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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Dannebrog, the Danish Flag, red with a white cross, descended "as a sign from heaven" on June 15, 1219, turning defeat into victory for Danish crusaders under King Valdemar in the Baltic States; and

WHEREAS, its adoption in 1219 as the Flag of Denmark makes the Dannebrog the oldest Flag in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Dannebrog, as the oldest Flag in Scandinavia, provided the pattern for other Scandinavian Flags; and

WHEREAS, the Danes use every festive opportunity to fly their Flags, with every home having a Flag pole, which is used on birthdays and family celebrations, or on Sundays, or simply to express the Danish joy of living; and

WHEREAS, the Dannebrog, for fifty-seven (57) years has flown next to the Star Spangled Banner at Rebuild, when the Danes celebrate the Fourth of July at that holiday's biggest celebration in the World;

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DONE BY MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1969.

(Signed) ANTONINA P. UCCELLO,
Mayor.

(Seal of the City of Hartford, Connecticut)



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DENMARK TOUR 1970

I have received letters from several members who stated they heard rumors to the effect that the Midwest District Denmark charter flight has been cancelled due to government intervention. These rumors are not true, the Denmark charter flight has not been cancelled.

Some of these rumors may have been started by the recent publications in the newspapers pertaining to cancellations of illegally operated charters.

The investigation by the Civil Aeronautics Board is primarily directed at investigating certain travel clubs which apparently have been formed only for the purpose of selling air charter tickets to the general public.

The Midwest charter flights since I have been chairman of them, have always abided very strictly to the regulations set forth by the Civil Aeronautics Board. Therefore, this investigation does not pertain to us. This means that any member who is planning on taking this trip should make his reservation now. I might add that the flight is already half full; after the plane is full, we can only accept stand-by reservations.

The flight is scheduled to leave O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Sunday, June 21, 1970 for Copenhagen and return from Copenhagen to Chicago on Sunday, July 19, 1970 via Scandinavian Airlines.

The flight is available only to bona fide members of the Danish Brotherhood that are in good standing and their immediate families; this includes parents of the members, (mother and father) living in the same household as the member, spouse and dependent children of the member, provided they are accompanied by the member.

The approximate price per seat will be \$300.00 depending on the number of reservations sold. All income in excess of the carriers charter price plus reasonable expenses will be refunded pro-rated to the passengers.

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In conjunction with the charter flight, a ground tour through Norway and Sweden is planned. If you are interested, please let us know when you make your flight reservations.

If you wish any additional information, please do not hesitate to write or call (414) 634-4938, after 6 p. m.

KENNETH JANSSEN, Tour Chairman.

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NEBRASKA NEWS

It's entirely too seldom anyone has news from the state of Nebraska and the Home Lodge No. 1 and 195. It's not because we are not alive and have plenty activities going on.

The Nebraska General Committee had a very well attended picnic at Cordova on June 29. About 75 members and children were present.

The committee with Bergitte Petersen and Marie Thomsen in charge, did a fine job of making the arrangements and the weather cooperated with sunshine all day. (Thanks to Cordova members).

The State Convention has been set for October 4 at Minden, the late date being caused by football schedules which are important to Nebraska folks. I hope our good friend Little Pete will be up and about by then. He had the misfortune of falling down and breaking his hip last winter and a Nebraska State Convention would not be the same without him.

I had the pleasure of attending the anniversary party of Lodge No. 78 in Salt Lake City, Utah in May. They are a fine group of folks living in a beautiful valley.

I also had the pleasure of assisting in initiating five fine young people into membership in Lodge No. 1 in July.

Lodge No. 1 and 195 have had several fine parties but space does not permit telling about them. Sena and I just returned from a week of fishing in the Colorado



Rockies. The Rainbow trout practically jumped into the boat so had no trouble getting my limit, assisted by our good friend and fishing teacher, Miller Jacobsen of Denver.

Well, Sisters and Brothers, I know it is not an easy matter to get new members, but it can be done as proven by some lodges. It takes a little effort on everybody's part and our fine old Danish Brotherhood is worth that effort. There is no other fraternal organization that does so much for its members as our Brotherhood so don't be afraid to ask prospective folks to become associated with us. We need new members with fresh, new, bright ideas to make our organization progressive and up-to-date and thereby make it even a better fraternal order to belong to.

Start working on proposals for our National Convention

in San Diego in 1971 so we will have a lot of constructive proposals to be debated, for the betterment of the Danish Brotherhood and all its members.

Fraternal and venlig hilsen,

FRED JENSEN, Chairman Trustees,
Lodge No. 195.

Flag Day Proclaimed in Hartford

The 15th of June is a day that will live long in the memories of Hartford Lodge 314. A committee of three, Past Presidents Frank Petersen, Elmer Homo, (Chicago born), and Anton Mose, the only living charter member, assisted by Brother Carl Nielsen, attorney at law, con-



Left to right: Mrs. Eva Keller, Miss Marion Jensen, Anton M. Mose, Frank H. Petersen, Mrs. Anna S. Mose and Mayor Antonino Uccello.

tacted the Hon. Antonina P. Uccello, mayor of the city of Hartford, who received us most graciously, issued a proclamation designating June 15, 1969 as Dannebrog Day, ordered Dannebrog to be flown from city hall that day.

Frihed Lodge 153, DSS, was asked to join us, as the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood are the only two Danish organizations in Hartford, for reasons best known to the Sisters, they refused to participate. Sisters Eva Keller, Ex-President 153 and Ex-President of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, DSS, Marion Jensen and Ex-President Anna Mose went with the Brothers and we presented her Honor with miniature American and Danish flags on staffs, had our picture taken, which made quite a display in our local papers. Our purpose was carried out, letting the people know of Dannebrog's 750th anniversary and that there were still Danes in Hartford proud of being descendants of Denmark.

The city of Hartford, Conn., was founded in 1635 and for the first time in 334 years, old Dannebrog flew proudly from the mast at city hall, Main Street in Hartford, and it surely looked beautiful. No wonder that we as Danes were proud that day.

To our Brother Carl Nielsen goes our official thanks, without his assistance it would not have been possible.

Do you wonder that we in Lodge 314 are just a little proud of our lodge and mighty glad being part of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Did you notice we have a lady as mayor of the city of Hartford, try and beat that!

ANTON MOSE.

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By OTTO JONASEN, 636 East 33rd Street, Erie, Pa. 16504

Flight "69" News From Denmark. After eight hours delay, our flight finally left New York Saturday morning at 8:30 a. m. As you know, the controllers were on strike at the airport, however SAS took care of everyone on the flight before and during the flight over.

