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TYPICAL DANISH WINDMILL — Windmills similar to the one pictured above are seen throughout Denmark and many are now being preserved by the Danish government as permanent monuments. It is rumored that the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center project in California, known as Bakkedal, may have one of these, adding to their typical Danish environment plans.

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BAKKEDAL

A sixteen-hundred-mile airplane trip brought me within forty miles of my destination, Bakkedal. After a stay overnight with some hospitable people, we journeyed by bus to our campsite.

A few minutes of observing the varied fields of produce familiar to Californians, then we were entering the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Grassland producing a palatable blade was prominent, as were the cattle and sheep grazing thereon.

With about two blinks of the eye, we passed through Copperopolis, an exciting place in its heyday and still able to give rise to our imagination.

Then, a big sign notified us we were entering the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association's property called Bakkedal. We were informed this meant Hill and Valley, and it was quite evident an appropriate name had been chosen for this site. This was our first lesson in Danish, the translation of the word Bakkedal.

What a big expanse of land and nothing but trees, rocks, grass, and a small lake, but this was the purpose of it, to "get away from it all," as the expression goes.

We found our home to be a small house trailer which served as adequate protection for the nights.

What would we do first? An overall look at the entire landscape suggested there would be plenty to do.

A boy thinks about eating. A look at the portable kitchen assured us there was a place provided for preparing food.

We dashed down to the lakeshore and we knew we had a place to swim.

Looking up the side of the hill, we saw an old mine shaft. What fun and excitement the exploration of this turned out to be at a later time. And the old stamping machinery. Who knows much about gold now, but stories we heard came to life when we looked at the old mills and rusted machinery.

In case we ran out of interesting things to see, we

could attend classes in crafts. Great pride was expressed in the belts, key chains, etc., we made from leather and beads. And learning to count in Danish — Een, To, Tre, — can we go all the way to "Ni og hal-fems"? Trying to master some Danish words — that was something else!

The evening campfires seemed to bring all kinds of adventurous stories to mind as we looked into the flames.

Inasmuch as there were no fences too confining around the property, we made some excursions into the surrounding country. Who would have thought close by was another campsite with a big lake, something like eleven miles long. What a kick riding a pontoon boat up the reaches of this lake.

And Yosemite National Park. Only a short ride from camp. Look at those big waterfalls! The temptation was too much; some had to swim in the small stream. A visit to Tom Sawyer's cabin brought delight to all of us.

And that Danish Brotherhood picnic and the picnic at Mickey's Grove in Stockton. Just some more pleasant memories to add to the others.

Well, these memories will linger on for many years. And many more will come to mind later on. Oh sure, there were a few minor tragedies; like losing eyeglasses in the lake, along with rings and necklaces, but it was fun.

We even had the chance to be pioneers and place our fingerprints in the fresh cement being poured for the foundation of the Youth Center.

Future campers will have the advantage of nice beds in well-built dorms, but will miss the adventure we had of snuggling under covers in a cozy camper.

Would we do it over again? For myself, I hope the age limit is raised next year so I can go back. I liked it so well, all three sessions found me first in line. Thanks to Grandfather Fuglsang for making it possible.

Cal*

*The above is a review of the summer camp at Bakkedal taken from an oral account by Cal Hesson. Cal's grandfather, who has been a Brotherhood member for many years, suggested this trip to Cal and made it possible.



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Special Report of the California General Convention

It has been said, with some justification that the most important thing decided at conventions is where the next one is going to be held. It may or not have been true about the California District's 1969 convention held in Los Angeles August 28-30, however, the next convention will be held in Petaluma, a delightful community just north of San Francisco.

Another important decision made was the election of A. F. Tunsen of Stockton as honorary member of the California General Committee. The announcement caught the First Supreme Vice President completely by surprise. General Committee President Alfred Westergaard presented an inscribed bronze plaque to Tunsen and thanked him for his many years of outstanding work for the betterment of the Danish Brotherhood.

Eric Rough, from host Lodge 126 of Los Angeles, was elected the new president of CGC. Eric has gone "through the chairs" in his lodge and has on several occasions proved himself a very capable person. A case in point is the manner in which he handled last year's Denmark Charter Flight. He will probably also handle the flight which is planned for 1970.

Alice Pinkerton from the Las Vegas, Nevada Lodge was elected the organization's secretary-treasurer. This should prove to be an outstanding choice, because Miss Pinkerton is a "pro", being a legal secretary. She also has what it takes when it comes to looks and personality. When asked about her nationality, she answered in perfect Danish: "Jeg var født paa Rigshospitalet i København!"

The host lodge deserves praise for the near perfect arrangements of the convention. The Airport Marina Hotel belongs in the better class of hotels in Southern California. It is lush, clean, shining. The rooms for \$16 were a dream in decor. I have never seen so many big mirrors in one place. After looking at myself in "bar figur" in these mirrors I decided to reduce at least 15 pounds. Either that or never again go into a bathroom with so many lights and so many mirrors.

Each delegate was presented with a fine portfolio filled with a lot of gifts from different Los Angeles firms, and also with the minutes from last year's convention, plus ballpoint pens and pads. Each delegate also had a white clothed table in front of him with ice water available. Still, to me at least, the convention lacked some personal warmth, but perhaps that can be found only in the small towns where the lodge members themselves do all the decorating, the cooking and the serving.

The entertainment was completely of a Danish nature the first night, when "Luren" gave an outstanding performance in singing Danish songs. Seldom, if ever, have we seen better trained folk dancers than those who took the audience by storm. The Sorensens orchestra from Solvang — well, where do you find a better orchestra? The Sorensens play so well and with so many variations that many people would just as soon just watch them as dance.

