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Condensed Minutes of Semi-annual Meeting of the National Board of Officers

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The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the home office, April 6-9, 1970.

President Kristen Jorgensen, Vice President Albert Tunsen, Vice President Einar Danielsen, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Axel Skelbeck, Chairman of Trustees Fred Jensen, Trustee Edward Jonasen, Trustee George Godthaab, and Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen attended this meeting.

President Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 9 a. m., Monday and welcomed each of those present. He announced on Wednesday evening the Board of Officers was having a dinner for retired Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus Axel Skelbeck in appreciation for his many years of service.

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda as presented by the president and also discussed appointments that would be necessary during the course of the meeting. Appointments were made and the agenda was revised and adopted.

Reports were presented by members of the Board of Officers.

Danielsen recommended the Danish Brotherhood join state Fraternal Congress Associations where officers were in a position to participate in these organizations.

Skelbeck reported he had participated actively in the Nebraska Fraternal Congress having been a past president.

Jonasen moved to authorize The Danish Brotherhood in America to pay membership fees in state Fraternal Congress associations in states where members of the Board of Officers were able to participate actively in the organization. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

The secretary-treasurer presented his report to the Board.

The Board adjourned to the upstairs west room in the headquarters building to hear the promotional department report presented by Al Hedegaard.

The first part of the promotional director's report explained the use of the request and report form developed for use by local lodges in requesting funds for promotional activities.

Also presented was a proposed orphan benefit which had been developed by Hedegaard. He suggested this benefit be added to the fraternal benefits provided our membership.

The second part of the report described the new juvenile single-premium to age 25 certificate with assessments resuming at age 25 and payable to age 65.

The director explained the certificate to the Board and also described the benefits which will accrue not only to the members who purchase the certificate but to the local lodges. He reported a brochure would be

included in the monthly magazine during May describing the certificate.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the Board reconvened in the Board room.

The subject of liens on certain old benefit certificates was discussed. Tunsen moved to eliminate the liens which existed on these certain benefit certificates. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

President Jorgensen asked each Board member to submit to the home office a personal resume. Certain insurance departments require information concerning Board members and this information would then be available in the home office.

Tunsen moved to comply with the By-Laws with regard to the safe deposit vaults and access thereto and to adopt the necessary resolution required by the bank appointing the chairman of trustees, or his proxy and the secretary-treasurer to have access to the vaults. In the absence of the chairman of trustees and the secretary-treasurer, any three officers shall have access to all safe deposit vaults of the society. The secretary-treasurer shall have access to Box 608-A.

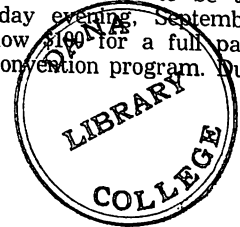
Jonasen moved Howard Christensen become a non-voting member of the investment committee. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

A revised consulting actuary's agreement reducing the retainer fee was reviewed. Godthaab moved to accept the proposal submitted by George V. Stennes dated April 3, 1970. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

A general discussion was held concerning the new organizational structure of the promotional department and the value of establishing long-range goals and plans. The subject of the agency system was discussed. Comments were made stating letters containing fraternal activities suggestions and promotional material being sent from the home office to secretaries and presidents of the local lodge were appreciated.

A request was received by the president from Loyd Plaehn, secretary of the Iowa United Lodges, requesting this central organization be permitted to use the home office building for their annual convention. After review of this request, Godthaab moved to allow the central organization to use the building for the business sessions of their convention. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

A request was received from Mrs. Hazel Smith, general chairman of the national convention committee of the Danish Sisterhood of America to solicit an advertisement for the Sisterhood convention program and also for a representative from the Board of Officers to be the speaker at the banquet Wednesday evening, September 29, 1970. Skelbeck moved to allow for a full page advertisement in the Sisterhood convention program. Duly seconded, this motion carried.



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Discussion concerning the selection of the national law committee for the 1971 national convention was held. It was decided to ask local lodges to elect law committees prior to the September 1970 deadline and to elect a delegate from this committee. The lodges should notify the home office who the delegates were prior to October 31, 1970 to enable the Board to select the national law committee at the fall annual meeting. The committee must be selected by January 22, 1971, and this request is made so a special Board meeting in January won't be necessary.

The chairman of the scholarship committee reported a new application form had been developed and a new procedure was in effect whereby the home office would handle the administrative details of the scholarship program.

Jorgensen read letters of thanks from a number of scholarship winners and commented on the usefulness and effectiveness of this program.

He stated a scholarship committee meeting would be held after the regular Board meeting adjourned for the day. Danielsen suggested the date for the submission of applications should be changed to an earlier date.

The president announced the meeting would recess until 9:30 a. m., on Tuesday morning when they would reconvene in the safe deposit vaults of the society.

