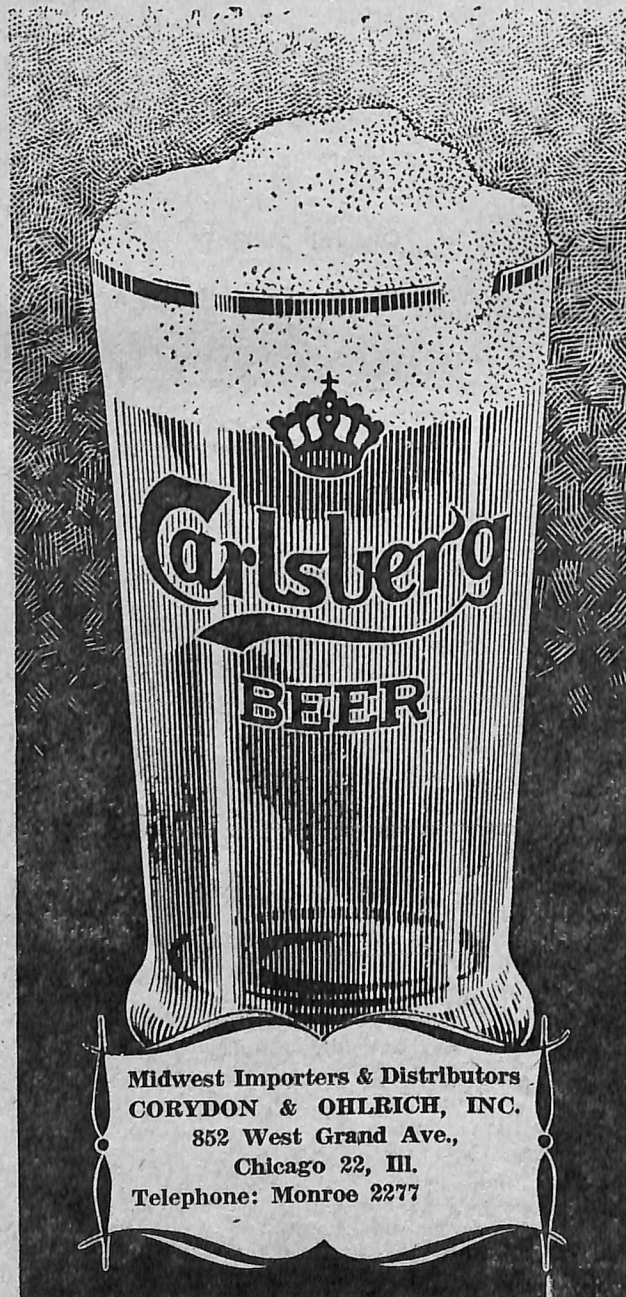
The Editor of this magazine is bound and determined to leave me at 711 North Eye in Tacoma proper. Month after month, I type my correct address at the heading of my news copy and when same goes to press, the old one appears. Either Svend or one of his proofreaders must have decided that I move too often. Speaking of traveling around, the Officers of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood had a special invitation from Secretary-Treasurer Rudolph M. Olsen to attend California's Thirty-fifth Annual Convention on August 30 to September 1, in San Diego. Thanks, Rudy.

As a regular order of business each year, a representative of each district lodge reports on the activities and status of his group to the delegation. President Gerald Jensen of Seattle's No. 29 reported good attendance to not only bimonthly meetings but also to social events; picnics, Christmas, joint installation with the DSS and bingo were annual affairs; special commemorative dinners had been arranged for Supreme President Otto Nielsen, for the Consul General of Denmark from San Francisco, for the fifty-year honor members and for the lodge's anniversary; and in order to create more interest in attending the regular business meetings, films and talks were invited from sources such as Standard Oil, Boeing Aircraft and Pacific Telephone. Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen of Tacoma's No. 33 gave a report less glowing excused by a membership of the older generation plus the fact that they lived out of town as a general rule. District Inner Guard Hugo Dall of Spokane's No. 42 apologized for being the only member present from the Inland Empire. Past President Ingvald Nelsen of Enumclaw's No. 113 brought greetings and congratulations from the little city with the big attractions; commented on the worthwhile project of Past President Carl N. Grove's Voluntary Birthday Club for the Old People's Home; and enumerated a series of monthly entertainment fostered by President Norbert Grove including a Bingo Party in January, Valentine Dance in February, Otto Nielsen Night in March, Old Timer's Night in April, Past President's Night in May, Community Dinner in June, Annual Card Party in July, Home Talent Show in August, Mud Mountain Dam films in September and an old fashioned Basket Social Auction in October. Brother Max Madsen, Fred Hansen, Anton Kochs and Hugo Busch reported from Portland's No. 167, McMinnville's No. 194, Junction City's No. 268 and Vancouver, B. C.'s No. 328 respectively. No reports from Wilbur, Bellingham, Astoria and Prince George.