Who pulled the big work loads? Well, probably Convention Chairman Harold Mathiasen, Ruth Rasmussen, Edith Munck, Kurt Moller, Paul Dalby Anderson, Fred (Globetrotter) Holm, Owen Miller and Lars Vesterskov.

Convention notes: Most popular woman was probably pretty Alice Pinkerton; she was so busy on the dance floor that I had to put in a written application in order to be considered . . . We reminisced with Holger (Den

Store Smed) Knudsen about Chicago, where we knew each other some 42 years ago. We both frequented Charles Rasmussen's Poolhall-Restaurant on North Avenue which during the depression was the hangout for hundreds of Danes . . . National Board Vice President Einar Danielsen was an honored guest. He did much to clarify, what to many had been a murky picture, about the Bakkedal project . . . Willy (Caruso) Christensen attended in spite of recent serious illness. Willy, who for many years topped the 360 pound mark, is on a strict diet and now looks thin at 270. He added to the entertainment with his rendition of "I Den Store Tavse Nat" and the guests all joined in the chorus . . . We talked with Frede Kaargaard of Petaluma, newly elected Inner Guard, and were informed that his mother is a first cousin to Poulsen, for many years mayor of Los Angeles. Poulsen is now suffering from chronic laryngitis, which by the way, was the reason for him quitting politics. Poulsen, became nationally known when during a dinner about a decade ago, he got into an argument with Nikita Khrushchev about who was going to bury who . . . 47 delegates from 16 lodges had announced their participation in the convention, only 40 showed up . . . Jorgen Larsen from '49 made a unique contribution to the convention when he inadvertently made a motion in beautiful Copenhagen-Danish. He was informed that the use of Danish at conventions was not permitted. Jorgen excused himself and translated the motion into English.

Louis Petersen, who is pushing 80, is in spite of his age, a regular member of the "Luren" chorus and added his tenor to the entertainment. Louis is also a 55 year member of Danish Brotherhood . . . irrepressible Melvin Oredsen spoke eloquently about his "baby" Bakkedal. He said he suffered from hoarseness because the bartender had made his martinis too dry . . . a form letter sent to all members (1700) of the California District, requesting funds or loans for Bakkedal, produced two answers and a total of \$12.00 it was announced.

Remember way back when Julius Hansen, an attorney from Fresno was a member of CGC? He was its president about 15 years ago. Now, the CGC has another professional man as a member (trustee), he is Dr. Erik W. Michelsen, a pathologist and a member of the Bakersfield lodge.

The convention ended on a happy note with a gala banquet attended by over 300 people. And the undersigned was appointed as California correspondent for another year, so we'll be seeing you from month to month.

LEVI PERSSON.

TO GET ANGRY —

When someone calls you a fool is to prove their assertion.

When a competitor succeeds is to admit he deserves to succeed.

When things cannot be helped is to make them worse.

When people do not agree with you is to discredit the worth of your opinion.

When they slander you is the poorest kind of answer to make.

When you can't have your own way is to prove you cannot be trusted.

When your conscience tells you you are wrong is to fight a losing battle.

Antique: An object that has made a round trip to the attic.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Solvang, California. With the exception of Alice Pinkerton from the Silver State, all my regular contributors to this column have succumbed to the summer heat or just sheer lethargy. So Alice and I will have to go it alone, but I just can't help feeling sad because there is so little interest for our Brotherhood Magazine.

We have so many presidents, so many vice presidents, and secretaries and trustees, not to forget the cream of the crop of our district, the General Committee. Don't any of you ever have anything to say? Your many years of membership should have given you experience in lodge work, from which all of us would benefit.

It is true that these officials attend meetings and express opinions, but there is a large segment of the Danish Brotherhood who seldom, for various reasons, attend meetings. This segment is perhaps larger than we care to admit, and it is therefore even more important that we keep them informed about what goes on.

I think that we have a very interesting little magazine. I read, of course, my own column in particular, to see how much has survived the editor's blue pencil, and that is always an exciting experience. From there I read the Magazine from cover to cover to find out what other Brothers are doing in other parts of the country. From their writings I get to know other correspondents quite well, and look forward some day to visit lodges in far away places such as Viborg, S. D., or Union, N. J., or Askov, Minn.

Because of work I have missed the last two meetings and therefore today just discovered that our Alice Pinkerton has replaced Charlotte Scott, Stockton, as secretary-treasurer. The different lodges were informed about this shift, but this reporter was never informed. It makes me think that there exists an information gap between this column and the General Committee. I regret to repeat that in one year as correspondent, I have received one (1) piece of mail of any kind from the committee. It could scarcely be less.

It forces me to ask: Has the committee not held any meetings this last year? Have no decisions been made? Has nothing at all occurred in which the part of the membership which do not attend meetings could be interested?

I contend that a thoroughly informed lodge member is a good lodge member, whether he attends meetings regularly or not. The better informed that we are the better we are able to interact to become enthused for causes — causes which make the Danish Brotherhood stronger and more fun to belong to.

The above is of course not directed against anyone in particular. It is simply that I hate to sit here and do the whole column by myself, while my son, who just came back from Vietnam, and the rest of our family went down to the beach for a barbecue. I really never thought that I would become so involved in writing this column that I would forego an evening steak barbecue at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

My remark in last month's column about my being replaced was a bit premature. The convention is held on August 28-29-30 and at that time my successor will be appointed. I have, since the last column, received a dozen letters from readers wanting to know why I will be replaced. I have no other comment to make except that I have not been asked to continue, but I

have been informed from a reliable source that I would be replaced. It is as simple as that.