At our arrival in Kastrup Airport, we were met by many friends and relatives and many happy tears were seen. On June 22nd many of us went to the "Kronborg" meeting, which was celebrated and held in "Riddersalen." After the meeting 23 of us went to the dinner at "Marienlyst" restaurant, where about 700 people from all over the world and Denmark, enjoyed the most delicious dinner and entertainment.

On June 23rd, we met at "Raadhuset" and were received by Borgmester Edel Staunte, who represented Borger President Henry Stjernquist. A plaque was presented to Borger Presidenten by yours truly on behalf of the GCEL. The famous "Raadhus Pandekager" were served with wine and other drinks. In the afternoon we visited "Erichsens Palea" in Handelsbanken, which was very interesting. After "rundturen" the bank was host with the most fantastic reception where everything from A to Z was served, including two layer cakes with "Welcome Danish Brotherhood Flight 69" written on it. This reception made most people speechless for a moment.

On June 24th we were treated at "Carlsberg Brewery," where we were taken care of at a reception, anyhow no one left thirsty. After some wonderful days in Copenhagen, most of us went on our own out in the country. I may add that I saw several of the participants at Rebild Bakker on July 4th.

FLEMMING HINRICHSEN,
Chairman, Flight "69."

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. We are grateful to Brothers Alfred Stark and James Elliot of Hartford Lodge for conducting installation of officers at our June meeting. Two of our members were hospitalized recently — Brother Fred Mortensen at the Osteopathic and Brother Alfred Pearson at the Pawtucket Memorial. Fred Mortensen is now home and Alfred Pearson hopefully will be home at this reading. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

We were happy to welcome Brother Raymond M. Jen-

sen, who was initiated into our lodge at the June meeting. Of prime interest to members of "102" is that Brother Jan Braumann of 33 Massie Ave., Providence, R. I. 02905, was installed as treasurer and that all matters of financial interest should be referred to him. By acclamation, it was decided that our next regular meeting will be held on Friday, September 19. Keep this in mind and I hope to see you there.

Several of us were at the local airport on June 23 to wish Godspeed and safe return to Brother President Erling Braumann, Arne Christensen and the two children of Danish silversmith Brother and Mrs. Jorgen Christensen. They left for a six weeks visit to Denmark.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. At our last meeting it was decided to ask for the 1970 GCEL convention to be held in Erie, as we have had the conventions in Erie in 1930, 1940 and 1950. We missed it in 1960, but would like to continue in the round years. We have the facilities and we have the Brothers that can form an efficient committee. So don't be surprised when our delegate, Brother Oluf Hansen bids for the 1970 GCEL convention to be held in Erie.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. This coming Convention Lodge. The annual picnic will be held at Salisbury Park on Sunday, August 10. Keep the date open.

The anniversary dinner will take place at the Garden City Hotel on August 31. Tickets are \$9.50 each.

Brother Egon Petersen has met with a severe truck accident in Vermont. It was very critical. He is now in the intensive care unit at the Burlington Hospital. Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

Brother Harold Bendsen has just undergone another major operation. He is at the Brunswick Hospital, Amityville, N. Y.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By **NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 279, Puyallup, Wash. 98371**

On behalf of the 3,000 Danes in Greater Seattle, the 10,000 Danish peoples in Vancouver, British Columbia and the other Great Danes in the Puyallup Valley, we thank the Queen City radio stations for publicizing the Rebuild Fest on the Fourth of July.

Seattle's Brothers Ib Rossen and Clyde Langsted were delegates to the Pacific Northwest Danish Home in July. A chartered boat named "Teacher's Pet" at West Port will accommodate the Fishing Derby Danes on August 17. Brother Robert Bruhn passed away in June; Brothers Jens Larsen and Olaf Johnsen are on the sick list; and Sixtieth Wedding felicitations to Brother Damon and Agnes Pedersen who celebrated on July 25th.

Vancouver, B. C., members who celebrated their respective birthdays in July, include Brothers Sigvald Haagerup, Eyvind Andreassen, Eigild Kristensen, George Hansen, Axel Johansen, Alfred Allin, Frede Mortensen, Thor Larsen and Andy Andeberg.

Spokane's Brother Benni Andersen, manager of the Lakewood Terrace Restaurant in Tacoma, is enjoying his 40th year in the restaurant and hotel business which precedes his coming to America in 1950.

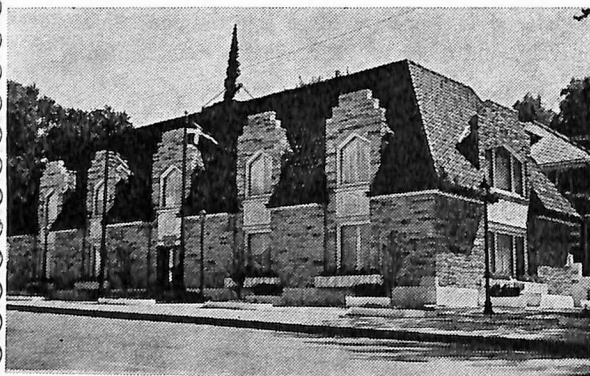
Short and sweet this month — vacation time — drive carefully — drop me a note and tell us "what's going on in your lodge."

Colorado-Wyoming General Committee Convention

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee will hold its 40th district convention in Denver, Colo., on August 22 and August 23, 1969.

Columbine Lodge No. 43 in Denver will host this year's event.

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August 22 at 8 o'clock at our meeting hall, VFW Building, 1545 South Broadway, Denver. There will be fine entertainment and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, August 23 will mostly be occupied with the business meeting also to be held at the VFW Building, 1545 South Broadway, Denver. There will be registration from 9 a. m.

The business meeting will be opening at 10 a. m. by our District President Svend A. Ronlov.

The ladies will be entertained on Saturday while the business meeting is being held.

The banquet and dance Saturday evening, August 23 will be held at the Continental Denver Motor Hotel, Valley Highway and Speer Boulevard, at 6:30 p. m.

We invite all Brothers, their wives from our two states, and we also extend an invitation to our neighboring states of Nebraska, Utah and Idaho to come to Denver for this occasion. You will all be most welcome.

We are glad to let you know that this convention will be honored by attendance of the President of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Kristen Jorgensen from Seattle, Wash. It is Brother Kristen Jorgensen's first visit to our district convention so we hope that many Brothers will plan to attend.

