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The Midwest board of officers join the Rockford convention committee in urging all lodges to put on a special effort to arouse enthusiasm within each lodge; remember, we are counting on ALL lodge officers to do their utmost in bringing as many of your members to Rockford as possible. ALL of our affiliated lodges have responded as of now, so it promises to become a banner convention, as far as attendance is concerned. SEND HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO CHRIS MADSEN, 2407 PELHAM ROAD, ROCKFORD, ILL.

Lodge No. 64 and No. 55 await us with open arms! They expect US, AND DEPEND ON US TO COME. You will enjoy Rockford and the excellent Hotel Faust. Every brother and sister — every officer, yes — ALL of us must help, and with the optimistic hope that this Rockford convention will be, not only the biggest ever, but also a most beneficial one for our Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood. I send my greetings and anticipate meeting all of you Saturday morning, August 31, 1957 in Rockford.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN, Sec.-Treas.

Eastern District Convention

This will be the last report on the Eastern District Convention in New Haven, Connecticut, to reach you before August 31-September 2. We trust that your plans to join us in celebrating this 75th anniversary of the Brotherhood are definite. Your lodge has the program and all information on hotel and banquet reservation, the latter must be in by August 20. If you have not made reservations through your lodge, we suggest that you write to Mr. Kristian B. Larsen, 72 Marne St., Hamden 14, Conn. Your Hotel Taft, 81 College St., and Hotel Duncan at 1151 Chapel St. are convenient to the famous New Haven Green, preserved in the original square layout around which the first settlers in 1624 laid the foundation for the progressive City of Elms.

Once again aiming to be the Number One city in the state, a huge development program offers a special attraction this year. At present the southern part of the city looks like it suffered a devastating bombing attack from East to West to make room for an 8-lane thru-way and the Conn. Turnpike. The period architecture of Yale University and its noted Art, Historical and Nature Galleries are always tourist attractions.

A full schedule of entertainment, dancing, sight-seeing, picnic and good food are ready for your enjoyment. The committee is also giving several prizes for attendance, etc. We also extend a special invitation to the Brothers returning on M/S Stockholm from their Brotherhood tour to Denmark. A short trip to New Haven, Conn., would be a fitting wind-up for your successful Jubilee celebration.

All roads lead to New Haven and from the Wilbur Cross Parkway exits 59-60-61 takes you into the city and the convention hall at 612 Howard Ave.

Finally we remind you to bring your candidates for membership to be initiated at this convention.

See you in New Haven, Conn. — August 31-September 2.

THE COMMITTEE.

Danish Dazzle

Under the above caption the June 17 issue of Sports Illustrated devotes no less than four pages for pictures and text of a week in June in Denmark. The article is written by Horace Sutton with photographs by David Seymour.

Recently a friend of ours wanted to report to the police that his car was stolen but couldn't remember the license number, so telephoned his wife and asked: "Honey, what's the number of our car license?"

Awakened from a nap, she said: "Why would anyone want to steal a license plate?"

"Because," replied friend husband, "our car is fastened to it."

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August 1957

New Scandinavian Films Available

Colorful Scandinavia makes excellent film material, and the Midnight Sun Countries are becoming increasingly popular among tourists from the U. S. A., who often combine a tour of the European continent with a visit to the North countries.

Swedish American Line recently added two new 16 mm. color/sound films to its fast growing library of travel films, available to travel agents, local social or church groups, etc. The two new films are "Top of Europe" and "Modern Land of the Vikings" with a running time of 22 and 28 minutes. The northernmost parts of Finland, Norway and Sweden, stretching far above the Arctic Circle, form the "skull cap of Europe," and this majestic and colorful country is depicted in "Top of Europe." The cameramen have followed a motor coach entourage from Sweden's iron ore district through Finnish Lapland to North Cape, and then southward along the Arctic Ocean and North Atlantic coasts to Hammerfest, Tronsø, and Narvik. Thrilling trips by boat — shooting the rapids or more leisurely fjord excursions — as well as a mountain hike to the North Cape plateau are highlights to remember from this fine travel picture.

"Modern Land of the Vikings" gives a cross section of Swedish cultural achievements from the Viking age to modern times. Viking arts and crafts, depicted in strikingly beautiful gold and silver smithing objects, is contrasted against the stunning simplicity of modern Swedish crystal designs. Industrial Sweden with impressive, hydroelectric power plants, automatized factories, and Sweden — the welfare state — with well-planned housing and no slums, is also presented in a sequence

of pictures. Fine camera work and excellent color are added attractions of this film presentation.

Both films may be obtained by writing Swedish American Line's Film department.

Golden Wedding

DENVER, COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hansen of 215 South Dahlia Street, Denver, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nielsen of 623 No. Rose St., Burbank, California, jointly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, June 8, at the Denver Athletic Club with a dinner party. About 150 guests were present.

The couple are natives of Denmark and came to the United States 55 years ago. The Hansens were married in Denver on June 8, 1907. The Nielsens were married in Pocatello, Idaho, June 12, 1907. The wives are sisters.

Mr. Hansen has been active in the building business and Mr. Nielsen was in the garage business. Both couples are active in Danish affairs and are members of the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood lodges and all have received 50-year pins.

Mr. Hansen is also a member of the Exchange Club, Denver Athletic club, Knights Templar, Consistory No. 2, El Jebel Shrine and the Denver Board of Realtors. The Hansens have a son, Castor Hansen, and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Purse; also three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Nielsens have one son, John, Jr., and four grandchildren.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

Soren Miller, Chicago

Soren H. Miller, husband of Jennie Miller, Supreme Secretary of the Danish Sisterhood, passed peacefully from this life on July 2. Mrs. Miller and her family were comforted in their sorrow by the visitation of many friends and the receipt of comforting messages of condolence. In addition to many floral memorials, friends contributed close to \$500 to the Memorial fund of Golgotha Lutheran Church in his memory.

Soren Miller was an active member of the Danish Brotherhood, having joined in November 1907, one year after coming to the United States from Denmark. He was a past president of Lodge No. 35, active in the Midwestern District, delegate to the 1951 National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, and served several times as chairman of Chicago's South Side Danish Picnic. At his death he was financial secretary of the Golgotha Lutheran Church in Chicago. Soren Miller knew the real meaning of membership; he accepted the responsibility and work of active participation. He took great pride in his wife's office in the Danish Sisterhood and was interested in her lodge work as well as his own.

Soren Miller was born in Nykøbing, Morsø, one of eight boys in the family. Three brothers survive him: Nels P. Miller of Glendora, Calif., and Peter and Paul Miller of Chicago, all members of D. B. Lodge No. 35.

It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't.
 —Martin Van Buren.