But regardless of what happens at the convention, I still plan from time to time to do a yarn or two about life in California.

In the mail? A letter from an official of the Bakkedal Corporation, asking for a gift of money or a loan.

My cooperater of this column, Miss Pinkerton, writes: The news from the Silver State Lodge is still inactive due to the 116 degree heat we have been enjoying over the past few weeks. The air conditioners have been working overtime, and the majority of the people have been staying indoors, or in the pool, to keep cool.

Henry Petersen has been fortunate to have a visit from his sister from Denmark recently, and Willy Bielefeldt has had visitors from Canada. A social with plenty of æbleskiver was held on August 17, at the home of Kjeld and Ellen Petersen. And that is about it from Las Vegas. **Pinkerton.**

The ever reliable "Santa Barbara Grapevine" tells me that the regular meeting scheduled for September 5 has been postponed to September 19, the reason being that the Sisterlodge on September 6 will sponsor a banquet and dance to celebrate its 30th birthday. Because the Brotherhood Lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge work very closely together in Santa Barbara, it is expected that all Brothers attend this event. The arrangement committee consists of Lillian Miller, Anna Christensen and Joan Petersen.

Esper Petersen is still improving from his recent illness, and has to take it easy, which for him is like trying to keep a jungle lion in a cage.

Harold and Doris Paulsen have returned from a two weeks vacation in Oregon. Niel Paulsen, who has been in Vietnam for a year, is expected home any day. Edna Mylund is vacationing in Minneapolis and Askov and

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the Mogens Andersen family is on a three week motor trip to Canada. Caroline Petersen is off to Cedar Falls, Iowa to visit her son Aage.

During the month Martin Christensen, Hans Nielsen, Thorvald Sorensen, John Lauritsen, Nels Christensen, Oscar Olsen and Ed Aasted visited the Bakkedal project. Some of these Brothers had visited Bakkedal on other occasions, however, they made this trip to make certain they understood what the Bakkedal project was all about. The seven Brothers made a report of their findings to their Lodge and also to the Lodge in Solvang.....Ray Dunning is still having serious problems with his eyesight.

"The Santa Barbara Grapevine".

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty has promised to attend the California General Committee's convention, as a matter of fact, he will be the guest of honor and one of the main speakers. Whether one likes Yorty's brand of politics or not, we must admit that he is a dynamic and colorful speaker. . . . We don't know how many members of the Danish Brotherhood have been knighted by the King of Denmark, but we do know that Santa Barbara County has two of them. Esper Petersen, a member of the Santa Barbara Lodge, was made "Ridder of Dannebrog" about 20 years ago. Former Solvang postmaster, Arne Madsen, and a member of the Solvang Lodge was knighted about three years ago. . . . Danish Center, which is owned mostly by Lodge 126 in Los Angeles, was very proud of the thick red carpets which were installed some months ago. "But look at them now", says a member. "They are filled with burns from cigarettes. Visitors simply have no manners here. They drop burning cigarettes on the carpet and grind them out with a heel, rather than using one of the many ash trays."

Journalist Paul Dalby Andersen, who is one of the big wheels on the convention committee, has just made his 12th visit to Denmark in 20 years. PDA compliments the Danish Telephone Company because you can dial anywhere within that country. But he criticizes the company sharply because when you dial the wrong number or if the line is busy, or if the call is not answered, you lose your coin. "The loss of en 25 Øre is not a financial catastrophe," Andersen said. "But it is damn irritating to pay for something you did not get."

Bakkedal, the newest Danish town in the world, will one day have a blanket of Danish heather, according to radio-producer Henning Jensen. Axel Nielsen's Nursery in Varde has promised the Cultural Center enough plants to cover its hills. In time also, the place will have Beech trees, which is the national tree of Denmark. These will be a gift from Niels Nielsen of Fremont.

D. B. Lodge 49 sponsored a real Danish "Skovtur" to Petaluma last month. The chartered bus stopped several places en route to Petaluma to pick up Lodge members.

Remember when some Danish poet wrote: "Danmark er kun et lidet fattigt land" which means "Denmark is just a little poor country." Denmark may still be only a little land, but it isn't poor anymore. Government statistics from that country states that there now are over 500 millionaires in Denmark.

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My Grandfather Belonged

In the course of conversation with many people, the statement has been made that their father or grandfather belonged to The Danish Brotherhood. When approached with the question as to why they don't belong, many reasons or excuses are forthcoming. Some refer to situations which existed fifty years ago. Some hold personal resentment against former members. Others have varied reasons for non-membership.

Inasmuch as our Magazine goes only to members and they know what their local lodge is doing, it is apparent the only way we can tell our story today to prospective members is by personal contact. Perhaps emphasis needs to be placed on what we are doing today, not what we did in years past. If your local lodge is involved in a good social activity program, which it should be, tell this to prospective members. Re-invite people who may have been invited before. Inform them some lodge activities of the past have been changed because of being outmoded and you are now engaged in functions of current interest. Convince them you need their support and help. After they are admitted, give them the chance to put their ideas to use.

Most of us realize the lodge's functions of the past, providing a place for the Danish language to be understood and acting as an employment office, have virtually disappeared. The fellowship need still exists and participation by the members in lodge functions is essential.

Sure it takes a little effort on the part of the members but a committee will be rewarded by noticing the satisfaction and enjoyment they have been able to provide members, both young and old, through a good social function.