The questionnaire we have made out for our membership in our district is now in their hands. We are hopeful they will fill it out, and are looking forward to receiving it back for study, on what our membership wishes in entertainment, cultural and promotional activities in our lodges. We hope by that to find ways and means to make our lodges in our district prosper and grow.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Denver, August 22 and 23, 1969. Send your reservation as soon as possible and we will be glad to make hotel or motel and banquet reservations for you.

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FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

A Special Representative

In order to inform our membership as to just what we are looking for in a special representative, the following is submitted.

A man or woman who **can** take the time and **will** take the time to actively solicit membership. At this time, part-time participation is probably most feasible.

This person should be willing to spend some time studying and learning something about our insurance services and about the benefits offered by the national organization. This material is supplied by the Home Office.

A person who is the type of person that you would not hesitate to have call on you would probably make a good representative.

A good, active, retired individual might fit into this class.

The compensation is similar to that of other insurance organizations. The representative is paid a percentage of the assessments as commission.

We can have representatives in California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, and Wisconsin. Do you have someone to suggest?

Look Out, Brothers!!!



The feminine "Brothers" from left to right are: Mae Berthelsen, Frances Hansen, Ellen Charlebois, Jean Marie Davidson, and Dorothy Pedersen.

This is the **first ladies team**, as far as we know, to bowl in the National Tournament, and they did score well enough to beat out some of the men's teams. We want to congratulate them for competing, and, with a little more practice, who knows? We can already say they were "tops in their class."

There are other ladies' teams, we understand, in the formative stages, but apparently they decided to wait until

next year. The team competing is sponsored by Lodge No. 1 so it's logical they should be the first.

No 1 of Omaha also entered a male team for the first time in tournament history. Left to right they are:



Harry Christensen, Eivind Pedersen, Jan Thomsen, Armand Thomsen, and Leonard Davidson. The purpose of the bowling is the fellowship and the brotherhood. So, whether you won in the National Tournament or not, now that you've started, keep it up.

The "Extras"

Sure, life insurance is pretty much the same whether it comes from a stock or mutual company or a fraternal organization. It can, if sold properly, provide for comfort, happiness, children's education, perhaps a home, and many other benefits. But the fraternal provide the "extras"; college scholarships, funds for financial relief if necessary, the opportunity to work with others of the same interests, and an unending number of activities. Civic and patriotic endeavors are carried on by the members. Such projects as cultural centers are accomplished.

The fraternal image is changing and this should include The Danish Brotherhood image. This is change brought about by the change in our way of living. If some meetings are not attended as frequently as before, it could be due to the fact we have not changed the programs to keep pace with the changing times. The "behind closed doors" activity of some lodges may not be considered fraternal in spirit at all.

Maybe it's time to take a good look and ask ourselves if we really are interested in giving members some of the "extras" of belonging. Maybe we need to check on ourselves to see whether we really are telling others about the organization we have felt obligated to for so long. Let's change our image so we can tell prospective members about a Danish Brotherhood that is keeping up with the times and is offering some "extras" not available elsewhere.

We can "resist and exist" but we need to "expound and expand." We have a good story to tell, why keep it to ourselves?

A. H.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

| Lodge | Location | New Member | Sponsor |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Omaha | Ruby Rusher | Al Hedegaard |
| 1 | Omaha | Deloris Hansen | Howard Christensen |
| 1 | Omaha | Thomas Nielsen | Howard Christensen |
| 1 | Omaha | Inta Nielsen | Howard Christensen |
| 14 | Kenosha | Erik Jorgensen | G. Artmann |
| 14 | Kenosha | Elmer Nelson, Jr. | William Nelson |
| 84 | Lincoln | Frederick Peterson | S. C. Sorensen |
| 102 | Providence | M. Raymond Jensen | Carl Sorensen |
| 143 | Petaluma | William Marsh | Jim Larsen |
| 143 | Petaluma | Russell Petersen | Jim Larsen |
| 143 | Petaluma | Norman Christensen | Jim Larsen |
| 161 | Ruskin | Erna Martens | Eugene Schultz |
| 161 | Ruskin | Ramona Schultz | Eugene Schultz |
| 161 | Ruskin | Glennis McCutcheon | Ken Pedersen |
| 161 | Ruskin | Willard McCutcheon | Ken Pedersen |
| 161 | Ruskin | Sharon Jensen | Erik Loring |
| 161 | Ruskin | Merwin Jensen | Erik Loring |
| 161 | Ruskin | Berdon Renz | Wayne Schultz |
| 161 | Ruskin | JoAnn Renz | Wayne Schultz |
| 227 | Detroit | Olaf Jensen | Otto Pedersen |
| 227 | Detroit | Robert Nelson | Otto Pedersen |
| 230 | Arcata | Alfred Schmidt | Viggo Poulsen |
| 230 | Arcata | Jytte Schmidt | Viggo Poulsen |
| 306 | San Diego | Eva Malcom | Alfred Vestergaard |
| 332 | Ripon | Ann Poletti | Felix Poletti |
| 337 | Fremont | Elizabeth Nielsen | Ingeborg Nielsen |
| 337 | Fremont | Niels Nielsen | Ingeborg Nielsen |
| 600 | Home Office | Ingeborg Olesen | Louis Kasa |
| 700 | Home Office | Dolores Christiansen | Al Hedegaard |
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| 161 | Ruskin | Larry D. Sorensen | Eldon Sorensen |

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Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Nebraska
Nebraska General Committee

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska
Nebraska General Committee

LODGES

| Lodge | Location | No. of New Members |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Omaha, Nebraska | 7 |
| 4 | Racine, Wisconsin | 6 |
| 29 | Seattle, Washington | 5 |
| 15 | Des Moines, Iowa | 5 |
| 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 10 |
| 51 | Ludington, Michigan | 14 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, California | 21 |
| 161 | Ruskin, Nebraska | 9 |
| 172 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 9 |
| 227 | Detroit, Michigan | 18 |

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|-----|--------------------------|----|
| 323 | Alhambra, California | 12 |
| 328 | Vancouver, B. C., Canada | 8 |
| 332 | Ripon, California | 11 |
| 337 | Fremont, California | 9 |