Financial Report

JUNE 28, 1957

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1957	\$12,151.29
Assessments	9,744.84
Certificate loans	41.66
Interest on certificate loans	44.04
Matured bonds	2,000.00
Interest on bonds	12,735.63
Premium on currency exchange	16.96

\$36,734.42

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$17,224.57
Cash surrender	285.56
Bond coupon collection expense	6.50
Current investment expense	839.40
Transfer investment expenses to Gen. Fund	935.00
Balance on hand June 28, 1957	17,443.39

\$36,734.42

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1957	\$11,857.80
Received in June	786.97
Transfers from Mortuary fund	935.00

\$13,579.77

Disbursements:	
Employers Social Security tax	\$ 16.49
Office supplies	6.90
Postage, express, telephone and telegraph	42.23
Printing and mailing official publication	391.09
Rent and lights	199.84
Repairing "Steno" office machines	44.00
Salaries to officers and employes	733.00
Balance on hand June 28, 1957	12,146.22

\$13,579.77

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1957	\$15,124.72
Assessments	75.00
Interest on bonds	812.50

\$16,012.22

Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 421.00
Balance on hand June 28, 1957	15,591.22

\$16,012.22

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1957	\$ 8,589.51
Assessments	175.10

\$ 8,764.61

Disbursements:	
None	
Balance on hand June 28, 1957	\$ 8,764.61

\$ 8,764.61

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,108,839.37
Fraternal fund investments	248,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	50,945.44

\$4,447,784.81

The bright pupil looked long and thoughtfully at an examination question, which read: "State the number of tons of coal shipped out of the United States in any given year."

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer,
6312 Nyanza Park Drive, Tacoma 99, Washington

As I write this paragraph just under the deadline, the words of Brother C. Fred Christensen, Tacoma's Secretary-Treasurer, have scarcely ceased vibrating in the air for it is but a few moments since I left a special meeting of D. B. No. 33 and D. S. No. 19. "Even though we are a small lodge, we will give the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood no room for criticism" declared Fred as he asked this column to announce that the Ninth Annual Affair will be held in the City of Destiny. Brotherhood President Marinus Laursen, his wife, Ann, Sisterhood President; Vice President Chris Petersen; Ex-President Niels Christensen; Trustee Chairman Chris Frederiksen; Trustee Niels Paulsen; Outer-Inner Guard Peder Thompson; Secretary Abilona Jorgensen, Treasurer Cora Christensen (Fred's wife) and Christine Hansen were also in session at which time we drafted the initial steps for the 1958 District Convention. Western Hospitality entertainment informative and worthwhile meetings, dancing, eating and drinking were subjects carefully discussed. Hotels are plentiful and Tacoma's restaurants match those of any vaunted city. Keep next summer's week end schedules flexible until we announce the exact dates at a later time.

Seattle's Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29, meeting every second and last Wednesday each month at Washington Hall, 153 14th Avenue, has a large membership and that is as it should be — Seattle itself, Queen City of the Pacific Northwest, is a large city of a half million, many of whom are Danish and of Danish extraction. But D. B. No. 29 strives to keep their members happy and intact so that if not growing they at least hold their own. In absorbing a complete report prepared by their very capable Secretary, Brother Joseph R. Matsen, I note that their outstanding special events are an annual affair and committee chairmen are appointed far in advance. A fall picnic has always been a success and I have had the pleasure of attending several in years past — a tug of war usually being the main event. Then there is the winter indoor picnic recently inaugurated. Traditionally, children and adults alike look forward to the Christmas Tree celebration, a gala affair on which Seattle Danes excel. Once a year, Past Presidents take over the chairs following a banquet in honor of all fifty year members, and each year preceding the joint installation of Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers, the men cook and serve a delightful dinner. Commemoration of the lodge's anniversary is a yearly event on the birthday of King Christian the Ninth — this year being the sixty-seventh. Tours of Seattle industries as well as speakers and films from various endeavors are arranged throughout the year. Bingo has become a popular and regular activity in No. 29 and members take an active part in the Northwest Danish Old People's Home and in the Scandinavian Musical Festival. Two teams were entered in Supreme Trustee Chairman Einar Danielsen's National Bowling Tournament. A Blood Bank Pool has been established and is being maintained for the relief of sick Brothers and their families. Yes, Seattle has a great fraternal order

of Danes and we are mighty proud of them here in the Pacific Northwest — so proud in fact that together with the Danish Brotherhood from coast to coast, we elected one of its good members, Supreme President — Our Own Otto.

President John Hansen of Enumclaw's Danish Brotherhood is a "Great Grandpa." It seems that Mrs. George Dahl of Anchorage (nee Lois Hansen) has a daughter married to Preston Peil who is stationed in Alaska with the United States Air Force and to his wife on May 26th, was born a little boy weighing 8½ pounds. Just so happens that this writer has the appropriate application blanks for one juvenile member, one non-medical member and one regular insured member. How about it, President John? Shall we arrange during your regime to admit Paul Christian Peil, his daddy and his grandfather? Incidentally, this great grandson in Alaska lives in a trailer court owned and operated by Brother Conrad Bitter who is a son-in-law of Supreme Vice President Hans M. Andersen and a member of Lodge No. 255 in Selma, California,

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and whom we met at the recent McMinnville District Convention.

Despite torrential rains in the Puget Sound area as in other parts of the country but of somewhat lesser velocities, the 33rd Annual Celebration of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home for Oregon and Washington was held on July 13 and 14. Coffee was served in Fellowship Hall, Seattle, preceding the regular membership and business meeting conducted by Brother J. H. Clausen, Vice President of the Board of Directors in the absence of Brother John A. Hansen, President and presently in Denmark. Reports of all committee activities for the past year were reviewed, financial records were given, proposals for next year's operations were organized, and twelve directors were chosen. Invitation was extended to any interested person to join this worthwhile group, membership dues being only three dollars a year. Dinner at six was followed by colored slides of Denmark and a short program. Chairman of Arrangements was Brother Pete Pihl, Portland, First District President of the Pacific Northwest Lodges.

Paul O. Nielsen, Danish Consulate and active in the affairs of the Washington Displaced Persons Committee, suggests that Danish Brotherhood members everywhere be better acquainted with our United States Immigration Laws in order to effectively contact their various legislators. Brother Nielsen urges the importance of encouraging more Danes to immigrate to this great country so that they can continue to contribute to our way of life. "Uncle Sam" is interested in the attitudes of various nationality groups toward current refugee acts so it behooves us all to promote the invitation of more Danish peoples into America. "Individual feelings on this matter," said Consulate Nielsen, "should be written directly to their congressmen." Although legislation is not momentarily on the agenda, laws are continually being changed and improvised but certainly the Danish quota should not be cut.