Then the word will get around The Danish Brotherhood has a new image and will help to attract membership. — But it's up to you to tell them and show them.

Minnesota State Convention

On Saturday, August 9 the District Lodges of the State of Minnesota held their annual convention in Minneapolis. Lodge No. 45, the hosting lodge, meets at the Sons of Norway Hall on West Lake Street.

The newly elected officers are as follows: President, Christ Pedersen; vice president, Harold Chrysler; secretary, Byron Petersen; treasurer, John Larsen; trustees, Jens Larsen, John Thinesen, Duane Young.

To conclude a day of meetings, the entertainment committee headed by Mrs. Kathryn Chrysler and Holger Fisher, planned an enjoyable evening which included a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00, a banquet from 7:00 to 9:00, and a dance from 9:00 to 12:00.

A few words of greeting were given by Al Hedegaard, promotional director from Danish Brotherhood at Omaha.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say "welcome back" to the members of Lodge No. 45 who took a six week trip to Denmark.

BETTY L. YOUNG, Publicity Chairman.

Last night I had a funny pain
And to the Doc I flew
Said he, "that comes from overwork,
There's nothing I can do."
"You need a month of quiet rest,"
He added with a smile.
"You'd better drop your golf and try
The office for awhile."

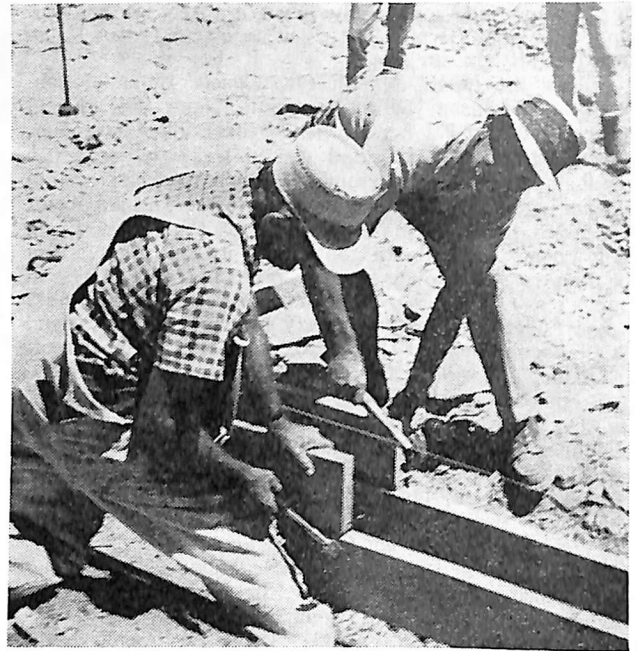
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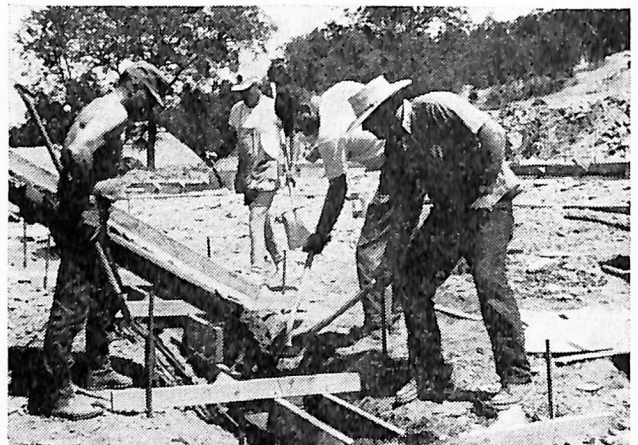
On a recent picnic outing to Bakkedal, many members from the surrounding area joined in honoring Mrs. Agnes Nielsen for naming "Bakkedal." Albert Tunsen, First Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood, read the inscription on the certificate presented to Mrs. Nielsen along with a large, framed, color reproduction of the original painting of Bakkedal.



Standing here with Mr. Tunsen and Mrs. Nielsen are two other Vikings, the Viking on the right is Mr. Nielsen, and the other Viking is Hans Schomburg. Vans in the background are part of Bakkedal's Red and White fleet.



Construction at Bakkedal, northern California's first Danish Land development, continues on schedule as the Youth Center begins to take shape. Forms were constructed and 80 yards of concrete poured for the foundation. Shown here working on the forms are Vern Olsen and Harold Olsen.



Shown here flexing their muscles and pouring the concrete are left to right, Jack Belmont, Glen Olsen, Al Tunsen and John Butcher. Following the pouring of the foundation, 4000 concrete blocks were laid in preparation to raising the wood frame. The building is expected to be completed in another 4 or 5 months.

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Field Organization

The life insurance mechanism depends for its success upon the maintenance of a sufficiently large number of insureds. This is essential in order to benefit from the operation of the law of large numbers.

Fraternal insurance societies are just as dependent upon this law as other insurance companies. Since people do not as a rule voluntarily seek out life insurers, the latter have found it necessary to employ persons to locate those who have a need for life insurance and the benefits it affords. The fraternal insurers have not been exceptions to this, so they, too, have had to hire persons to sell the protection benefits. Not only has the fraternal fieldman had to sell the insurance but he has also had to persuade the person to participate in the other activities of the society.

The word "agent" used by commercial insurers to denote their fieldworker is not unknown to fraternal societies. Some of the larger societies now call their fieldworkers by that term. Others are called fieldmen, deputies, special representatives, etc.