INDIVIDUALS

| Lodge | Location | Sponsor | No. of New Members |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Omaha, Nebr. | Howard Christensen | 8 |
| 1 | Omaha, Nebr. | Al Hedegaard | 7 |
| 51 | Ludington, Mich. | Earl Jensen | 4 |
| 51 | Ludington, Mich. | Donald Wagner | 3 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | Hans Brodersen | 3 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | Carl Christensen | 5 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | Kurt Moller | 5 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | Eric Roug | 9 |
| 172 | Philadelphia, Pa. | Mogens Hempel | 10 |
| 227 | Detroit, Mich. | Johan Emanuelsen | 5 |
| 227 | Detroit, Mich. | Jorgen Mau | 5 |
| 227 | Detroit, Mich. | Otto Pedersen | 5 |
| 323 | Alhambra, Calif. | Hans Nielsen | 6 |
| 332 | Ripon, Calif. | Jack Belmont | 10 |
| 337 | Fremont, Calif. | Ingeborg Nielsen | 3 |
| 337 | Fremont, Calif. | Sigfred Olsen | 3 |

Sunday, June 15, Was Important Danish Day to Remember

(Ballard (Wash.) News Tribune)

One of our top Danish "informants" dropped in Friday and told us an interesting item about 1969's June 15... which this year was, of course, Father's Day. It was the 750th anniversary of the first viewing of the Danish flag, too...by far the oldest established national colors in the world.

Much of Europe was still heathen seven and a half centuries ago, including Estonia, according to our informant, and the Danish Army took it upon itself to go up and "bring" Christianity to those northern heathens. They met a bit of physical resistance from the Estonian armed faction, and just when it looked as if everything was lost for the Danes, a red flag with a white cross in it "came floating down from heaven," and the Danes took heart and won the day!

Ever since, that has been the Danish flag, and the other Scandinavian countries have variations of it. And it has not changed, although many flags have undergone different types of changes. In fact, our flag authority stated, because of those changes, the U. S. flag, in effect, is now the second oldest, with only the numbers of stars changing. In a few years it will have reached its 200th birthday...and there will be much ado about THAT birthday, you can bet!

(Sent in by Brother Ted Koefoed, Seattle.)

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b)

Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following sections: Section 5, Par. 4 and/or Section 6, Par. 1; Section 7, Par. 9; Section 14, Par. 2; Section 7, Par. 3(b) is hereby published:

JUNE 1969 —

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Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$276.03, net \$873.97.

Edward Jonasen: For attending Michigan-Ohio District convention at Detroit, Mich., transportation \$45.15, per diem \$50.00; refund of telephone expense \$1.75.

Dane's Faith in Farming Rewarded

(From Omaha World-Herald)

by Don Ringler

Lexington, Neb. — In 1926, Boy Jessen, a 35-year-old Dane, set foot in the Platte Valley with a wife, five children, \$1,100 in savings, eight German medals and a collection of Danish stones.

The odds of uprooting and resettling might have seemed great, but nothing in the life of Jessen indicates he came from an ordinary mold.

He had already served with distinction under two flags.

Although a Dane by heritage, Jessen was born in South Slesvig, under German rule, and was decorated eight times during army service on two fronts during World War I.

Carrying the scar of a wound suffered in Russia, Jessen quietly slipped over the border back into Denmark near the war's end.

"I felt I had done enough for Germany," he said. "After all, it really wasn't my country."

In Denmark, Jessen returned to farming, and later as a leader in Danish political, agricultural and social organizations, he played an active role in helping bring back part of Slesvig to Danish rule.

Jessen's decision to leave Denmark was triggered by a depression which resulted in the devaluation of Danish currency. He arrived in America just as another was about to begin.

Today, at age 78, Jessen and his wife, after rearing twelve children, live in retirement on the outskirts of Lexington on part of the 664 acres of Dawson County they own.

The calm of retirement was broken Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24, when their children and friends planned a double event honoring the couple who marked their 50th wedding anniversary May 22.

A family banquet (the Jessens have 35 grandchildren) Saturday, May 23, featured a talk by Dr. C. C. Madsen, president of Dana College at Blair, where seven of the Jessen children attended.

A special service was held at 2 p. m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with a reception open to all friends and acquaintances.

When the Jessens and their growing family settled near Cozad in 1926, the initial years were ones of struggle and hardship, finally overcome by faith, hope and unyielding ambition.

"We seriously considered returning to Denmark," said Jessen as he relived those lean years. "During the first eight years we moved seven times as I worked at any job I could find — hired man, carpenter, railroad worker, hay baler and other odd jobs."

In 1934, Jessen, who had once owned 234 acres of land in Denmark, gambled his meager savings on 92 run-down acres near Lexington.

"The land was overrun with weeds, yet I thought it might grow alfalfa and maybe later some corn," Jessen said. "I hesitated about using my savings in a venture that might prove disastrous, but farming was in my blood and I decided to chance it."

He purchased the land under contract for \$6,000 with the understanding he would get the deed when the outstanding balance was reduced to \$5,400.

This was not accomplished until 1937, as Jessen began to completely rebuild the soil, which, he found out later, wouldn't even sustain trees.

The 93 acres was planted to alfalfa in 1934, but drought canceled it out, as well as corn planted on a rented

quarter section. However, the following year he was able to harvest alfalfa and oats on his 93 acres.

"I sold 1,200 bushels of oats at twenty-five cents a bushel and when the cost of harvesting and threshing was paid, there was only \$8 left to show for our work," he said.

The following year Jessen ventured into cattle feeding and put down an irrigation well, although the land was



Boy Jessen, member of the Brotherhood for many years.

too pock-marked to irrigate properly. With every able-bodied Jessen lending a hand, the land was gradually built up and feeding operations increased.

By 1939, Jessen was in a position to expand and purchased a quarter section, paying cash. He added another 100 acres in 1943 and 354 acres of pasture later.

"Our farm was always a family farm. All of our six girls and six boys helped to build it," Jessen said. "Once I was on crutches from arthritis for nine months, and the children carried on."

During the reunion, the older Jessen children might well recall a smoke-belching Model T Ford, one of the first purchases the Jessens made after their arrival in 1926.

"It was a used Model T we bought for \$450," Jessen said. "Times were so hard it had to run on kerosene sometimes. It smoked a bit, but with baling wire as a repair kit it always got us there and back."

Jessen's life under three flags prompted him to write a book, "Living Under Three Flags," published in 1959. Another book, written in Danish, "Fra Slesvig Til Nebraska" (From Slesvig to Nebraska) was published in 1952 in Copenhagen.