One of Enumclaw's old timers, Christiana Thorp, passed away last month at the age of 85 and in reviewing her documentary papers, attention focused on a D. B. insurance certificate issued to her husband, Soren Thorp, who died in 1910 — the yellow aged policy was signed by President Henry Bruhn and Secretary Niels Rasmussen, two of the good old Brothers still in our midst; Brother Helmer "Brick" Grove caught his fishing limit the first day of Washington's season in Lake Lawrence near the Oregon line; Brother Howard Johnson was the Refreshment Committee Chairman at the Danish Hall when the Scandinavian Fraternity met for their regular monthly meeting; I have just had a welcome telephone call from one of Lodge No. 113's brothers, John Stanley Thuesen, who lives in Seattle and hasn't been to a meeting since the writer became a member; Treasurer Henry Hergert is not exactly on the sick list but he has some mighty serious eye trouble; Past President Carl Johansen donated 250 pounds of prime steer beef towards a community dinner for the benefit of a new Danish church building; having six children and a new home under construction did not keep Vice President and Delegate Godan Meng and his jolly wife, Florence, from attending the McMinnville festivities; Trustee Chairman John L. Rieck must have been the official lobbyist at the convention for he failed to attend any of the inner sanctum sessions;

Delegate Ingvald Nelson was the first Brother to be seen when Sonia and I drove into the convention city and "he was lost too"; Conductor Nis Hansen is the only Denmark Tour Representative from Enumclaw; Millard Duesen, grandson of Brother Soren Ericksen was one of seven Boy Scouts to receive tenderfoot merit badges this year; former Secretary John Moldrup was back in the harness at the regular June meeting as Brother Kai Rasmussen and family were in South Dakota for a three weeks' vacation; Brother Nels Johnson and wife Hannah toured Oregon for a week after attending the convention in May; the Courier Herald Tribune paid a nice tribute to our late Brother Schwartz Pedersen in writing that pleasant associations as with him were all too rare in this short span that we have here on earth; George F. Pedersen, son of Brother Ossie, became the husband of the former Louise Behrens of Buckley on June 1; at the Presbyterian church on June 15, Jo Ann Hammer was married to Donald A. Jensen, son of Brother C. Chris Jensen; Past District President Carl N. Grove and Myrtine took a wee vacation to Canada, Head Trustee John L. Rieck and family motored to Portland where Johnnie's mother lives, and State Elks Chaplain Norbert Grove conventioned in Walla Walla, all during the same week in June; Brother Alvin Nelson and family have just returned from another periodic vacation in Iowa; Brother Hans Sand is one of the original 29 Puyallup Elk who were recently honored at their 35th Anniversary; Sisterhood President Gerda Hergert spearheaded a joint picnic at the King County Recreation Center (Pete's Pool) on July 28. Brother Bent Espersen was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Danish Old People's Home; and Brother Chris "Butcher" Jensen is on a three months' tour of Denmark.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.



Dateline - Detroit

The annual meeting of the Danish Old People's Home, owned and operated by Lodge No. 227, took up the major part of our June 12 meeting. Brothers Viggo Mikkelsen, George Eversen and John Kinch were elected to a 3-year term on the nine-man Board of Trustees, John Kinch for his first term in this important activity. The fiscal year of the Home ends June 30, so you should have the annual statement and report on activities at the Home by mid-August.

Very appropriately, Loriz Boos, who at the age of 80 is our oldest active member, had his number drawn and won the jack-pot for \$6. Bros. No. 963, Marius Holt, No. 596, Chris Knudsen and No. 1,000 Vagn Hinding had their numbers drawn at recent meetings, but were not present to collect. The following brothers are currently on the sick list: P. A. Nielsen, 9189 Cheyenne, Det. 28; M. A. Kongshaug, 5780 Dickerson Ave. Det. 13; Einer Jacobsen, 13950 Freeland, Det. 27; Otto Jensen, 1044 Lantz Ave. Det. 3; Carl Birnbaum, 3200 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 262, Det. 8; Sigfred Jorgensen, 15339 Vaughn Ave. Det. 23. Visit them or send them a card.

Open Letter to the Promotion Department

Half the year is gone, and it doesn't look as if we are going to reach our goal of an appreciable increase in membership. The new system of rewards is fine, but it doesn't seem to be doing the job. Match covers are very nice, but they don't bring in new members. The day has passed when prospects would seek us out. Now we will have to do a professional selling job if we are to survive.

We have a fine insurance at low cost, but by the time lodge dues and special assessments are added other insurance companies can beat our price. In the case of our many small lodges which no longer have sick benefit or any social activity, this becomes an unsurmountable obstacle.

I therefore suggest that we set up a test area around a lodge with plenty to offer in the line of sick benefit and social activities, plus plenty of eligible prospects in the locality. Let us then buy a list of names of Danes and people of Danish descent in this area from a compiler of such lists, send out a series of letters setting forth the advantages to be gained by joining the D. B., and particularly the chosen lodge. Follow up the letters with a personal call from a qualified salesman, preferably a man who has been in the Brotherhood for years and is thoroughly sold on our organization. It is very important that he be a good salesman, and if we do not have any such available among our members, we should hire one — possibly an insurance man. The choice of a lodge to work through is of vital importance to the success of such an endeavor, for it will of course cost some money, and we want to get a good return on such an investment and not another debacle like the Canadian deal. Racine No. 4 meets all the requirements, with a fine activities program and a good sick benefit set-up. There are probably more prospects around Racine than any other place of like size. Detroit does not have as many Danes, but we do have the most liberal sick benefit in the entire Brotherhood. The deciding factor of

where to try first should be the willingness of the local lodge to cooperate. After the workability of this plan has been proven in such a test area we can expand it and eventually build up our small lodges in areas where there are still many people of Danish descent to a point where they can again offer those advantages which we in the larger lodges have come to look on as our rights. I feel that such a program has a very good chance to double our membership if properly handled, and urge the promotional department to consider it.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Chris Larsen,	Detroit, Mich.	12
116	Alf. Svantemann,	Newark, N. J.	8
4	Gerhard H. Rasmussen,	Racine, Wis.	3
164	Robert Petersen,	New York City, N. Y.	3
322	Nels P. Christensen,	Santa Barbara, Cal.	3

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1957
227	Detroit, Mich.	15	309
318	Copenhagen, Denmark	9	139
116	Newark, New Jersey	9	166
4	Racine, Wis.	8	526
314	Hartford, Conn.	8	184
190	Schenectady, N. Y.	7	134
46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	6	105
49	San Francisco, Calif.	6	349
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	5	73
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	5	150

Calling the police station an excited citizen exclaimed: "Just now I stepped out the back door in the dark and a man rushed up and hit me with a club."

A student cop was sent to investigate and soon returned with a lump on his head and a glum look on his face, reporting that he had solved the case.