The change in title signifies the change in principle duties. The fieldman in the early days of fraternal insurance had as his principle duty the formation of lodges, and he was compensated accordingly. He was an "organizer" of lodges. He was deputized to perform certain functions, hence a "deputy". While the societies are still interested in the creation of new lodges, their major interest has become that of keeping alive those already in existence by the continued influx of new members. The passage of time has seen increased emphasis placed upon the insurance features. As the functions of the fraternal fieldman have become increasingly similar to those of the agent in commercial insurance, it is not surprising the term "agent" has found its way into the fraternal area.

Some of the founders of the larger societies realized from the beginning "the society would not move forward with any degree of rapidity without solicitors."

Some of these were compensated very liberally on the grounds success could not be guaranteed without experienced solicitors and there was no other way to get them.

Ownership of Other Insurance

In a study of death claims of a fraternal society examined sometime ago, the indication was 73 per cent of the deceased had insurance in other companies or societies. It could very well be if a study was made today of The Danish Brotherhood claims a larger percentage would indicate insurance in other companies.

For those who would say our purpose was not to become an insurance company, reference can be made to Article 4 of the Articles of Incorporation which indicates The Danish Brotherhood is to maintain a fund for the payment of sums to surviving beneficiaries of every insured member. This does not indicate a specific amount

a member should own, but another objective of the Society is to render aid to dependents in the event of death of a member. Financial aid is, when it's all said and done, one of the most important items at this particular time.

The question then presents itself as to whether the small certificate owned by many members will really provide the financial aid of any real consequence, or if this will be provided by another company.

Article 4 sets forth all the objectives of The Danish Brotherhood. Perhaps paragraph 5 may not be the only one of importance, yet it certainly merits as much consideration as the other paragraphs.

Inasmuch as our members will own more insurance some day, why not think in terms of \$5,000 or \$10,000 or more? Particularly on our junior members or on young men who will soon be setting up a home and will need the protection. Sure, their company usually provides insurance, but in most cases this is not a permanent type of insurance. Very few young men stay with one employer all their lives and sometimes between jobs this extra protection may not be there. Some day it will be gone.

Remember, fraternalism is people banded together for common causes. What better way to help one another than through The Danish Brotherhood fraternal life insurance program providing **adequate** protection?

Grandparents and parents, remind your grandchildren and children that some day they will own more than the minimum of insurance required for membership so why not get it through The Danish Brotherhood?

Prospects!

In a recent study of about fifteen applications submitted from various parts of the country, there were forty-five or forty-six additional prospects listed on these applications. Perhaps this is overstating it to a degree as some of those listed may already be members, but the point is simply that reference is made to the brothers, sisters and parents of the proposed member. On every application a statement is usually made indicating relatives.

An effort should be made to get names and addresses of these people, and, if they are out of your area, send them to the Home Office and we will make contact with them. No particular problem should be encountered getting these names if one asks for them in a casual manner. In some instances you might get two or three new lodge members instead of one if you remember to make use of these references.

Why not get all the family members active? It's worth a try.

Jackson: The idea of letting your wife go about telling the neighbors that she made a man of you! You don't hear my wife saying that.

Johnson: No, but I heard her telling my wife she had done her best.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
35	Chicago	Paul Parkes	Martin Christensen
35	Chicago	Carl Andersen	Sam Norgard
45	Minneapolis	Melba Keuhlman	Holger Fisher
126	Los Angeles	Elmer Larsen	Lars Westerskov
126	Los Angeles	Jorgen Agmund	Poul Andersen
143	Petaluma	Kenneth Petersen	Jim Larsen
143	Petaluma	Darrell Petersen	Walter Miller and Jim Larsen
170	Rocky River	Leif Hansen	Harold Anderson
263	Askov	Robert Putnam	Edwin Sorensen
281	Cincinnati	Mabel Hunter	Soren Nielsen
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319	Bakersfield	Boyce Stull	Gunnar Stenderup
328	Vancouver	Poul Ornebjergus	M. B. Mogensen
328	Vancouver	Harry Nielsen	Eigil Kristensen
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126	Los Angeles	Linda Zabkiewica	Walter Hopkey
227	Detroit	John E. Sorensen	Robert Sorensen
700	Home Office	Calvin F. Hesson	Al Hedegaard

Honor Roll 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	11
51	Ludington, Michigan	14
126	Los Angeles, California	26
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	9
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	9
227	Detroit, Michigan	19
323	Alhambra, California	12
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	10
332	Ripon, California	12
337	Fremont, California	9

INDIVIDUALS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	No. of New Members
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Howard Christensen	8
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Al Hedegaard	9
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

TOP LODGES

GROUP I —

Lodge No. 281, Cincinnati, Ohio
No District

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California
California General Committee

Benefit Payments to Students

Only four months after the 1965 amendments to the Social Security Act became effective, 206,000 student sons and daughters of retired, deceased or disabled workers were receiving benefits. By December 1968 the number of beneficiaries had increased to 470,000.

Total benefit payments to students in December 1968 were \$34 million, an annual rate of more than \$400 million. During this period, payments grew faster than the number of beneficiaries because of the 13 per cent across-the-board increase in benefit levels under the 1967 amendments.*

*Do you know some of our membership who might be eligible for the Social Security benefits listed in the article above? They could be reminded to contact the Social Security office.

Can You Live on Social Security?

Over \$1 billion was paid to retired persons and their dependents in 1968 under insured pension plans, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

During the past 10 years, the total number of persons under insured pensions has nearly doubled, while the number receiving pension payments has more than doubled. Keogh plans accounted for about 14 per cent of last year's overall 430,000 increase in the number of Americans covered by pension plans with life insurance companies.