Past President John A. Hansen has suggested that various lodge officers throughout the district exchange visitations in order to promote better ritualistic work. This would certainly be a proposal of far reaching benefits and could eventually become an important link in our chain of improvement and strengthening fraternalism. Contests could be inaugurated with the winning team performing at the annual conclave. In perfecting the presentation of initiation exercises for instance, a

candidate would gain much more through his first contact with the Brotherhood. First, however, we must be in receipt of the new re-written rituals, an aftermath of the National Assembly in Racine, so that all participants will be uniform.

Following is a typical paragraph from the minutes of the Seventh Annual District Convention held at Vancouver, B. C., in June, 1956: Quote:



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"District Outer Guard Svend A. Johansen, Vancouver, proposed a resolution that the Northwest Delegates to the National Convention be complimented on their untiring efforts in Canada's behalf and that the organization adopt a continued 'do something' policy. Svend suggested that the Eastern Lodges be educated through advertising and realization of a great country north of the forty-ninth parallel. A Past President of No. 328, Brother Anker Sorensen lashed out at the Supreme Board for not taking a definite stand and at least backing up the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood. Delegate Einar Plambeck, Vancouver, stated that he had been mad for nearly fifteen years when he thought of the block which had always been provided by Omaha whenever the Canadian Question was presented but that he wasn't really mad at any of the conventionaires. Brother Jens P. Holm, Delegate from Enumclaw, pointed out that we were proud of our Canadian Brothers and looked at no barriers between us but considered the sociability far more important than the insurance aspects. It was District Vice President Vernon Tryson's thought that we should start proceedings to join the General Committee of California and ultimately become a West Coast Danish Brotherhood district comprising Canada, Washington, Oregon and California. Tacoma's Secretary Fred Christensen embarked on another oration of great length but as always, brought to the convention floor, food for thought. Although the Supreme Powers are limited by the national convention mandates, Fred maintained that where there is a will, there is a way. The Village Blacksmith, Brother Peter Skovbo of Junction City, usually comes up with the needed proverbial 'shot in the arm' and suggested to take a few lessons from the Sons of Norway. Supreme President Otto Nielsen had a final word of rebuttal on justifiable issues and wound up by saying that only through criticism, can we succeed." Unquote.

One of the grandest homes for the aged people in the Pacific Northwest is the Danish Old People's Home, 10010 Des Moines Way, located in a nice quiet spot just outside the city limits of Seattle. Five acres of beautiful grounds with lots of lawn, shade trees and flowers where residents may sit and enjoy themselves with their fellow country people of both sexes is truly a home as Webster defines it and not an institution as are so many of our present day homes for the aged. Competent and efficient Danish caretakers have always been in charge and presently, Brother and Mrs. Niels Jensen are doing a splendid job. Past District DB President John A. Hansen, Seattle, is President of the Board of Directors and the district's first president, Brother M. Peter Pihl, Portland, is a Vice President of the Home. Brothers Niels Christensen, Tacoma, and Immanuel Jensen, Seattle, are Honorary Directors and well deserving of their titles. Inquiries as to application for residency may be directed to Secretary Chris Hansen, 2560 28th Avenue West, Seattle 99.

Enumclaw, Washington, No. 113 was represented in Canada by Brothers Nels Johnson and Nis Hansen, Delegates Ingvald Nelsen and Jens P. Holm, and by Past District President Carl N. Grove; Brother Ove C. Miller of Buckley remains confined at the Saint Joseph Hospital in Tacoma; Past President Fred Weston is now living in a rest home at Renton; Brothers Bent Espersen, Elmer Boysen and

Carl Grove were elected Directors of the Old People's Home at a Board Meeting in Seattle's Washington Hall, July 14; when toasts were given the Queen of England at the recent Vancouver, B. C. gathering, Brother Nels Johnson was heard saying "and to the King of Sweden"; thanks to Beulah, the good wife of Secretary Kai Rasmussen, everyone had a good time at the Annual DB and DS picnic on July 9 to which event a fine attendance of sixty were present; Delmer, son of Past President Elmer Boysen, was recently married; and Brother Carl and Mrs. Grove are on an extended trip East as far as Chicago.

**Seattle, Washington.** Our largest lodge is always on deck with a smiling delegation and it usually consists of old faithfuls such as the Tage Fredriksens, the John Hansens on the double, the Martin Rasmussens, Chris Hansens, Otto Lindholms, John Ottesens, Mads Mauridsens and Emil Mikelsens; President Jerry Jensen, Past President Albert Algaard and Brother Arent Nielsen with a heavy bronze tan were also present at the Seventh Annual District Convention; and Brother Chris Hansen has just completed his first year as Secretary of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home.

Son: "What's middle age, Dad?"

Dad: "Middle age my boy is that period in a man's life when he'd rather not have a good time than have to get over it."

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco 8, California

## Western Union

San Francisco, Calif.  
August 21, 1956

Svend Petersen,  
Askov, Minnesota.

No article this month as I am simply too busy.  
Sorry.