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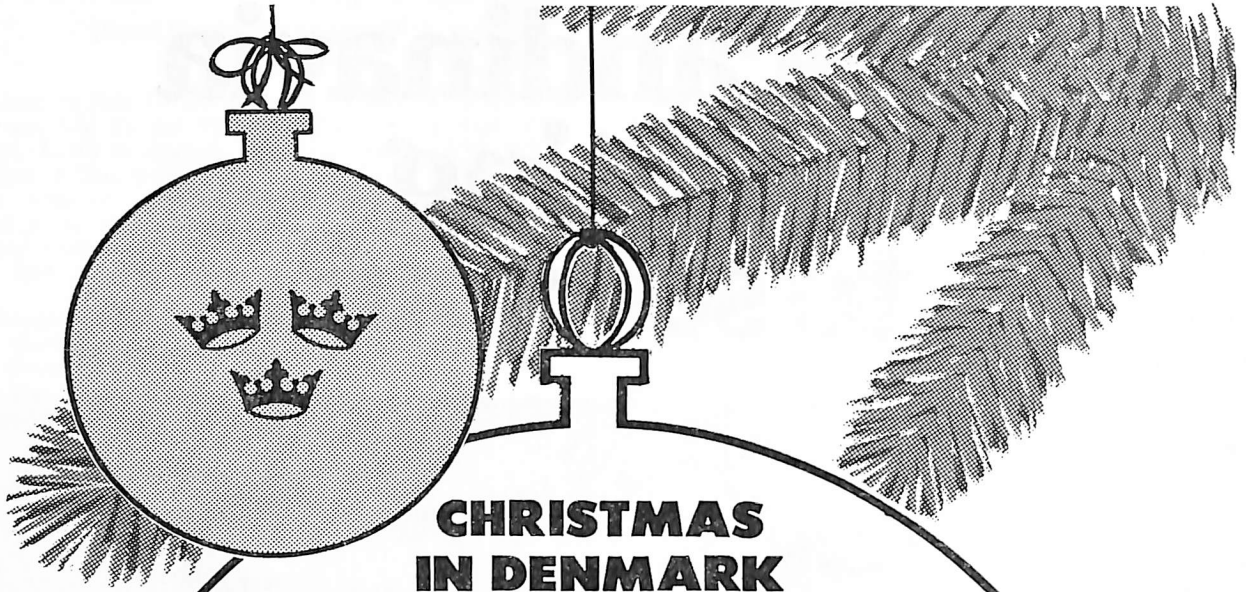
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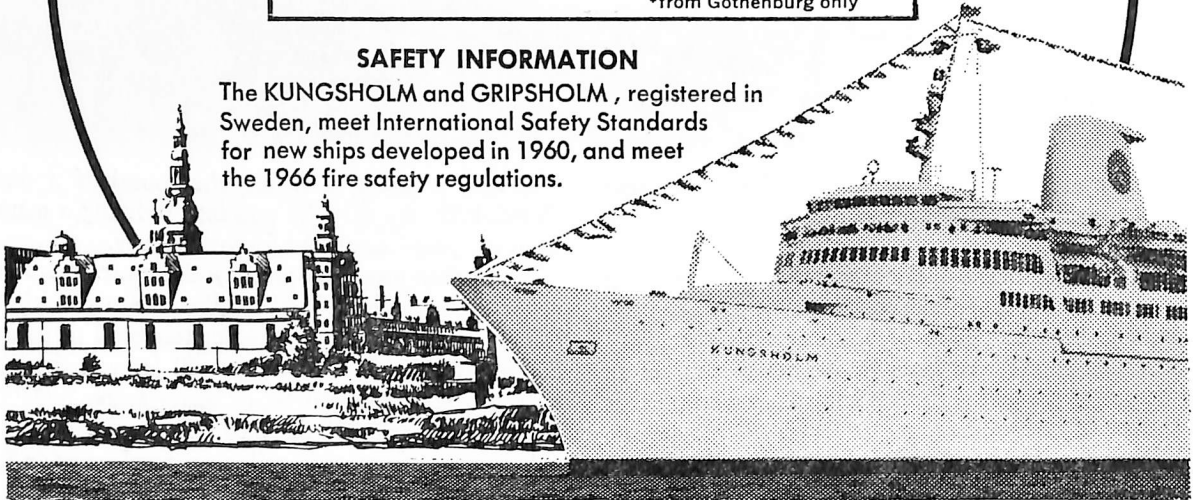
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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

by **ROBERT SORENSEN**, 12906 Montrose Avenue,
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LUDINGTON LODGE NO. 51 —

June 18 our monthly pinocle party was held. This event is eagerly looked forward to by some of our older members and their guests. After the games a potluck luncheon was served by the committee composed of President and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. William Hansen and Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen.

June 26 instead of our regular meeting, the Lodge accepted the invitation of Brother Al Sequin and met at Al's cottage on the south branch of the Lincoln River for a supper prepared by "Chef" Brother Claude Shanks. Dinner included meat balls and spaghetti, garlic bread, pickles, coleslaw, rolls and butter and plenty of coffee and other beverages. "Chef" Claude was assisted by Brothers Al Sequin, Herby Engfer and Henry "Sugs" Michaud. After dinner some Brothers played cards while the rest just relaxed. Our thanks to Al and his crew for a fine evening.

June 28 we had a dance in the Danish Brotherhood ballroom. Chairman for the evening was Trustee Kenneth Johnson assisted by Mrs. Johnson, Brothers Carl Soneral, Albert Christoffersen, Frank Hansen, Lars Christoffersen, Douglas Hansen, Brother and Mrs. Arthur Hansen, President and Mrs. William Smith and Trustee and Mrs. Donald Wagner. At midnight a lunch was provided, after which a drawing for two door awards was held. The winners were Roger Hansen and Jim Shaffer. Tentative plans have been set for August 8 for another dance.

Our congratulations go to Brother Andrew Andersen and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary. To celebrate the event, their children put on a party for them on the night of July 5 at the Danish Hall to which all members of Lodge No. 51 and friends and neighbors of the family were invited. Incidentally, Andy and Ida have two sons, Arthur and Roger, and also a son-in-law, Linton Frost, who are members of our Lodge.

July 10 our regular business meeting was presided over by President William Smith and after the meeting he did the honors of providing us with lunch and coffee. Our jackpot drawing was held and we came up with a winner, one of our newer members, Brother Wilbur Leonard walked away with the jackpot, so now we start all over again.

Get well wishes to Brother Henry Ge Bott who is spending some time in the hospital in Muskegon.