Among all the insured plans in force at the end of 1968, deposit administration plans covered the largest number of persons — more than 5.1 million.

The number of people under deferred annuity plans was about 2.2 million at the end of 1968, a slight increase over the previous year.

This would indicate many people have provided for a source of income in addition to Social Security.

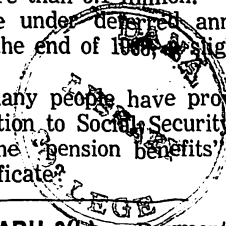
Why not investigate the "pension benefits" of a good Danish Brotherhood certificate?

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:

JULY 1969 —

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$254.73, less taxes \$21.40, net \$233.33.

Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$264.03, net \$885.97.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

According to Past District President Sigurd Nielsen, 19 Brothers and Sisters attended the Northwest Danish Home annual meeting at Washington Hall on July 12. Past District President Magnus Esrom was elected as Second Vice President of the board. Brother Nielsen goes on to say that over one hundred Danes assembled at Benson Park for the annual Oregon Danish picnic and that DB 167 had lost three Brothers in the passing of Hans Madsen, Niels Skov and Jens Kronholm. This summer's Denmark vacationers include Brothers Jens Fyring and Ed Ussing and in California are the Thorvald Jensens, past district officers. Sig winds up his letter with a note that Past District President Pete Pihl has been elected an honorary director of the Northwest Danish Home.

I get the Hoo Hoo Highlights from Spokane's Past President Ernie Wales and from it I glean "bits and pieces" for the Danish Brotherhood as well as for the Boy Scouts and for Rotary International. In the July-August issue, I see where Brother Kris Wales is the new First Vice President of the local lumberman's association. Best wishes also came from Brother John Wales in Fort Sheridan, Ill. Brother Howard Jensen is vacationing in New York and Maryland, Brother Emil Larsen has just returned from Colorado and Brother Erik Leegaard enjoyed a trip to Denmark this summer. Brothers Fred Holm, Alvin Paulsen, Herbert Miller, Iver Hansen, Chris Garras and Fred Martin have been on the sick and injured list during the past few months. All Empire City Scandinavians joined DB 42 in a summer picnic July 27.

The Puyallup Valley Chamber of Commerce, made up

of Orting, Sumner and Puyallup business and professional men, and of which organization your editor is publicity manager, had Danish Day in July. In consequence, Puyallup Rotary had Danish Day on August 20 and Danish Baker Ole Nielsen of Sumner, who will be joining the Enumclaw Danish Brotherhood 113 in January, was the guest speaker. Also invited was Danish Consul Paul Nielsen. Although I did not attend the annual picnic of the "Enumscratch" Danes, my sister Myrna Rieck tells me that about 25 Brothers and Sisters enjoyed their outing on July 20.

Quote from Seattle's Brother Frank Larsen: "Our Brotherhood is an asset to the Danish community and should be a leader in the functions of the whole Scandinavian Colony." First Vice President of the Northwest Danish Home is National Danish Brotherhood President Kris Jorgensen.

Latest member to join our DB Lodge 328 in Vancouver is Brother Harry Nielsen.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Our touring officers, President Erling Braumann and Conductor Arne Christensen, arrived home on August 6 after a six weeks visit in Denmark. We will be interested to hear of their experiences at our next regular meeting Friday, August 15. Many thanks to Sister Past President Agnes Aust and our good friends Bob and Joan Thirkelsen for inviting us, once again, to a box lunch picnic at their summer home in Charlestown by the sea, on Sunday, August 17. After two postponements, the weather gave us a break and a fine day was enjoyed by all. About 40 Brothers and Sisters and their families attended. After a summer vacation, Brother and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen will re-open their Danish Bakery on September 2. We sure missed that wonderful Danish pastry.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. It is with regret that we announce the death of two brothers during the month of July. Our sincere sympathy goes to the families in their hours of sorrow. Brother Ole Larsen, a member since 1924, passed away July 6, Brother Louis Larsen, also a member since 1924, passed away July 25. Brother Louis was a past president in the Lodge, and was for years very active, always on the alert, protecting our interest in the Brotherhood.

While losing two Brothers, we welcome juvenile members Jon Michael Shane and Erik Stanley Knappman. An active member was initiated into the Lodge, Brother Ove Norquist Hansen, may you enjoy being a member for years to come.

The year is 1969 and the month October, the date the 11th and the day Saturday, when Lodge 116 holds its 70th anniversary dinner and dance at the Mountainside Inn, Route 22, Mountainside, N. J. Tickets are \$8.50 per person and must be bought in advance. Reservations must be made no later than October 6. A prime ribs of

Midwest District Convention

September 27 and 28 marks the 18th annual Midwest District Convention held this year in Racine, Wis. Victoria Lodge No. 5 of the Danish Sisterhood and Lodge No. 4 of the Danish Brotherhood in America extend a most hearty welcome to delegates, members and visitors.

It is our sincere wish that you will enjoy your visit to our city. It is our desire that the delegates have a most successful and constructive convention and work together in harmony for the betterment of the Danish Sisterhood and Danish Brotherhood.

Saturday, September 27

- 8:00—Registration of delegates, alternates and guests.
- 10:00—Meeting of delegates.
- 12 noon—Lunch served at the Brotherhood.
- 1:00—Meeting of delegates.
- 3:00—Coffee break, served by the Sisterhood.
- 3:30—Resume meeting.
- 6:00—Social hour for delegates and guests.
- 7:00—Banquet at the Brotherhood Hall.
- 9:00-1:00—Dancing.