Rudy.

## Stockholm Rescued 570 Persons From Andrea Doria

New York, N. Y., July 28, 1956

The Stockholm docked in New York at 12:10 p. m., Friday with 570 persons from the Andrea Doria on board in addition to her own 535 passengers and 215 crew members. Of the 570 persons rescued from the Andrea Doria, 325 were passengers and 245 crew.

All had the highest praise for the passengers, officers and crew of the Stockholm who treated them as guests and did as much to make them as comfortable as possible. Many of the officers and crew gave up their rooms in order to provide beds for Andrea Doria passengers. Clothing was made available to the many persons who had left the Andrea Doria hurriedly without changing from their night clothing.

Captain Nordenson, Master of the Stockholm, expressed the gratitude of the Swedish American Line and himself for the splendid cooperation shown by the U. S. Coast Guard, Army and Navy vessels, the vessels of other nations, his own officers and crew, the Stockholm's passengers as well as those of the Andrea Doria, and the U. S. Government and New York harbor authorities. Travelers Aid, the Red Cross and countless other organizations, including police, hospitals, hotels and transportation and communication companies likewise did so much to assist in every possible way.

Hundreds of police, headed by Police Commissioner Kennedy, were on hand, Collectors of Customs Dill personally saw to it that usual formalities were waived. And so it went with all the various government services, Immigration, U. S. Public Health, etc., all working to expedite the arrival, with the New York City Welfare Department providing Italian speaking personnel to assist. A large New York department store donated two truck loads of clothing and sent clerks who spoke Italian to outfit the more than 500 men, women and children rescued. The telephone company installed a great many extra telephones on the pier for convenience of passengers and the press. Telegraph companies had large staffs on hand to take care of sending of messages to relatives and friends.

Representatives of the Swedish American Line assisted the Stockholm's passengers with hotel res-

ervations and arranged for transportation to Sweden by other means. Many of them will proceed by the M. S. Kungsholm next week. Representatives of other carriers were on hand to arrange transportation for those who preferred to leave sooner and the Line transferred its tickets over to them. The Line handed a letter to all of the Stockholm passengers in which Mr. Lundbeck, resident director, expressed the regrets of the Line and announcing that it would provide \$50 to each adult and \$25 to each child for expenses for the next five days while awaiting departure by the Kungsholm or one of the other carriers. The Line's New York Offices were kept open Saturday and Sunday and representatives of the Line were also on duty at the Hotel Governor Clinton where most passengers stayed. Here a special hotel rate of \$3.50 per person per day had been arranged.

The next big problem after the Stockholm's present passengers have been cared for will be the passengers scheduled to return from Scandinavia on the Stockholm in August and September. Both sailings have been fully booked, and the Line will endeavor to accommodate these people on the Kungsholm, on its freight vessels, and on other carriers. It will be some days before it will be known how long repairs to the Stockholm will take but hardly had the ship docked in New York than repair crews were already at work clearing the debris from the damaged bow. Members of the companies technical department in Gothenburg were already on hand surveying the extent of the damage and making arrangements for repairs. No time is being lost in getting the Stockholm ready to resume service again.

Mr. Lundbeck advised that he had received a message from Captain John Nordlander, Commander of the Kungsholm which is now enroute to New York, in which he advises that the crew of the Kungsholm has offered to give up many of their cabins and share cabins with other crew members thereby making available 100 additional berths for passengers on the sailing from New York on August 3rd.

The 100 additional passengers that can be accommodated is well within the number of maximum passengers that the ship can carry according to her Maritime Articles. This fine cooperation shown by the Kungsholm crew is another example of how everyone connected with this affair is assisting in every possible way.

Two spinsters happened to meet on the street one day after many years apart. They hugged and kissed each other and began to reminisce.

"Mable," said the first, "do you still look under your bed every night?"

"Always," Mable said.

"And do you ever find anything?"

"Sometimes," Mable said, "but usually only in old-fashioned hotels."

## Minnesota State D. B. Convention

The convention met in the V. F. W. hall in Albert Lea the afternoon of August 4, 1956.

The meeting was opened by the President of Host Lodge No. 75 and the gavel turned over to the State Vice President Arol D. Hansen. Vice President Hansen then told the convention that State President Chris Petersen of Minneapolis had been seriously burned in an explosion at his home three days prior and was in General Hospital, Minneapolis, still listed as critical. Brother Hansen and Delegate Ove Hermansen stopped in on their way down from Askov and visited Chris for about five minutes and brought his greetings to the convention. A telegram extending best wishes and a speedy recovery was dispatched to Brother Chris from the convention floor.

The meeting was very interesting and covered much ground. During intermission the brothers attended the beautiful Memorial Service which the Sisterhood conducted. After this the meeting was resumed, business matters concluded and the election of officers followed, where the rules were suspended and all officers were re-elected.

Delegate Ove Hermansen extended an invitation from Lodge No. 263, Askov, that we come to Askov for the State Convention in 1957. The invitation was accepted and the meeting adjourned.