The trustees convened in the vault of the First National Bank, Omaha, Nebr., the official depository of the society at 9:30 a. m., to perform the duties described in Section 14, Par. 1, of the By-Laws. This function was performed in cooperation with all other members of the Board of Officers and the secretary-treasurer. An inventory of the securities was taken and interest coupons were detached from bonds, checked and segregated by due date and placed in a safe deposit box to remain there until date collectible.

The Board reconvened Tuesday afternoon in the home office. Further discussion concerning the applications for scholarship was held. The Board decided applications for scholarship awards should be received in the fall to permit selection of scholarship winners prior to

graduation. Awards could then be presented at graduation exercises.

Jorgensen read correspondence he had received from Past Supreme President John Hansen concerning restoration and preservation of an old Danish church in Sheffield, Ill. Those trying to develop this church as a Danish cultural attraction were asking for financial support and the use of the monthly magazine to publicize this restoration and to solicit contributions from our members. Board members expressed support for this project.

Tunsen moved to go on record showing the Danish Brotherhood supported this endeavor and to authorize the president to support it through whatever vehicles deemed necessary. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Jorgensen stated he would write to John Hansen describing this support and he gave Danielsen the authority to permit the magazine to be used in supporting this project. All gifts should be sent to John Norton, representative of the American Scandinavian Foundation.

Jorgensen reported he has a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Rebild Society and they were available for Board review.

Godthaab had submitted a revised special aid application form. This application was reviewed and discussion took place concerning information to be included in the application.

Jorgensen appointed a committee consisting of Skelbeck and Godthaab to revise the special aid application form and to report to the Board at the next meeting recommendations for adoption. This committee is also directed to analyze rules for special and general aid.

Jorgensen reported he had received an invitation from the president of the Eastern General Committee inviting Howard Christensen to attend the convention in Erie.

Subsequently, a letter was received in the home office from the secretary of Lodge No. 242 asking Fred Jensen to represent the Board.

Jorgensen reported the Board has taken the position these invitations should come from the office of the cen-

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tral organization and not from the local lodge. Christensen was directed to send a memorandum to all lodges setting forth the procedures to follow in inviting Board or home office representatives. It was determined when the secretary-treasurer attends these meetings, he would represent the Board if no Board members were present, but when other Board members were present, he would represent the Danish Brotherhood and the Board member would represent the Board of Officers.

Danielsen moved the secretary-treasurer be authorized to install lodge and district officers when no other Board members were present. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

Jorgensen recommended Skelbeck have the title of secretary-treasurer emeritus. Godthaab moved that this title be officially adopted. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

The trustee's report was presented by the chairman of trustees, Fred Jensen. On motion duly made and seconded, this report was accepted.

Chairman of the investment committee, Skelbeck, presented the investment committee report. Upon motion duly made and seconded, this report was accepted.

The president called the meeting to order at 9 a. m., Wednesday morning and asked the records show the expenses for Board meeting attendance, as provided in the By-Laws, had been waived by Skelbeck.

Bids for the printing and mailing of the magazine were presented to the Board. Jensen moved the bid submitted by American Publishing Co., be accepted. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

A general discussion concerning the 1971 national convention was held. Tunsen brought the Board up to date on the work of the convention committee. The following decisions were made concerning the details of the convention: work sessions would begin at 9 and adjourn at 5 each day, with a 1½ hour luncheon break and office facilities for the secretary-treasurer would be necessary. Godthaab moved the Board meet on Monday, September 20, 1971, at 1 p. m., at the convention motel. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

The only social engagement the Board required of the national convention committee would be the traditional banquet. The Board decided the checking of credentials should be from 1 to 5 p. m., and from 8 to 10 p. m., on Tuesday, September 21, 1971, and also on Wednesday, September 22, 1971, from 7:30 to 9 a. m., just prior to the opening business session. It was suggested the convention committee establish registration hours in conjunction with these hours to facilitate delegate registration and credential review.

Jorgensen appointed the trustees to act as the convention credentials committee in accordance with Section 25 of the By-Laws.

Godthaab moved the annual meeting of the Board of Officers convene November 2, 1970. This date was established in conjunction with the request to the local lodges to select law committees and delegates early to avoid a special Board meeting in January.

Tunsen presented a comprehensive report of the status of the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Incorporated, California Division, Bakkedal project. Included in this report was a complete financial presentation, including copies of various financial statements. He stated the current tight money situation in the national economy has made it difficult to secure funds for the project since it is debt-financed. Much of the work has had to be postponed until funds could become available. Tunsen also stated the current problem facing the California project was a requirement of Calaveras County making it mandatory that a guarantee bond be provided

assuring completion of a certain portion of the project. A general discussion concerning the financial problems of the Bakkedal project ensued with various means of solving these problems explored. Further discussion of the project was postponed until John Binning, the society's legal counsel, could be present.