Sunday, September 28

- 7:30—Breakfast served at the Brotherhood.
- 9:00—Meeting of delegates.
- 12 noon—Lunch served at the Brotherhood.
- 1:00—Joint installation of Midwest officers.

beef dinner will be served, music will be by Chris Peder- sen's Orchestra, several invitations have been sent out and a good representation of the Brotherhood is expected. This will be a gala affair, one you don't want to miss, so reserve your tickets and let us meet once again. Remember Saturday, October 11, 1969 at 7 p. m. at the Mountainside Inn.

VIGGO NIELSEN.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. Brother Poul Lung- green is again in full vigor and was attending last meet- ing. Welcome back, Poul. Brother Harold Christie died suddenly in the hospital. Brother Christie has had a diffi- cult time the last few years in trying to fight off the effects of various illnesses. He seemed to be doing fairly well until internal bleeding suddenly brought an end to his life. The Lodge will mourn the departure of a good Brother. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Brother Martin Christensen, son of Brother and Mrs. Walter Christensen, finished boot camp at Cape May, N. J. He was home on leave and will report to Governor's Island at New Jersey for 21 weeks of radio school. While in Erie, he, with his parents, enjoyed a fish dinner in the Danish Club. Carl Berry, newborn son of Brother and Mrs. Carl Berry, is the latest addition to our juvenile list. Brother Carl is the chairman of the House Committee.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. News from the G.C.E.L. Convention will be forthcoming in the next issue.

How the Dollar Goes

Twenty-six cents out of every dollar of dividends received by policyholders during 1968 were used to buy fully paid-up insurance, reports the Institute of Life Insurance. Policyholders left twenty-seven cents out of every dollar of last year's dividends with life companies to draw interest. About twenty-five cents out of each dollar was used to help pay premiums on the basic policies. About twenty-two cents was taken in cash.*

*The trend would seem to indicate The Danish Broth- erhood is right in suggesting paid-up additions for our members.

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Labor Day

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a day when Americans honor labor. On this day, midway between Independence Day and Thanksgiving, people throughout the country join in saluting the millions of men and women who are employed and whose manual work and skills produce the goods and services required by society.

Practically all American adults are, in the broadest sense, workers. But labor, as we honor it each September, involves the concept of being employed and the idea of manual exertion, plus whatever skills are combined with it. Workers, in this narrower sense, are those to whom Labor Day is dedicated, especially as they are united in efforts to secure better working and living conditions. They represent an indispensable part of American society. Because many of them have recently been called "the forgotten Americans", Labor Day this year can have a special significance.

A day to honor Labor was first suggested by a union leader, Peter J. McGuire, at a meeting of the New York Central Labor Council in May 1882. Twenty-nine year old McGuire, who had been working since the age of thirteen and who was the son of an Irish immigrant, called for

a day which would be "no festival of martial glory or warrior's renown . . . but a day devoted to peace, civilization and triumph of industry." A.C.N.S.

Words of Wisdom

Someone has said membership in every organization is made up of four kinds of bones.

There are the wishbones who spend their time wishing somebody else would do the work.

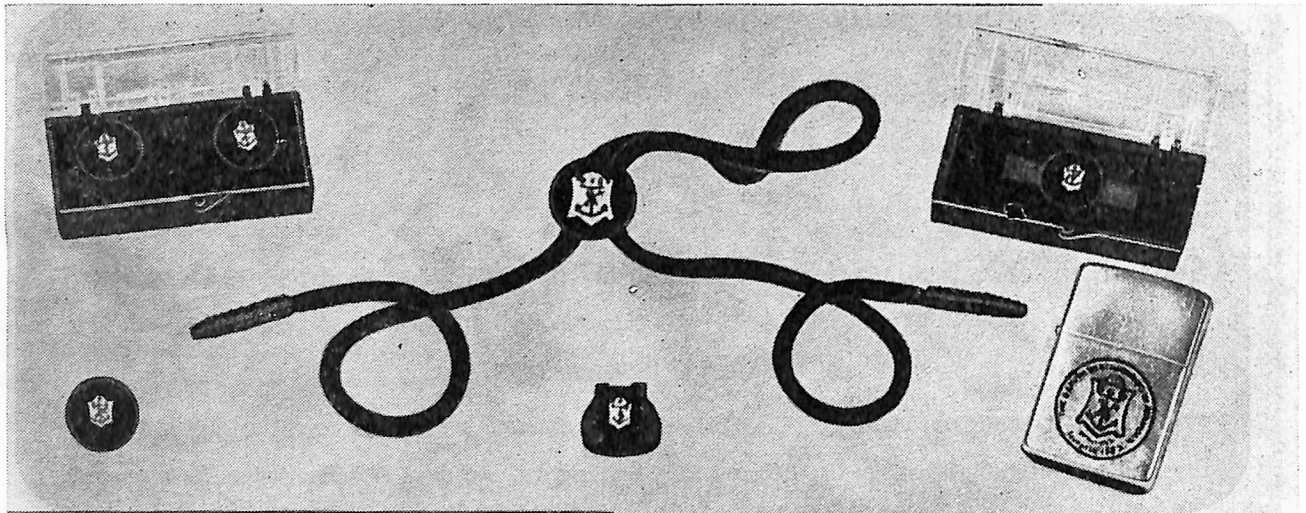
There are the jawbones who do all the talking but very little else.

Next come the knucklebones who knock everything everybody else tries to do.

And finally there are the backbones who get under the load and do the work.