Saturday evening we met in the picturesque Spanish Room, Hotel Albert, for our banquet. There we were entertained by speeches, song and music. The State DSS and DBS Presidents were presented with the Key to Albert Lea, bedecked with red and white ribbons. A very nice gesture and very much appreciated.

Sunday noon we met at the Hvolbol home for a nice lawn dinner. Bountiful was the amount of food stacked on the long tables and generously we ate, and it was delicious. The lawn setting as well as the day was beautiful. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in music, singing and renewing old friendships and making new ones.

To the good people of Albert Lea and especially Lodge No. 75, their officers, sisters and brothers, many, many thanks for a wonderful week end.

See you all next year at Askov.

**AROL D. HANSEN.**  
State Vice President,  
Askov, Minnesota.

## Racine Wisconsin

(Editor's Note: We have heard very little from Racine since the convention in September, 1955. The following items have been taken from the monthly publication of our biggest, and best, lodge, Number 4:)

Have you ever stopped to think about keys? There are so many kinds.

There is the key that unlocks the door for you to the sanctuary that you call home. There is the key to your car that opens up the whole wide world to your gaze if you are of a mind to see it. There are the combinations on safes that protect your money and valuables. There are the key plays in games that mean the difference between winning and losing. There are the smiles or words or gestures that were the keys that opened you and your loved ones' hearts to each other. So many different kinds of keys, but how important in a person's life, physical or spiritual. Some kind of a key determines our life—from birth to the cemetery to which we all must go sometime.

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If you are planning on a trip remember to get our National Password and visit any Lodge that you might like to. We in Lodge No. 4 always welcome visitors and you will always be welcome to a Brotherhood meeting any place.

### LODGE NO. 4 DIAMOND CELEBRATION

The Committee is already at work making plans and arrangements for the big celebration. The date has been selected as January 12th. This is a party you won't want to miss. More about the details as we go along.

### WHY NOT EAT OUT?

As usual we are serving Sunday Dinners at the Hall. Serving starts about 5 o'clock. The last Sunday of every month there will be a Smorgasbord.

We are also planning to start serving Noon Day Business Lunches from 11:30 to 1:30 every day, starting August 1.

Sandwiches will be served at all times.

Fish fry every Friday night.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
July 12	Anders J. Andersen	74	Lundby-Taasinge	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1910	Heart Disease	\$ 484.44
July 8	Peter I. Jensen	82	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1902	Not Given	857.28
June 24	Arentz Simonsen	58	Copenhagen, Den.	314	Hartford, Conn.	1922	Heart Failure	1,000.00
July 11	Peter G. Hansen	72	Denmark	103	Waterbury, Conn.	1908	Coronary Occlusion	1,000.00
July 18	Christian Nielsen	83	Holbaek, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minn.	1898	Uremia	1,000.00
June 2	Jean Hersholt	70	Copenhagen, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1920	Uremia	1,000.00
July 9	Ernst H. Rath	69	Denmark	183	Troy, New York	1924	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
June 15	Christian C. Nielsen	89	Jested, Ribe Amt., Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1900	Arteriosclerosis	387.05
July 19	Andrew P. Andersen	52	Orange, Conn.	41	Derby, Conn.	1941	Broncho Pneumonia	250.00
July 17	Carl H. Hansen	91	Denmark	106	Trufant, Mich.	1899	Senility	372.65
July 7	Charles H. Lund	72	Concord, Mass.	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1910	Cerebral Thrombosis	980.85
July 5	Jorgen E. Stahlhut	37	Hillerød, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1940	Accident	250.00
July 26	Victor Meyers	86	Aarhus, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1905	Heart Disease	832.57
July 16	Carl Phillips	82	Svendborg, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minnesota	1906	Coronary Occlusion	1,000.00
June 23	Rasmus Hansen	72	Juellund, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1918	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
July 17	Rasmus P. Petersen	77	Agri, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1947	Not Given	Social
July 7	Christian P. Kappel	98	Not Given	213	Ord, Nebraska	1905	Not Given	Social

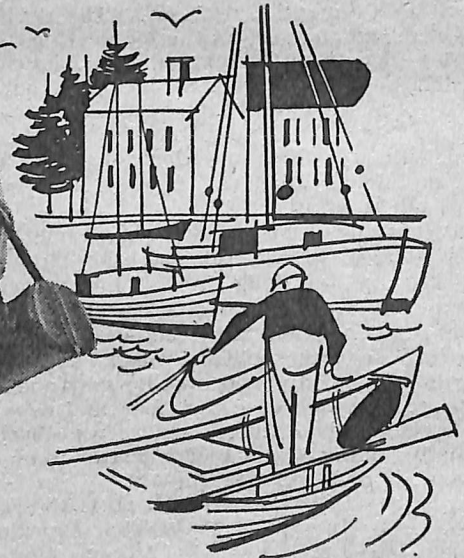
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### NEWS FOR BROTHERHOOD TOUR MEMBERS

Brotherhood members who participate in the 75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark sailing in M. S. STOCKHOLM, June 4, 1957, will be interested to know that the proposed increased ocean passage rates for sailings in 1957 will not apply to Danish Brotherhood members in good standing as of May 7, 1956, and their wives and children under 18 years of age. According to agreement made with the Swedish American Line, such members will have the benefit of the old rates.