ALF LARSEN, Publicity.

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GREENVILLE LODGE NO. 70 —

The mid-Michigan community of Greenville, located at the junction of M-57 and M-91 is getting geared up as the date of the fifth annual Danish Festival approaches. Danish Festival day this year is Saturday, August 23. Visitors will receive a name tag making them a "Dane for a Day."

Preceding the festival will be a Fairy Tale Parade on Friday night. The parade theme, "Dr. Seuss vs. Mother Goose" promises to include many unique floats and marching units. The parade begins at 6 p. m.

At 8 a. m. on Festival Day, August 23rd, street stands offering Danish snacks and souvenirs will open and also the Danish Tavern.

All during the day from 9 in the morning there will be a variety of entertainment and smorgasbords will offer visitors Danish food and delicacies.

At 9 p. m. prizes will be awarded at the Danish Tavern. First prize is an all-expense paid trip for two to Den-

mark. At 9:30 p. m. the festival fireworks will be held near the high school.

At high noon a flag raising ceremony will be held in front of the new city hall.

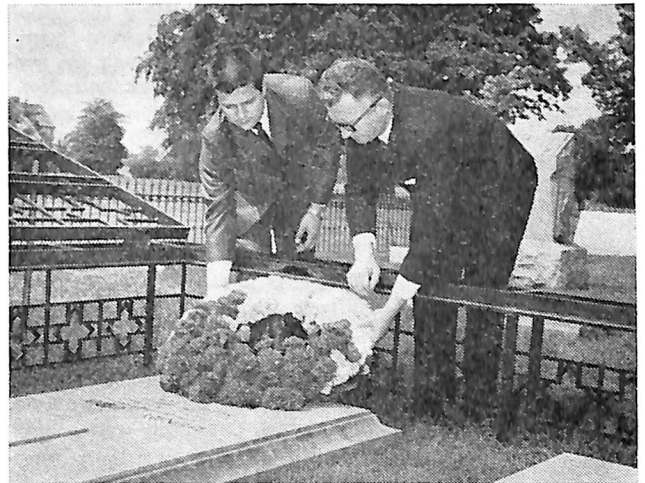
Presiding over the Danish Festival activities will be Danish Festival Queen, 18-year-old Ann Haglund, who recently won the title of "Miss Congeniality" in the National Cherry Festival Queen Pageant in Traverse City.

Sunday's post festival activities include a pancake breakfast at the high school, followed by an ecumenical church service in the high school auditorium.

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DETROIT LODGE NO. 227 —

June 25, at our second regular meeting of the month, two more brothers were welcomed into the Lodge in a special initiation made necessary because of our club being closed the first two weeks of July so the people who operate and take care of our facilities could have



DEARBORN, MICH.—When Ford of Denmark marked the 50th anniversary of its founding June 25, two Danish engineers with Ford Motor Company here observed the event by placing a wreath on the grave of Henry Ford. Paul Emanuelson (left) and Preben Bentzen laid the floral wreath of red and white carnations in the Ford family cemetery in Detroit. Mr. Emanuelson, a design engineer and an active member of Lodge 227, lives in Royal Oak. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johan Emanuelson, natives of Denmark and Detroit residents, who are now visiting relatives in Copenhagen. Mr. Bentzen, a truck engineer and resident of Ypsilanti, was born in Copenhagen where his mother, Mrs. Ketty Bentzen still lives.

a much deserved vacation. The new Brothers are Robert Nelson and Olaf Jensen. Welcome Brothers, and we hope to see you often at our meetings.

August 23 is the day of the Danish Festival at Greenville, Mich., and there are many of us here in Detroit looking forward to this day. Last year we had a great time despite the sun disappearing behind the clouds for a while before and during the parade, but like we always say "It never rains on the Danes" and the sun came out again to make it a fine day.

Because of our first July meeting being cancelled the news from Detroit is rather short this month but with Brother Alf Larsen's article from Ludington, the Michigan-Ohio District will still be able to get our usual column space.

ROBERT SORENSEN.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By LEVI PERSSON, 525 Atterdag Road, Solvang, California 93463

Letters from lawyers, judges and others connected with the law profession (particularly when they come from Las Vegas) are always looked upon with suspicion in my office. My talented helper in producing this column, Alice Pinkerton, is a legal secretary in Las Vegas and she often uses her boss' stationery when sending me her articles. When my granddaughter brought the mail the other day she noted a letter from Pinkerton and yelled at me "Whow 'Popsie.' Some woman in Las Vegas is suing for divorce. 'Bedstemor' won't like that very much." Anyway here is the Las Vegas news:

The Silver State Lodge has been enjoying the lazy atmosphere of the warm summer sun here and therefore has not been too active of late. Our temperatures range from 105 degrees and up, some days and most members are just trying to keep cool and battling the usual problems of the heat that is so prevalent here. Swimming in a nearby pool or one in the backyard, or just lazing in the sun is the extent of our off-work activities, as it is too hot to do much else.

Recently Lene Boas and Erling Rasmussen, in a combined effort, sponsored the juvenile members of the Lodge to a trip to the circus.

There was a very enjoyable barbecue held at Mr. and Mrs. Conradsen's home on their newly constructed patio, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We are sorry to announce that Jutta Reed has been confined to complete bed rest while trying to recover from her recent attack of hepatitis. Our best wishes are with Jutta for a speedy recovery.

At the last meeting the members voted to have Jutta and Harold Reed as delegates for the California General Committee convention in August, as well as Lillian Berntsen and Lene Boas as alternates.

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California General Committee Convention 1969 — What is expected of a convention committee preparing for the biggest event of the state Sisterhood and Brotherhood during the year?

First — the best accommodations available. Los Angeles has chosen the Airport-Marina Hotel located on Manchester and Lincoln Blvd. This is one of the finest and newest hotels in our area. The prices are not low, the rooms being \$16 for a single and \$19 for a double, but the committee has been and still is, very busy selling chances on two roundtrip tickets via SAS to Denmark plus other prizes such as a radio, a wrist watch and camera. The money taken in makes it possible for the committee to pay part of the hotel cost to all the delegates and guests that make their reservations with our chairman Eric Roug, 1900 W. Artesia Blvd., Torrance 90504. Through Eric you may get your rooms at a \$3 reduction, thus making the singles \$13 and the doubles \$16.

Second — The best entertainment possible in the evenings after the business sessions are over. For Thursday night the committee had been working with the Las Vegas Lodge to bring their program "Harold Reed and His Harem" to the convention, but due to the illness of Jutte Reed, director and producer of the show, this will not be possible.