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The 75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark

It has been said on this memorable Danish Brotherhood tour to Denmark that this would probably be the last excursion on a large scale arranged by a Danish organization in America. If so, it must indubitably be considered unfortunate because too much speaks for that an excursion of this type and magnitude is beneficial to the organization that puts it on as well as to the participants in the excursion.

Among the gratifying things to mention in this connection is the opportunity to convene in great numbers similar to a convention but on an even more social and festive basis. The publicity angle alone has no mean importance. Many other matters play a part when claiming that this excursion has a healthy influence on the Danish Brotherhood as a whole and some of them can be plucked out of this report.

The 75 Year Jubilee Tour got off to a fine start when 127 of its participants going through our nation's capital were invited for supper in Ambassador and Mrs. Henrik Kauffmann's home in Washington and spent a most delightful evening there.

A bon voyage party was held in the evening of

June 3 by local Brotherhood members in Brooklyn.

In the forenoon of June 4 the decks of the Swedish American Line's "Stockholm" were filled with gay people and the tour committee could announce that the Danish Brotherhood 75 Year Jubilee Tour numbered 340 participants.

Among the notables to bid the party farewell were Swedish American Line's president G. Hilmer Lundbeck, Jr., SAL's vice president, Earnest B. Bearnarth, the Danish press attache Kai Johansen and Caspar Hasselriis, manager of the Danish Information Office in New York, Axel Dessau, manager of the Danish Tourist Office in New York, the Danish Consul General Mogens Warberg, and SAL's advertising manager Carl Hallengren.

From the very start of this trip across the Atlantic Ocean it was noticeable that Swedish American Line was bent on making it an excursion worthy a celebration of a Danish Brotherhood 75 Year Jubilee commemoration and one never to be forgotten.

First of all the trip was to be filmed from beginning to end. Swedish American Line had engaged Teknisk Film Co. with the two experts Poul Solbjergohj as producer and Kaj Mogens as cameraman to do the job. These men and equipment were present at all the Danish Brotherhood functions including the festivities in Rebild.

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color film of the tour will be made and to be available to any Danish Brotherhood lodge in U. S. A. that wants to see the glorious trip from beginning to end — and, as we understand, there will be no charge for borrowing the moving picture.

On the whole trip and as an overseer, counsellor, or just as a plain good travel companion was Helge Petersen on duty morning and night. This gentleman knew many of the passengers on the ship. Many a Brotherhood member remembers him from the days he was manager of the Scandinavian American Line in New York, later as SAL's chief of the line's offices in Copenhagen. He is now one of the directors of the newly founded Danmark-Amerika Line.

Helge Petersen in conjunction with the hard working Tour Committee, Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Supreme 2nd Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen, Supreme Trustee Einar Danielsen, and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck deserve a rich measure of compliments for a job well done.

Coupled with the committee's hard work was exceptionally fine weather to make the trip across the mighty Atlantic as pleasant as one could ask for.

Life aboard "Stockholm" was something like the Vikings' dream of conditions in Valhalla. The food was excellent and plentiful. The invigorating ocean-air sharpened as usual the appetite so one could enjoy three large meals per day, afternoon coffee and a midnight snack before turning in — and as the Vikings, starting all over again the following morning.

In between meals and sleep the time was spent equally as pleasant. Every day one could listen to concerts and dance. Moving pictures were shown and the entertainments included folk dancing by members of the crew, trapshooting, amateur show, various exhibits, games and a very successful masquerade with so many hilarious and clever costumes that the judges felt that at least 25 deserved a prize but had to limit that to seven.

Divine services with ca. 400 present were held in the spacious lounge and on June 5, Danish Con-

stitution Day, a special program was arranged with music, song, and speeches by our Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Christine Linderud, Supreme Treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood; "Stockholm's" skipper, Captain C. W. Johnsson, and John Hansen, Past Supreme President.

Danish Brotherhood members and Danish Sisterhood members held meetings aboard the ship. In a later report in our magazine these meetings will be referred to in more detail, but suffice it to say that it was an event to sit in at a B. B. meeting on the Atlantic Ocean with over 100 Brothers present. Six new members joined the Danish Brotherhood during the voyage including the ship's popular Chief Pursuer, Curt Dawe, and its doctor, S. Brynner. The latter was a busy man taking care of minor ills caused by extravagant living. Only one passenger became seriously ill with an attack of appendicitis.

When Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, presumably 10 pounds heavier, returns to Omaha, he will list the six new members and their respective lodges here in our magazine.

Axel Skelbeck had so many communications with the Swedish American Line in New York and ordered so many tickets that somebody at the SAL office suggested to change the ship's name from "Stockholm" to "Axelholm."

49—STRIBOLT.

(To be continued)

Attendant in Filling Station: Boss, your doctor's here with a flat tire.

Boss: Swell! Diagnose the trouble as puncture wounds resulting in prolapsus of the perimeter. Prescribe plastic surgery followed by the administration of violent flatulents and charge him accordingly. That's what he's been doing to me!

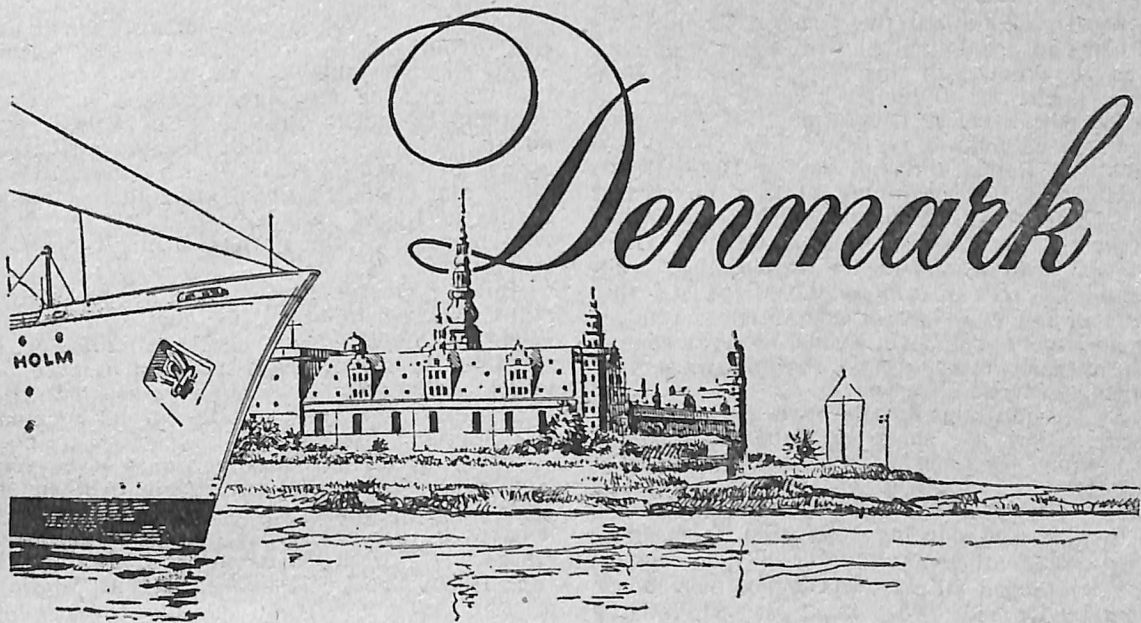
—Underwriter's Review.