I wish to impress on those who want to make the tour with us to write for full particulars, and make reservation at the earliest possible date.

When information is requested please give us the number and location of your lodge. Write to:

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## Slow Down and Live

In 1955, more than fifteen thousand individuals didn't return home after the pleasures of the week end. According to figures recently published by the Safety Service of The Travelers Insurance Companies of Hartford, Connecticut, 15,730 Americans were killed in week end traffic accidents.

Of last year's traffic fatalities, more than one-fifth occurred on Saturday.

The reasons for this record number of week end highway fatalities lie in the motoring habits of the American public. Every highway in the nation has its Saturday share of that portion of America bound and determined to arrive at its week end destination in time for dinner, even if the trip's last sixty miles must be covered in an hour flat. Too frequently, the strain and fatigue of distance driving are ignored in anticipation of ample relaxation at the journey's end.

Then, too, our highways continue to be filled with those drivers whose idea of relaxation is an extra drink or two "for the road."

Millions of dollars have been spent by Federal, state and municipal authorities in an effort to provide better and safer roads. Additional millions

are spent by insurance companies and other private organizations for programs of safety education.

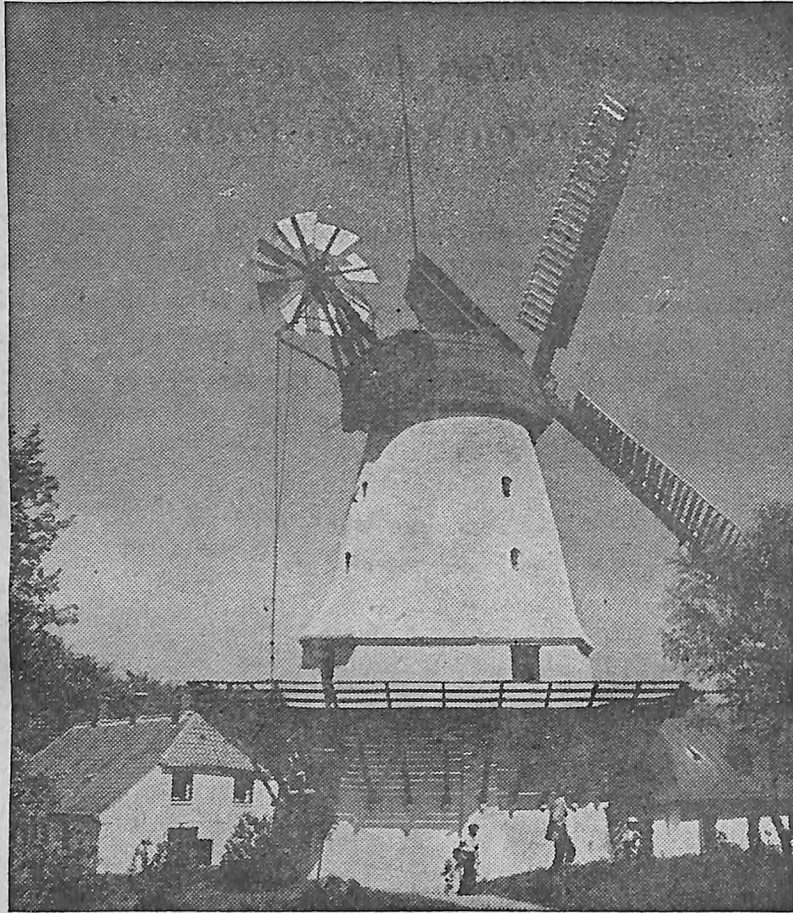
Nevertheless, the week ends of 1955 saw more persons killed and injured on our highways than ever before. It wasn't the fault of the road systems; it wasn't the fault of safety education campaigns. It was the fault of pleasure-bent individuals striving to go too far, too fast, for a week end's enjoyment.

How to reduce this record total of killed and injured? What is desperately required is the immediate, unceasing cooperation of every American in possession of a driver's permit.

An aroused awareness of the week end highway peril, plus continued realization of this danger is the only way to reduce the week end fatality figures for 1956.

MORE than half our states list automobile travel for pleasure among their three leading industries, and the total 1953 expenditure is guessed at about \$10,000,000,000. This giant movement is found to have created one entirely new industry, modern roadside lodging. There are now nearly 50,000 motor courts along the highway, approximately three times the number of national hotels. And it is estimated that on any given night 1,000,000 people will be asleep in motels.