Chauncey Depew, asked what kind of exercise he took, answered: "I get my exercise acting as pallbearer to my friends who exercise."

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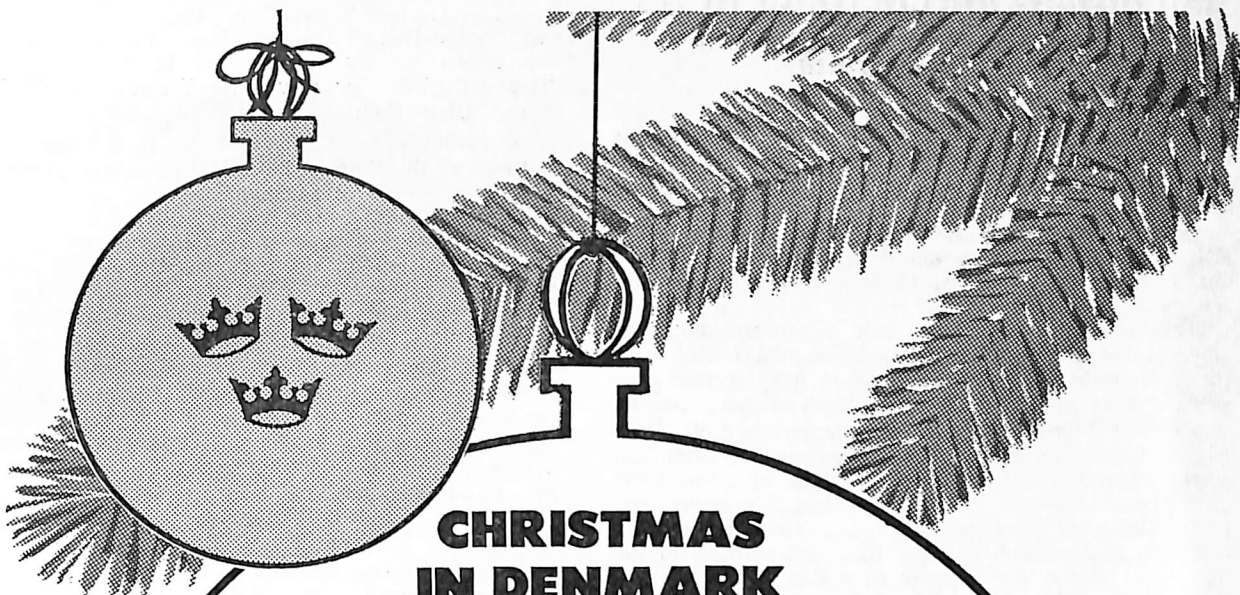
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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

by **ROBERT SORENSEN, 12906 Montrose,
Detroit, Michigan 48227**

DETROIT LODGE NO. 227 —

The news from Detroit is rather short this month due to only one meeting being held in July and your correspondent missing the first meeting in August due to a vacation trip.

On July 23 the Lodge held a regular meeting at which President Chris Fabricius announced that another of our Brothers had passed away. He was Walter Nielsen who left us on July 5.

This meeting was the first held in our meeting room since it has been remodeled and listening to the comments from the Brothers in attendance, they seemed quite pleased with the results. The walls have been paneled and some painting was done to set the paneling off. Those of you who haven't seen it yet please come down and see it as well as the small hall which also has taken on a new appearance. Our building board, presided over by ex-President Bob Andersen, has been doing quite a job in making our building more attractive and this also includes the new canopy over the front door. Our thanks to the whole board for a job well done.

We were informed that the 18th annual Midwest District Convention is to be held in Racine, Wis., on the weekend of September 27 and 28. So be prepared for nominations for delegates to said convention.

That's all the news for now, see you again next month.

ROBERT SORENSEN, Correspondent.

LUDINGTON LODGE NO. 51 —

On Wednesday evening, July 16 Lodge No. 51 held its monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Committee for the evening was composed of President and Mrs. William Smith, assisted by Herbert Tacktor, Jr., Mrs. William Hansen, and Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen. Following the card games a potluck lunch was served by the committee and prizes were awarded.

On Thursday, July 24, we held a social get-together instead of our usual business meeting. Card playing was

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the main attraction of the evening, and a lunch was served by Herbert Tacktor, Jr., President William Smith and Trustee Donald Wagner. The name of William Neil was drawn for the jackpot but he was not present. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Trustee Donald Wagner by the "Glee" Club.

On Friday evening, August 8, we held a dance in the ballroom of the Danish Hall. Dancing was enjoyed and a lunch was served at midnight, and the drawing of two door awards which went to Dale Rogers and Brother Hans K. Hansen. Chairman for the evening was Kenneth Johnson, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Soneral, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapman, Jim Shaffer and Albert Christoffersen.

On Thursday, August 14 we held our monthly business meeting which was conducted by President William Smith. The name of Brother Noel Howe was drawn for the jackpot, but not being present the pot will be carried over to our next meeting. After the meeting a lunch was served by President William Smith, Trustee Kenneth Johnson and Brother Herbert Tacktor, Jr.

This month we have been saddened by the loss of our Brothers William Gebott and Arthur Sorensen. "Get Well" wishes go out to our Brother Julius Peterson, and a card was sent to him, signed by all the members present at our meeting.

ALFRED LARSEN, Correspondent.

Mrs. Blake: "Husbands are strange creatures."

Her friend: "Aren't they? John has to ask his garage man a hundred questions about the brand and manufacture before he puts a drop of oil into the car, but he never asks the man from whom he buys his liquor a single question for fear of hurting his feelings."

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