Wife (reading husband's fortune card): "You are a leader of men. You are brave, strong-willed and popular with the opposite sex." It has your weight wrong, too." — Wall Street Journal.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Joined Year	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Apr. 23	Irving Andreassen	43	Medicine Lake, Mont.	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1936	Cerebral hemorrhage	\$ 125.00
May 18	Herman Petersen	78	Dronningland	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1901	Coronary occlusion	442.30
June 2	Niels Chr. Meyling	87	Hole, Denmark	67	Fresno, Calif.	1914	Carcinomatosis	487.89
May 31	Vilhelm J. Andersen	86	Helsingor, Denmark	89	Superior, Wis.	1909	Cerebral hemorrhage	452.59
June 12	Niels C. Christensen	77	Almind, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1924	Cerebral Vascular Acc.	1,000.00
May 22	Harry Edgar Madsen	66	Kempton, Minn.	253	Ruthton, Minn.	1926	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Apr. 26	Julius Jensen	88	Frederiksborg, Den.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Carditis	408.82
June 17	Christian Jensen	88	Horup Thisted, Den.	20	Manistee, Mich.	1900	Arteriosclerotic Heart Dis.	785.03
Feb. 18	Jens Chr. Nielsen	89	Oustrup Sogn, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1911	Malnutrition	230.52
June 12	Jens Frederik Petersen	91	Assentop, Den.	299	Solvang, Calif.	1899	Cerebral Thrombosis	745.29
June 17	Lawrence Paulsen	67	Muskegon, Mich.	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1927	Bronchogenic Carcinoma	250.00
June 22	Heinz Andersen	41	Berlin, Germany	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1956	Rec. myocardial infarc.	500.00
June 12	Bendix Nielsen	94	Vestervedsted, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1896	Gen. Arteriosclerosis	705.54
June 11	Aksel T. Rasmussen	67	Skelskør, Den.	205	Brooklyn, New York	1911	Bronchopneumonia	250.00
June 13	Christen Christensen	87	Bygum Viborg, Den.	112	Portland, Maine	1966	Arteriosclerotic Heart Dis.	819.95
June 14	Lorenz P. Petersen	79	Vejle, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1911	Coronary occlusion	957.27
May 23	Julius W. C. Olsen	71	Vadup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1919	Bronchopneumonia	1,000.00
June 9	Andreas C. Thygesen	75	Trige Aarhus Amt.	301	Akron, Ohio	1913	Asphyxia due to drowning	490.72
June 11	Niels Peter Paulsen	66	Horsens, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1912	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Jan. 25	Felix H. Christensen	55	Copenhagen, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1951	Carcinoma of lung	500.00
May 27	George Bliesmann	82	Rendsborg, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908	Heart failure	910.73
Feb. 20	Peter L. Hansen	73	Copenhagen, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908	Cerebral hemorrhage	241.92
June 26	George Bakke	67	Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1918	Carcinoma sigmoid	500.00
June 7	Morten Jensen	69	South Bend, Ind.	245	South Bend, Ind.	1906	Carcinoma of lung	1,000.00
May 28	Hans R. Andersen	66	Denmark	255	Selma, Calif.	1949		Social
June 15	August E. Holm	90	Denmark	325	Nassau Co., N. Y.	1927		Social

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

The fiscal year for our two General Committees always come to a culmination with the convention, which as you know will this year be held in San Francisco, beginning in the evening of August 29 and ending with a banquet on August 31. The program will be as follows:

August 29—Registration all day at Hotel Whitcomb. Big reception beginning at 8 p. m. sharp. We are in hopes that our mayor will honor us with his presence. The Danish Consul General Hon. Frode Schön will be one of the speakers, as well as Supreme Officers of both organizations and the presidents of the two General Committees. Danish singing society "Lyren" will render several songs. After the speeches there will be refreshments served and dancing to Heise's orchestra.

August 30—Meetings of the two organizations will begin at 9 a. m. sharp in Halls reserved at Druids Temple, 44 Page Street; only two blocks from the Hotel. Meetings all day, with coffee-break, of course. Friday evening, big entertainment at Druids Temple and dancing to Heise's Orchestra.

August 31—Meetings continue of the two organizations. It is hoped all meetings will be concluded not later than 1 p. m. At 3 p. m., Joint Installations of newly elected officers. Saturday evening big banquet and dance at Whitcomb Hotel. At the banquet there will be drawing for the lucky number for a trip for two to Hawaii. Be sure to get your ticket from your lodge secretary otherwise they will be for sale at the convention.

The committee is working on an idea of having a farewell breakfast Sunday morning, but plans are not completed as yet. If this can be accomplished, you will be told at the convention.

May I ask the various secretaries to see if they have followed the instructions as outlined in my two letters to the lodges? I am particularly anxious to get the number of active members initiated during the year between August 1, 1956 and August 1, 1957, as well as the names of the sponsors. The purpose of this is, of course, the annual prizes paid out by the General Committee for members who have been especially active during the year, and unless your secretary gives me the details your member or members will not be considered for prizes at the convention.

All communications during the month of August should be sent to my home address: 2530 — 27th Avenue, San Francisco 16.

One of 49's newest members, Brother Heinz Andersen, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on June 22. He seldom missed a meeting and was a very active member of the Convention Committee, and we shall miss him very much in our organization. Brother Andersen leaves a wife and two small children to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

We have just learned of the good news from Denmark that Brother Paul B. Ryder, honorary member of No. 49 and former Consul General of Denmark in San Francisco has been appointed Consul General in New York. We send warmest congratulations to Brother Ryder and wish him much success in his new position as Denmark's representative in New York.

By this time you probably all read about the success of our Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark, an undertaking we can all be very proud of. We can also be very proud of the fact that our Supreme President, Brother Otto Nielsen, was appointed "Mayor for a day" in Aalborg, an honor always bestowed on some Danish American on July 4th at the breakfast given prior to the actual festivities at Rebild Park. Brother Nielsen was likewise honored at the Park and in "Kilden" at the closing banquet.