## Dybbøl Windmill



Denmark is rich in historic places — old buildings, castles, churches, monuments, etc. — **The Dybbøl Windmill** crowns the high hill in South Jutland (North Slesvig) around which some of the bloodiest fightings against Germany took place in the Second Slesvig War in 1864. The Danes had

to give way to the great superior force of the Prussians, and Danish-speaking, Danish-minded North Slesvig became a German province until after the Second Great War when, following a plebiscite in 1920, it returned to Denmark.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
I. Jensen	29	Seattle	Herbert Hemmingson
Charles Portier	29	Seattle	Ralph A. Nelson
Elwood Jensen	30	Muskegon	L. G. Thompson
N. P. Jensen	42	Spokane	Otto Danielsen
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Wil. B. Stehr
Chas. M. Petersen	126	Los Angeles	L. G. G. Basfold
Thorvald Jensen	126	"	Roy P. Christoffersen
Jack Brodersen	143	Petaluma	Oscar L. Pedersen
Edward Jonasen	242	Erie	Axel Borup
Gerald S. Johnson	242	Erie	Niels C. Olesen
Gifford Nielsen	242	Erie	Robert H. Nielsen
Roy C. Sebald	263	Askov	John C. Rote

Wolf (to cute young thing): "You're a wonderful little angel."

Cute Young Thing: "Well, if it's my wings you are looking for you're searching on the wrong side."

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Tomorrow, what you

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

John H. Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia 36, Pa.

With this column we round out a year of reporting what has been brought to our attention of the doings of the several lodges that make up the Eastern District.

Whatever success we may have enjoyed is due almost entirely to those faithful secretaries, editors of lodge papers, publicity chairmen, and volunteer correspondents who, month after month, have provided the material that has appeared on this page. Our former correspondent, Brother George V. Petersen of Rosenborg Lodge, Providence, R. I., has been one of the most diligent supporters in reporting the events of the New England lodges. May we also bestow an accolade upon Editor Svend Petersen for his patience while waiting for our copy to arrive, which seldom was on time.

We have found our work interesting. No, more than that, captivating. Perhaps it is because one of our several unrealized ambitions has been publisher of a small town or country newspaper. To receive, collate, and rewrite news reports from the several eastern states, caters to what we like to believe is our creative ability. After all, lodges of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD are people; people who do things we like to hear about, the knowledge of which we, in turn, want to share with others that these reports may serve as an inspiration to members of other lodges.

Our reportage can be improved a good deal with the help of another handful of members. Only about half of the lodges in the East have been heard from, and only half of these have been heard from consistently. The late Will Rogers is credited with saying, "All I know is what I read in the newspapers." That goes for the most of us. All we know about the DANISH BROTHERHOOD, outside of our own lodge, is what we read in the DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE.

If you have enjoyed reading the news from other lodges, and failed to find any news of your own, will YOU bring the matter up at your next meeting and volunteer, or ask that someone be appointed publicity chairman, to cooperate with this column as well as with your local newspaper.

The season being what it is, our mail is limited to one item which we are most happy to report because it is the first we have had from —

**Godthaab Lodge No. 171, Jamestown, N. Y.**, drew a record breaking attendance to its meeting on August 9, when two golden anniversaries were observed by the members, according to Secretary John L. Nelson.

First to be mentioned is one of their faithful and active members, Brother Peter Pihl, who was presented with the Fifty Year Jewel by President Henry Lasser. Brother Pihl gave a short but illuminating talk comparing conditions of a half century ago with today.

On adjournment of the lodge meeting, the Brothers together with the Sisters and friends, joined in an evening of celebration in honor of Brother and Mrs. Christian Andersen's Golden Wedding anniversary. The couple had marked their anni-

versary on August 4. Harry Cullen played the Wedding March as the honored couple marched to the refreshment table. Mrs. Cullen, president of the Sisterhood lodge, presented them with a gift in behalf of the gathering. Both Mr. and Mrs. Andersen thanked everyone present for their kindness and thoughtfulness toward them. Everyone wished them many happy years together.

And, to add a little more glitter to the gold, on the invitation of Lyngblomsten Lodge No. 242, the members of Godthaab Lodge joined with the Erie, Pennsylvania lodge in a picnic held in celebration of 242's fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, August 12. Brother Nelson reported that it was an ideal day for a picnic. "One thing certainly can be said of the members of the Erie lodge," he wrote, "they certainly know how to do it, for they did everything that possibly could be done to make it a perfect outdoor picnic."

**Lyngblomsten Lodge 242, Erie, Pennsylvania**, as host to the 32nd annual convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, has had a busy summer preparing for the Labor Day week-end influx of delegates, visitors and friends.

The twenty-eight lodges represented on the General Committee, at the same time, helped Lyngblomsten Lodge celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

An officer, home from strenuous service overseas, was assigned to a desk job at the Pentagon. Each day for a week he shifted the location of his desk until he finally wound up in the men's room.

"Must be shell-shocked," his colleagues muttered.

But the officer explained grimly:

"It's the only place around here where people seem to know what they're doing."