We are hoping some of the lodges in California have amateur talent to bring to the talent show. Contact Edith Munck, 5452 Sale Ave., Woodland Hills 91364. There will again this year be trophies for the best performance. After the talent show there will be dancing to the Sorensen's Band from Solvang. Friday night there will be

professional talent, three acts in all. There will again be dancing to Sorensen's music.

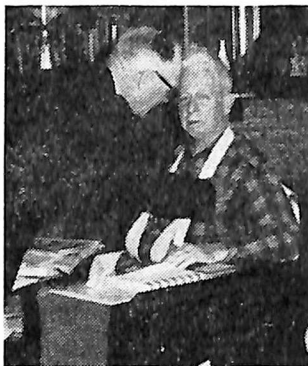
On Saturday will be the installation of the officers for 1970, with a team of 12 Sisters from Los Angeles Princess Marie No. 68 Lodge, dressed in sailor dresses, doing the honors. They will help the Sisterhood and Brotherhood to go "sailing along together," for another year. Saturday evening will be the big banquet in the convention theme. The Sorensens will again set up their music for dancing into the wee hours of the morning.

In addition to these plans we also have some outstanding souvenirs for participants to take home with them. Otto Lund has made tile plaques in the emblems of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood and these have been made into frames in singles and doubles that can be put to many uses. The sale of these will also help to pay for room expenses. We hope to have a record attendance at all our events and are looking forward to seeing you all in the Airport-Marina Hotel on August 28, 29 and 30.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE,
Lillian Mathiasen, Secretary.

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Ellen Norby from San Diego writes: A memorable event took place in San Diego last month when Hans



Jensen who joined Oakland Lodge 39 in 1909 was presented his 60-year pin. The presentation took place in the veteran member's home here and the presentation was done by Alfred Vestergaard, President of the General Committee. Also present for the event were San Diego President Villy Mathisen and Secretary Arthur Norgaard. San Diego held its annual picnic June 29 at Flynn Springs. The weather was delightful and

the turnout was great. Winners of the drawing were Marrie Lorentsen and Boot Harloff.

We will have a beach party July 19. This is an evening affair for the whole family. We start early and when darkness falls, we light a bonfire and then as we watch the flames we will sing until we get hoarse. See you at the convention in Los Angeles.

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Here is a greeting from Laura Schuler, secretary of Arcata Lodge in the Redwoods:

It is hardly conceivable that six months of 1969 has passed by. Lodge 230 has been quite active, however. In February we were saddened by the loss of Brother Chris Mortensen, who passed away in Redding. Brother Chris, a native of Langeland, prior to his retirement, operated a barber shop in Arcata for many years.

Our business meetings, which are held on the second Thursdays of the month, have been presided over by Brother Viggo Poulsen, a relatively new member. He has been conferring initiation ceremonies on NINE new members thus far this year and does real well.

We have had many delightful socials held on the fourth Thursdays of each month. Here we play cards, bingo and visit over a good cup of coffee and Danish refreshments.

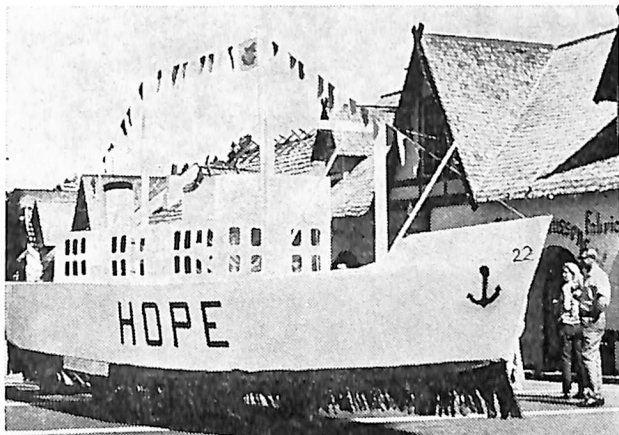
We are planning a picnic in the near future. On July 24, our newest members, Bill and Jytte Schmidt, who are

the proprietors of the Copenhagen Imports in Arcata, showed us some of their pictures of Denmark and furnished refreshments.

We were recently entertained by Brother Alfred Christensen, Sister Thelma Christensen and Brother Chris Pedersen, who returned from the DB tour to Denmark. Some of us who have taken this tour are in hopes that one can be arranged during the holiday season.

After the convention and vacations are over, we hope to entertain members of the board for Bakkedal, we are expecting them to bring all their information and bring us up to date regarding this huge project.

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Every year Solvang has a 4th of July parade and every year too the local Brotherhood Lodge enters the tough competition with a float. The Lodge has a big case filled with trophies as proof of its talented float-builders. Johannes Jaeger has been the director of most of the successes. This year the Lodge won "Sweepstakes," which meant it had the "mosta of the besta." City of Hope, the famous American hospital ship is shown here on Copenhagen Drive in Solvang. (News Press photo by Levi Persson.)

Brothers Edward Aasted and Nels Christensen from the Santa Barbara Lodge were visitors at our July meet-

ing in Solvang. These two gentlemen have their own ideas about most things. They speak well, besides they are not afraid to voice an opinion. So the meeting turned out to be a very interesting one.

A rumor has reached my ears to the effect that I will be replaced come the state convention in Los Angeles in August. So this could very well be my last effort at conducting this column. So just these lines to say thank you to all those who assisted. Without your help this column would not have been. It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. See you at the convention.

News From No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.

Lodge No. 1 has had lots of activities this year; planned by a very efficient committee, namely Eivind and Dorothy Petersen, Earl and Frances Hansen and Oluf and May Bertelsen.

The first event was the annual anniversary dinner-dance of the Danish Brotherhood which was held at the Castle Hotel on April 26. Brother Earl Hansen was toast-master and Brother Oluf Bertelsen was song leader, assisted by his wife, May, at the piano. Brothers Axel Skelbeck and Fred Jensen were called upon and asked to present 50-year pins to Brothers Mogens Fogel, Alfred Johnson, Raymond Jensen and Nicolay Terkelsen.

Lodge No. 1 has set aside the second meeting of the month as a social night, such as folk dancing, square dancing, bingo, games and picnics out in the Danish park for July and August.

Five new members were initiated into No. 1 at our July 1st meeting. Delicious sandwiches and beer and cake and coffee were served by Assistant Secretary Howard Christensen and his wife Joyce, in honor of his birthday anniversary.