Brother George Hansen, one of our officers in our General Committee, has just sent me several copies of Aalborg Stiftstidende, all filled with pictures of the Rebild festivities, and a large picture where Brother Otto Nielsen is presented with the Key to Aalborg, truly a very proud moment for our Supreme President.

The Convention Committee wants me to thank all who supported the recent affair held in Druids Temple. We appreciated especially all the fine prizes donated by members of our organization. Also a "thank you" to all the members of Denmark No. 2 and Helga No. 3 of Dania as well as Thyra No. 3 of Dannebrog for their splendid support in our effort to make the coming convention a success.

May I remind you to make your reservations at Hotel Whitcomb by August 15. For those who come in automobiles there is plenty of parking space with the Hotel, and the hotel is only two blocks from the halls where the meetings will be held.

We will be looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

Golden Anniversary

June 22, 1957 — That was a day of great importance to D. B. Lodge No. 264 in Pocatello, Idaho. It was exactly 50 years ago on that day that the lodge was started by a handful of stalwart men from the shores of Denmark, with one object in mind; viz, to assist each other, to keep and perpetuate memories from their land of birth, and to create sociability and friendship which is so urgently needed when you are an emigrant.

Fifty years is a long time, unbelievable changes take place, not only in progress in general but with each generation, family and individual. Only a limited percentage of people are fortunate enough to live 50 years after they are fully matured men and women, hence it was indeed a pleasure to help celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Lodge No. 264 where there was not only a charter member present, but also a brother who was the organizer and instrumental in starting the lodge.

Let me describe the festivities this way:

The day was celebrated rather quietly and in a very dignified manner. At 7:30 p. m., everybody sat down to a fine dinner, prepared by a committee of ladies. The president, Brother Willard, bid us welcome and after introducing the officers of both the sister and brother lodges, soft music of Danish

origin was played for us while we partook of the fine meal.

A few songs were next on the program, after which Brother Marinus Jensen, secretary of the lodge for many, many years, was asked to present the 50-year gold pin to the only charter member present, Brother Hans Sorensen. Here let me sidetrack a little — you see, Brother Marinus Jensen is the man who I mentioned earlier as the organizer, he was then a member of the Brotherhood and I believe he stated he belonged to a lodge in Wyoming. Here you see the two most important members of the Lodge No. 264 were in the spotlight and, needless to mention, the applause was quite an ovation and sign of appreciation of their loyalty, not to mention their 50 years of energetic effort in promoting the Brotherhood.

After the banquet we moved to another hall, which is a beautiful and completely equipped lodge hall belonging to the I.O.O.F. organization. In this hall a program of songs and speeches took place. Brother Willard, president, conducted the affair. Brother Einar Jensen operated the music device and Brother Rasmus Christensen read the names of the charter members and past or ex-presidents, and Mrs. Dagmar Christensen played the piano. The members of the Executive Committee of Utah and Idaho lodges were present and, of course, they spoke and congratulated the lodge. Brother Hilmar W. Hansen and Brother Soren J. Jespersen both occupied a few minutes and gave encouraging remarks and reminders of what could be done, should be done, and had been done in years past.

The ladies put on a sketch called "Rummy Sale" and where they secured all the old clothes (corsets, panties, slips, etc.) will never be known. I asked Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Einar Jensen, who were the principal characters in the play, but they refused to tell me.

It was a nice quiet evening and everybody, as they left the party, felt the spirit of the good old days within the Brother and Sisterhood, but realized we are (No! not old) just plain getting older.

Sunday morning the Executive Committee met in Brother Rasmus Christensen's home in Blackfoot, Idaho, for the regular quarterly meeting. It is a pleasure to have these meetings in their large fine home — thanks a lot Rasmus and Dagmar for your marvelous Danish hospitality.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, our regular correspondent, Borge Kragh, was not able to attend, hence he asked me to "Pinch-Hit" for him.

HILMAR W. HANSEN.

A near-sighted man rounded a down-town corner as a large dog coming from the opposite direction bumped into him and sent him sprawling. As he was getting up one of those small sport cars of foreign origin hit him from the other side and knocked him flat. A good samaritan rushed over and asked if he was hurt. "I don't think so" said the near-sighted one, "the dog didn't hurt me a bit, but that tin can tied to his tail nearly finished me."

A tourist stopped for gas at a filling station in an arid part of the west. Scanning the sky, he remarked to the old-timer who was servicing his car, "Looks like we'll get some rain today."

"Sure hope so," the old-timer replied. "Not for myself," he added hastily, "but for my grandson here. I've seen rain."

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75th Anniversary Trip to Denmark

After the affairs in Copenhagen, such as the Tivoli parties and the reception at Christiansborg, I was unable to take part in the tours arranged around Sjælland and to the Carlsberg Brewery; but I do understand that all was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Personally, I have a lot to do as my family is quite large and we certainly want to visit with them; but in due time we arrived in Aalborg on July 3, registered at the Park Hotel where many pictures of Danes from America were taken and you could see yourself in several papers. Oh yes, this tour is not to be forgotten soon, a party was held in Aalborg that evening honoring several Danish Americans. I am not quite sure just what it was; but all seemed very happy. Supreme President Otto Nielsen was appointed Borgmester of Aalborg for the two days' festival. He really looked very fine with the large red ribbon and the big key hanging there. July 4th the breakfast in Kilden took place and the Chairman of the Rebild Committee bid us all welcome to Aalborg, and the Toastmaster for this affair introduced a few speakers who spoke briefly as time was short for the trip to Rebild. A large caravan of autos and buses then started for the park where a large gathering of invited guests were served lunch in the specially erected tent, it was a fine group and a splendid lunch. The festivities at the park started promptly at 3 p. m., and the weather was fine, a little cloudy, but the rain held out until the very last, it was not enough to make it bad, but it did make people leave a little early. About 25,000 people were present and they presented a most beautiful sight. Music was furnished by the Danish Military Band, 3rd Rg. Jens Brodum, Conductor. The program was as follows: Two soloists, Steen Maagard and Birthe Hedeman, several songs and salutes to the Star Spangled Banner and Dannebrog. The president of the Rebild National Park board then introduced several of the speakers and the Kong Christian was sung. Prime Minister H. C. Hansen and U. S. Charge d'Affairs to Denmark then spoke and My Country was sung by the audience. Solo by Edith Oldrup, Royal Danish Opera, addresses by former Minister Per Federspiel and Casper Hasselriis from New York. Supreme President Otto Nielsen and Supreme Treasurer of the D. S. S. Christine Lindrud spoke in behalf of the respective organizations we all know so well. George V. Petersen, Providence, R. I., then presented the State Flag of Rhode Island in behalf of the Governor. A mistake was made by some of the papers naming George as the Danish American Governor of Rhode Island, I trust you will realize that the mistake was made by a misunderstanding from one of the writers from that paper. This affair this year was telecast and it was a great success.