PROFITS, after taxes, of all corporations in the United States during 1952 were sufficient to cover the cost of federal, state and local government for only 71.84 days.

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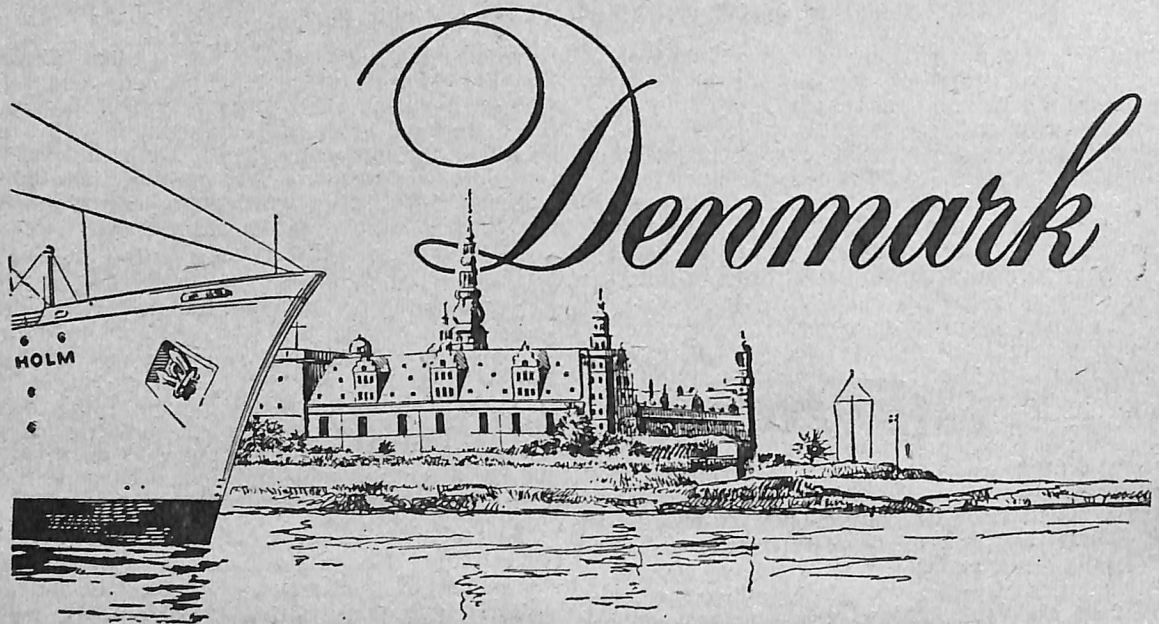
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## Danish Home for the Aged Metuchen, N. J.

Although there are many Danish Homes for the Aged throughout these United States, I believe the Danish Home in Metuchen, now in its 42nd year, is the only one operating for members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood exclusively. Here, members or widows of members can become residents, providing they have belonged to the Home for the past fifteen years, at the great cost of \$2 per year, and with not less than a \$500 insurance policy.

How does this Home exist? In the past few years we have had an income from Social Security which covers about half of our operating expenses. The Home collects this money, but returns one-third of same to the recipients for pocket money. The other half of the operating expense, or an amount of about \$12,000 must be brought in by other means, such as dues from members, picnics and donations. Ever since the new Home was completed about seven years ago, there has been full house, and always someone on the waiting list, either couples or single persons. A man and wife have a sitting room and a bedroom. Most of the time there are 29 people living at the Home, receiving the best care that we can provide in the way of doctors and medicine, and three good meals every day.

The cost of operating this Home is approximately \$24,000 per year. This must be brought in monthly by hard work of the delegates — two from each of the Lodges in the East, belonging to the Home. This, I believe, is the only Home of its kind where we do not charge a set fee for room and board. If an old Brother or Sister is in need of a home, and has absolutely nothing, then nothing is charged.

For the past ten years or so, we have mailed out Christmas Seals to as many Danes as we could possibly get addresses, and the response has been very encouraging indeed. It is hoped that when the appeal is made again this year, that everyone belonging to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood will consider this a most worthy cause, and by contributing you will know that whatever you give is helping a Brother or Sister who is just a little less fortunate than yourself.

We are looking for new members in the Danish Brotherhood and hope to get many of them in the years to come, but let us not lose sight of the fact that we have an obligation to our older Brothers, many of whom have helped to bring the Brotherhood up to what it is today. Let us show our appreciation by making their declining years a little bit brighter. This you can do by helping the Old People's Home in Metuchen, N. J., with your donation. If you do not receive our Christmas Seals and you would like to contribute, please send your contribution to the Danish Home for the Aged, Metuchen, N. J., and please enclose your return address so that the Committee can mail your Christmas Seals, and a receipt for your donation.

If you are traveling in the East at any time please feel free to stop in and visit this beautiful Home. Visitors are always welcome and our resi-

dents just love to have company. It is right off the Garden State Parkway, the N. J. Turnpike or Route No. 1. Just look for the sign to Metuchen and ask for the Danish Home.