Our next form of entertainment will be a cruise on the "River Belle" on the Missouri River Saturday evening, August 16. Each one is to bring a picnic supper, liquid refreshments can be bought on board. We are looking forward to this event, something new.

Many of our members are in Denmark at the present time — we hope they have enjoyed their visit in Denmark. By the time this issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine is out, they will be home.

CHRIS LARSEN, Secretary.



In Loving Memory



Members who have passed away since the last report

| Date of Death | Name | Age | Birth-place | No. of Lodge | Location | Year Joined |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| May 21 | Svend A. Olsen | 67 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 322 | Santa Barbara, California | 1946 |
| Jun 11 | Jorgen P. R. Jacobsen | 80 | Odense, Denmark | 14 | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 1913 |
| Jun 2 | Gerner Iversen | 80 | Helsingør, Denmark | 147 | Newell, Iowa | 1927 |
| Jun 13 | Wilhelm Nielsen | 88 | Magleby Moen, Denmark | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1914 |
| Mar 26 | Petro C. Brondt | 76 | Drominglund, Denmark | 327 | Harlan, Iowa | 1930 |
| May 31 | Anton M. Frandsen | 83 | Lunderskov, Denmark | 17 | Chicago, Illinois | 1914 |
| Jun 25 | John Andersen | 79 | Finnerup Holbak, Denmark | 32 | New Haven, Connecticut | 1937 |
| Jun 13 | Hans R. Madsen | 78 | Odense, Denmark | 167 | Portland, Oregon | 1910 |
| Jun 12 | Andrew Nielsen | 77 | New Haven, Connecticut | 39 | Oakland, California | 1914 |
| Mar 25 | Wilhelm Jensen | 86 | Orte, Denmark | 251 | Devils Lake, North Dakota | 1922 |
| Jul 1 | Niels C. Skov | 82 | Draastrup, Denmark | 167 | Portland, Oregon | 1914 |
| Jul 6 | Ole Aage Larsen | 70 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 116 | Newark, New Jersey | 1924 |
| Jun 24 | Alois J. G. Fiege | 91 | Kastrup, Denmark | 281 | Cincinnati, Ohio | 1909 |
| May 27 | Jorgen Nielsen | 72 | Faaborg, Denmark | 126 | Los Angeles, California | 1952 |
| Apr 20 | C. T. Christensen | 86 | Iowa | 268 | Junction City, Oregon | 1935 |

NEWS FROM IOWA UNITED LODGES

by A. B. THODE, Correspondent

The 41st state convention of the Iowa United Lodges will be held in Davenport, Iowa, August 30 and 31 and September 1. Lodge No. 3 of Davenport will be the host. The convention will be held at the Blackhawk Hotel, with registration starting at 2:30 p. m. August 30 and at 7 p. m. there will be a get-together party in the Alcoa Room. The Davenport Danish Sisterhood will be the hostess for this affair. The get-together party is one that just shouldn't be missed as this is where you get the chance to visit with friends or to make new ones and just enjoy downright Danish hospitality.

On August 31 registration will continue starting at 9 a. m. Joint opening of the convention will be at 1 p. m. in the Empire Room, the business meetings of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood will follow.

At 5:30 p. m. there will be a social hour in the Alcoa Room, the evening will be climaxed with a banquet held in the Gold Room with guest speaker Lt. Gov. Roger Jepsen along with other speakers. Monday morning, September 1 will wind up the convention with installation of officers and other business.

We would like to thank convention chairman, Jack Wood, for the work he has done in bringing this convention along the way. We know the hard work that Brother Jack and his committee have done and would like to see a great many of the Brotherhood members attend this convention and express their thanks also.

From Dike Lodge No. 144: Even though the weather was not working with us for our annual June picnic held on Sunday, June 1 there were some 50 members and their families who braved the windy, chilly day to enjoy the good food and fellowship.

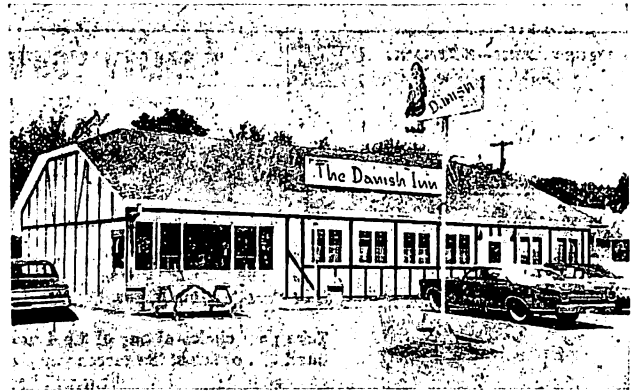
The 7th of June we had a dance, with music by Bill Banker and his boys. The turnout wasn't up to expectations but those who were there said it was one of the best, music and all.

At the regular meeting held the 14th of June, delegates and alternates were elected for the Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood convention. Quite a number

of the Brothers and their wives are planning on going to the convention. We hope to see many of the other lodge members while in Davenport.

Elk Horn's Cafe Closes, So Town Builds Its Own

(From Omaha World-Herald)



Elk Horn, Ia. — Ten businessmen in this town of 679 — deep in the heart of the largest concentration of Danes in the nation — are hoping to capitalize on the area's Danish heritage.

When Elk Horn's only restaurant closed a few months ago, a group of local businessmen decided to do something about it. As a result, Elk Horn has a plush new restaurant called "The Danish Inn."

The new restaurant was built in Danish-style architecture. Its furnishings and decor are Danish. Most of its owners are, too, of course.

Ted Wiemann, local manager here for the Iowa Public Service Co., is president of the corporation formed by the ten men. It is known as Elk Horn Enterprise, Inc. Dr. C. E. Larson is vice president, Dale Petersen, farmer, and Banker Lamont Christensen are secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Other stockholders include oil dealers, an auctioneer, a contractor, a newspaper publisher and a plumber.

"We aren't really looking for a lot of profit," Wiemann said. "We decided to take advantage of the area's Danish heritage."

Kimballton, three miles away, began to capitalize on the Danish nature of the area several years ago. Several Kimballton businesses carry names in the Danish language.

Cost of "The Danish Inn" was \$55,000. It seats 70 and a line of imported Danish souvenir items is carried as a sideline.

Mrs. Dale Petersen, wife of one of the stockholders, designed most of the interior decorating. The business is managed by Mrs. Hans Nielsen, Brayton.

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