The festivities were over about 4:30, but it was quite a while before we all got out of the park; but in the evening the banquet in Kilden was enjoyed by a large crowd, I do not know how many. There, again, several speakers were heard; but the speech by Prime Minister was the best ever, talking to the young it must have had a great impression on many. All kinds of entertainment.

The Vejen color guard was there at the door before entering the hall, and also entertained with music during the dinner, it was a most beautiful sight to see the many young boys entering with the large musical instruments and marching in the beautiful garden followed by a torch parade, after the speeches fireworks displayed at the park was beautiful. On Friday the 5th, a dinner again at Kilden was enjoyed. President of D.A.K. A. Winther bid welcome and the Toastmaster introduced the Mayor of the City, Jens Jensen, also the Mayor for the day, Otto Nielsen. Several other speakers were called upon and plenty of entertainment made the evening go very quickly.

I must not forget that telegrams were received from both the King and from President Eisenhower. Telegrams, thanking for same, were returned.

After this, perhaps, it will be a little more quiet in Aalborg, but it was a couple of fine days we shall not soon forget. We are now on our way to the South such as Belgium, France, etc. We are on our own; but a large party is on the way too, in the trip arranged by the Brotherhood committee. We trust you will all have a good time, we are trying to do just that.

I trust I have given you a little bit of what you would want to know about this trip, I know I am not covering it to the point a real writer would, but it has been a great pleasure to do it and to meet so many friends from all over the country is really worth the whole trip. I hope you are all enjoying your trip the way we are. And further, I will say that to those who have had the bad luck of accidents and illness, I trust it is not too bad and that you may recover quickly.

See you in Providence September 14.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
J. G. Christensen	71	Penn Yan	F. W. Kowalski
Chris A. Jensen	71	Penn Yan	Chris Andersen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	George Nelson
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Henry Emil Dahl
Glen Andersen	152	Wilbur	Clyde Gibson
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Donald S. Walker
Peter Skovbo	268	Junction City	C. Sondergard
B. P. Christensen	299	Solvang	Arne Peter Ibsen
Johannes Jaeger	299	Solvang	Ernst Rasmussen
Arthur E. Bell	299	Solvang	F. B. Jensen
John Christensen	318	Copenhagen	Alf Ingerslev
Kr. P. O. Voel	318	Copenhagen	A. Jorgensen
N. P. Christensen	322	S. Barbara	Thomas Toxby
N. P. Christensen	322	S. Barbara	John Schaaaf
J. H. Jendresen	322	S. Barbara	C. W. Fairbanks
N. P. Christensen	322	S. Barbara	R. Jespersen
Axel Petersen	332	Ripon	Ole Eric Petersen

DIG THIS ONE

A speaker was talking to a bunch of teenagers about things that happened in the West in an earlier day. He said Billy the Kid had killed 21 men before he was 21 years old.

A girl who had been listening open-mouthed said, "And what make of car did he drive?" — Capper's Weekly.

Resolutions

JENS ANDERSEN, Penn Yan, New York

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Andersen, who passed away July, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, New York:

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

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

Clarence Jensen, President.
Niels C. Olesen, Secretary.

PETER L. HANSEN, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In memory of our departed brother, Peter L. Hansen, who passed away February 20, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45, at its meeting June 28, 1957:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 45.

Chris Pedersen, President.
Carl Gustafson, Secretary.

GEORGE BLIESMAN, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In memory of our departed brother, George Bliesman, who passed away May 27, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45, at its meeting June 14, 1957:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 45.

Chris Pedersen, President.
Carl Gustafson, Secretary.

CHRISTEN CHRISTENSEN, Portland, Maine

In memory of our departed brother, Christen Christensen, who passed away June 13, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine:

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 in mourning for a period of thirty days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a memorial card sent to his family.

Rasmus Nielsen, Secretary.

LAWRENCE PAULSEN, Muskegon, Michigan

In memory of our brother, Lawrence Paulsen,

who passed away June 17, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Muskegon Lodge No. 30:

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

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

In behalf of Muskegon Lodge No. 30.

Paul Carr, President.
Lawrence Ritter, Secretary.

ANDERS JACOBSEN, Junction City, Oregon

In memory of our departed brother, Anders Jacobsen, who passed away on May 14, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 268 at its meeting June 4, 1957:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 268.

Fred Petersen, Secretary.

HANS JENSEN, Seattle, Washington

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of Lodge No. 29 Danish Brotherhood in America express their sincere sympathy for the loss of their brother, Hans Jensen, — 1595 by reason of his death on June 24, 1957. Brother Jensen lived in Issaquah, Washington, and his constant concern for others was a great credit in his life.

Joseph R. Matsen, Secretary.

NIELS P. POULSEN, Rocky River, Ohio

In memory of our brother, Niels P. Poulsen, who passed away June 11, 1957, the following resolution was passed at our regular meeting July 3, 1957:

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 we drape our charter in mourning for a period of thirty days, that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Frank Nielsen, President.
John Poulsen, Secretary.

LOUIS P. JOHNSON, Austin, Minnesota

In memory of our departed charter member, Brother Louis P. Johnson, who passed away July 3, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Als Lodge No. 111:

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 thirty days, that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Fred Godfredson, President.
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

SOREN MILLER, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Soren Miller, who passed away July 2, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Denmark Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois:

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

Roger Larsen, President.
Holger Rasmussen, Secretary.

JAMES P. LARSEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, James P. Larsen, who passed away July 11, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Denmark Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois:

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

Roger Larsen, President.
Holger Rasmussen, Secretary.

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

VIGGO NIELSEN, 29 CHURCH STREET, MILLBURN, NEW JERSEY

The General Committee Eastern Lodges Convention will be held over Labor Day week end, with "Haabet" Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn., as host lodge; it will be the 33rd annual meeting of G. C. E. L., it will convene at 2 p. m., Saturday, August 31. Meetings will be held at the Hejaz Grotte Hall, 612 Howard Ave., New Haven, Conn. All members of the Danish Brotherhood are welcome to attend all sessions.

The picnic held by "Haabet" Lodge No. 32 at Arthur Sorensen's farm, Woodbridge, Conn., drew a big crowd. It was excellent picnic weather and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. Brothers and their families from neighborhood lodges attended the picnic as well as our Supreme Trustee, Brother Chris Madsen, and family, also General Committee Treasurer Erik Garde, and family.

"Dan" Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N. J., managed to have a better than 50 per cent attendance at their July meeting. Letters in regard to their Promotional Committee program within the lodge have been sent to all members, all they want now is results. A picnic for members of Lodge No. 90 and their families has been planned for Sunday, July 28, to be held in the garden of Brother Chris Nielsen, 227 Old Road, Port Reading, New Jersey.