The summer will be pretty well on its way by the time this appears in our paper. All of your Supreme Officers will have attended District Conventions in various parts of the country. The main topic of discussion at these conventions will naturally be our promotional program, and I am sure when we get to our fall meeting in Omaha we will all bring something worthwhile with us that will enable us to work out a plan that will be to the benefit of all the lodges, and also give us full value for the money that you appropriated for this purpose at the National Convention in Racine. A year has almost gone by since then. It has been a very busy year, with visits to many of the Lodges in the East, and a very pleasant association with the rest of the members of the Supreme Board. Our greatest effort will be to try to stop the decline in membership. However, it will need the help of every Lodge Brother and especially the officers in each lodge, together with the officers in the various General Committees throughout the country. It is only by this cooperation that we shall be able to build up our membership once again and all of us are looking forward to a bigger and better organization by the time our next convention rolls around.

CHRIS MADSEN.  
Supreme Trustee.

## Letters From America

Many people abroad are curious about America. They want to know more about us. Those of us with friends and relatives can help satisfy this natural curiosity through our letters. Let's spread the truth about America.

The charming hostess said to her principal guest of the evening:

"I suppose I mustn't offer you wine. Aren't you chairman of the Temperance League?"

"Oh, no," said the guest smiling. "I'm head of the Anti-Vice League."

"Oh," said the hostess, flustered. "I knew there was something I shouldn't offer you."

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## Danish Sisterhood of America

## Resolutions

### THOMAS CHRISTENSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our dear departed brother, Thomas Christensen, who passed away July 29, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242:

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

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

Ernest Storch, Pres.  
Gerald S. Johnson, Sec.

### JOHN PEARSON, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, John Pearson, who passed away August 13, 1956, Lodge No. 242 resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and that we extend our sympathy to his family, that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory.

In behalf of Lodge No. 242.

Ernest Storch, Pres.  
Gerald S. Johnson, Sec.

### ANTON PETERSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Anton Petersen, who passed away July 9, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242:

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

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be entered into our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card sent to his family.

Ernest Storch, Pres.  
Gerald S. Johnson, Sec.

### THORVALD JENSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Thorvald Jensen, who passed away on August 23, 1956:

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 solemn day.

In behalf of Lodge No. 36.

Peter Jensen, Pres.  
Edward Juel, Act. Sec.

### RASMUS P. PETERSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Rasmus P. Petersen, who passed away July 17, 1956:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Calif.

Louis Larsen, Pres.  
Harvey P. Rasmussen, Sec.

### ARENTZ SIMONSEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Arentz Simonsen, who passed away June 24, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

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

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

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

Barnard Solmosen, Pres.  
Einar W. Nielsen, Sec.

### JOHANNES M. JACOBSEN, Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Johannes M. Jacobsen, who passed away July 17, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Los Angeles Lodge No. 126:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 126.

Paul Herskind, Pres.  
Peter Pedersen, Sec.

## World Cruise Film Released

A new color and sound film, showing the 1956 Cruise of a Lifetime around the world with Swedish American Line's luxury flagship M. S. Kungsholm, is now available on loan, gratis, to travel agents and organizations interested in arranging showings. The film, photographed by Colonel Homer F. Kellem, USAF, Ret., noted photographer and lecturer, can be obtained on request to any of the Swedish American Line offices throughout the United States and Canada.

A travel tempting screen adventure, the new movie offers a realistic view of highlights enjoyed on the glamorous 97-day cruise with the famous M. S. Kungsholm, which called at 21 fascinating ports during her globe-encircling voyage. Expertly narrated, the 40 minutes film is apt to give even the most ardent "stay-at-homer" the traveling urge.

Those interested in showing the Cruise of a Lifetime film, are asked to submit at least three optional dates with their request, as the Swedish American Line expects a heavy demand for the new movie.

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## Nebraska State Convention

The annual convention for the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood lodges of Nebraska will be held on Saturday, September 8, 1956, at the Rome Hotel in Omaha.

Registration will start at 9 o'clock in the morning.

There will be a smorgasbord at noon.

The banquet is scheduled to get under way at 6:15 p. m.

There will be business sessions both forenoon and afternoon.

The Sisterhood drill team will perform.

The evening will terminate with dancing.

Convention hosts are DSS No. 6, 119, 137; D. B. No. 1 and 195.

Hope to see a lot of new faces.

The facilities at the Rome are excellent.

See you September 8, Rome Hotel, Omaha.

Fraternally,

CHRIS LARSEN,  
Nebraska State  
Vice President.

A good Samaritan pulled his car alongside one which appeared to have stalled on the shoulder of the road.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "Out of gas?"

"Nope," came the gruff answer from inside the car.

"Engine trouble?" the Samaritan asked.

"Nope," came the answer.

"Tire down?" the Samaritan persisted.

"Didn't have to," came the reply.

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