"Rosenborg" Lodge No. 102 has mailed letters out to a number of lodges inviting everyone to participate in celebrating their 60th anniversary on Saturday, September 14, at the Crown Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island. There will be a cocktail hour at 6 p. m. and at 7 p. m., a delicious roast beef dinner will be served in the Princess Room. Tickets are \$4.50 per person. Reservations should be in by September 4. The committee will gladly arrange hotel accommodations so let them know early. Secretary is Brother Herbert R. Nelson, 440 Roger Williams Ave., Rumford 16, Rhode Island.

As before mentioned "Fremad" Lodge No. 116 is having two meetings in August, our regular meeting Saturday, August 10, and a special meeting Saturday, August 24, at which time Supreme President Brother Otto Nielsen will be our guest. Brothers from neighboring lodges are welcome, and we hope to have a crowd for this affair. A buffet style Danish cold table will be served. So keep Saturday, August 24, in mind. We meet at 180 Main Street, West Orange.

While staying a few days here in the East upon his return from Denmark our Supreme President

has also promised to visit "H. C. Orsted" Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York, Wednesday, August 21. A dinner will be served at 6:30 before the meeting.

"Cimbria" Lodge No. 257, is honoring Supreme President Brother Otto Nielsen Friday, August 23. Lodge No. 257 meets at 328 East 86th Street, New York City.

On my visit around to a number of lodges I was amazed by hearing of all the picnics, clambakes and fishing trips that the different lodges have during the summer months. These affairs are mostly local doings but it wouldn't hurt to have someone tell a real good "Fish story." I'm sure that by comparing ideas some of us could learn a lot.

"Godthaab" Lodge No. 183, Troy, New York, held their annual Fishing trip June 6. Fourteen members and two prospective members participated, with plenty of refreshments under the belts, plenty of fish were caught. These fishing trips are getting quite popular and it helps bring the brothers closer together and brings several out to meetings. Another trip is in the making for this fall. The last trip was to Sarance Lake. The jackpot was won by Brother Ted Christensen and Jim Adams with a Pike, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Lodge No. 183 lost a good and true brother last month, Brother P. C. Rasmussen passed on; Brother Rasmussen received his 50-year pin only last fall.

A birthday party follows each meeting in Troy lodge, the birthday children give a party, last party was given by Brothers Andrew Thomsen and Aage Toftegaard. President of Schenectady lodge, Brother Carl Kuehnel, and G. C. E. L. Secretary, Brother Viggo Nielsen, were guests.

"H. C. Orsted" Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York, is having a Clambake Sunday, September 15, at 1 p. m. It will be held at the Lodge Hall, 989 Albany Street. The price for the tickets are \$4.00 per person; for those of you who have attended a clambake before, well you know what you get, and for those who never have attended such an affair, you just don't know what you have missed, so make it a crowd.

In visiting Lodge No. 190, I was given the honor of presenting one of their brothers with a 50-year pin. Brother Martin Nielsen who has been a member of that lodge all these years was very proud to receive the beautiful emblem.

Brothers, I have one more issue of our Maga-

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zine to cover. I will not be able to do any visiting as convention time is near and a lot of work has piled up which has to be taken care of, so please give me a helping hand, a few words on a post card giving me a few hints as to what is going on in your lodge will enable me to fulfill my duty. The address is, Viggo Nielsen, 29 Church St., Millburn, N. J. — no later than August 17.

I had a wonderful trip during my vacation and wish to thank all the lodges that I visited for the wonderful treatment and hospitality my wife and I received. To thank each brother or lodge individually would be impossible, but we brought back memories and I hope the friendship of many.

Automation

Automation's child prodigy, the electronic computer, extends man's mental capacities beyond anything we have imagined. However — amazing as these instruments may be — they are nothing more than a logical extension of the use people have learned to make of tools. It is a process that has been going on ever since the first cave man learned that a rock could be moved with a stick, used as a lever, more easily than with his bare hands.

As man's tools became more complicated — and expensive — his job provided higher pay for shorter hours, because he could produce more. Today, in many industries, the tools of one worker cost more than the investment needed for a small enterprise. In the chemical plants of the Du Pont Company, for instance, the "tool-kit" of the average worker costs about \$25,000. The investment for the whole company was \$36,000 when it was started about 150 years ago. But even allowing for the change in the value of the dollar, this is a startling comparison.

Indeed, operators may soon be controlling and caring for a unit representing a greater investment than an entire plant but a few years ago. These new industrial units require a growing proportion of skilled workers. Brains have largely replaced brawn. Operators and mechanics exercise a rising degree of judgment, selectivity, and responsibility.

The petroleum and chemical industries are the most automated in America. If it were not for this fact, the women of the United States would not

have nylon stockings, the motorists would spend more for inferior gasoline and tires, and the farmer would pay more for less effective fertilizer.

New methods in automatic control have made possible much of the growth — the new products and new jobs — in the chemical industry. The manufacture of cellophane over the years at Du Pont plants, for example, created 5,000 new jobs in the company, but also put into business over 300 cellophane processing companies. A similar case is that of one of the newest industries — aerosol packaging. Over a thousand small companies are engaged in making aerosol products. Without automation, the industry would have been unable to produce "Freon" propellents for most of these push-button packaging outfits at satisfactory prices.

In the accounting field, automatic business machines have brought great changes in recent years with electronic bookkeeping machines, computers, analyzers, tabulators, and so on, replacing hand methods. Yet the number of office machine operators in the United States is expected to double in 10 years according to the National Office Machine Association.

But just as much as automatic factories will never be workerless factories, offices with electronic brains will still require operators, secretaries, receptionists, office boys, etc. And just as in factories, automatic machines in offices will need many people for installation, maintenance and supervision.

Another problem that might find its solution as a result of automation is the employment of elderly people. Automation will greatly extend the useful work life of the older worker whose ability is not what it used to be. On the other hand, it will also make it much easier for the people who are working to provide the goods and services needed by those who are no longer working.

With fewer people needed in factories and farms, more stress can be put on the sciences, art and professions. Increases in services, such as medical and educational, will necessitate more doctors, teachers and other specialists because each can care for only a limited number of people.

Once automation hits its full stride, increased leisure will open new vistas. There will be more time for travel. More hotels, more sports equipment will be needed. There will be a wider demand for entertainment. New industries, new employment opportunities will emerge.

Last, but not least, technological progress is essential to the national defense; many of the key items of military equipment today, such as radar, guided missiles, and atomic weapons, are products of automatic principles. The effect: a stronger America, and also important savings for the taxpayer.

Husband: When anything goes wrong around the house, I just get busy and fix it.

Wife: Oh, yeah? Since you fixed the clock, the cuckoo backs out and asks, "What time is it?"

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