All Board members felt a youth program was essential for Danish Brotherhood growth. It was suggested the promotional department's request and report form be used in requesting funds for a summer youth program. Godthaab moved to authorize the promotional department to work with the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Ass'n, Inc., California Division, in the formulation of a summer program for the youth this summer and the promotional department to exceed its budget for requests for promotional funds. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

The president called the meeting to order on Thursday morning.

Don Goalie and Al Bazis of the auditing firm of Arthur Andersen were present and presented the 1969 audit report. They reviewed the report with the Board and the president accepted the report on behalf of the Board and directed the auditors to take the necessary steps to publish this report in the monthly magazine.

Requests had been received from Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine, to dissolve and transfer their membership to Lodge No. 600. The secretary-treasurer reported he had instructed the promotional director to investigate this situation and make every effort possible in an attempt to save this lodge. Hedegaard was called into the meeting to present a recommendation to the Board. He reported he had been in contact with a number of members in the lodge and studied and discussed the problems of the lodge with the membership. He stated extenuating circumstances existed and recommended this lodge be permitted to dissolve.

After due deliberation, Skelbeck moved the Board find extenuating circumstances exist in accordance with Section 67, Par. 2 of the By-Laws and allow Lodge No. 112 to dissolve. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Jorgensen reminded the Board it was their duty to present proposed By-Law amendments to the convention and these must be ready at the next Board meet-

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ing. He suggested each Board member be prepared to present proposals at the Board meeting. Certain areas must be adjusted in line with the current organizational structure and all members of the Board should work on proposed By-Law changes. He referred to the executive committee report presented at the last meeting in which certain problems existed which must be corrected at the convention.

Skelbeck moved to interpret the last paragraph in Article 6 of the Articles of Incorporation to mean Howard Christensen, secretary-treasurer, is a member of the executive committee. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

Skelbeck asked permission of the Board of Officers to use the name of the Danish Brotherhood in the Danish Brotherhood Philatelic Group. He asked permission to use the magazine to have a column starting a group of stamp collector's clubs. This permission was granted.

After lunch, the Board reconvened with John Binning, the society's legal counsel, present. Tunsen brought Binning up to date on the current California Cultural Center situation. Discussion followed concerning the role of the Danish Brotherhood in the Cultural Center Bakkedal project. It was emphasized that funds of the Danish Brotherhood were not available for financing the cultural center endeavor nor would any financial liability accrue to the Danish Brotherhood. It was noted steps were being taken to reduce the size of the project to a more workable nature, transferring certain aspects to a newly formed corporation and retaining the aspects of the project dealing with Danish culture. Upon conclusion of this discussion, John Binning was excused.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Officers of the Danish Brotherhood, the meeting was adjourned until November 2, 1970.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Cultural Center Notes

—So it was decided that the Danes would build a rock fence in the Mother Lode!

Strange combination — Danes, rock fences and the Mother Lode area. Not quite so strange when you learn that background. First, why the Danes? The answer is simple, the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Assn., Inc., is involved in a 1,200 acre project that is four miles north of Copperopolis, Calif., named "Bakkedal." This acreage will someday be an entire Danish village, complete with residential area, commercial center, airport, golf course, convention centers, youth and culture center, canals and Viking ships...all a tourist's Danish delight.

Secondly, why a rock fence? "Bakkedal" is near one of the original sites of these famous rock fences, Telegraph City. When driving to Copperopolis on Highway 4, these three to four feet high fences stretch for miles



Danes from Ripon, Fremont and Petaluma Lodges helping to create a rock fence.

making the viewer wonder just how these dry rock fences have lasted for over 100 years and who had the time to build them all.

History and the people of the area, as well as the articles that have been written deem that a stone mason named Jimmy Sykes and two brothers, Jacob and George Worth were the originators of the fences. However, the three of them weren't the only people who worked on this almost never-ending project. Keep in mind the time. This was the exciting era of the discovery of gold, copper — the great mining days. When mining would reach



Original rock fence near Bakkedal, over 100 years old

an ebb at certain points, the many hundreds of miners (made up by the way of Welsh, Italian, French, Mexican, Chilean and some Chinese) would clear the rock-laden land for later cultivation. This was basically the original reason for stacking and piling these rocks, but they actually accomplished a three-fold mission as they made excellent fences and fire walls.

The Danes felt that since their beloved project was in this historical setting, that a rock fence, at one of the entrances, would be in keeping as well as clearing their land also...one hundred years later. Another valid reason was that their property was purchased from the McCarty family who were very instrumental in the county's history as land owners, miners and a family way of life. However, their connection with the rock fences goes far beyond most of the residents of the area, because one Mabel McCarty was the niece of the Worth brothers who did so much to add to the beauty of these natural fences.

This task that the Danes have taken upon themselves will take quite some time, but the Danes love challenges and creating lasting beauty; so this project will become statewide with all of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges joining in this venture. Each weekend as the groups arrive at "Bakkedal," you will see happy families, friends, fellow Danes and interested parties joining together to build another historical landmark to this already history-filled area.

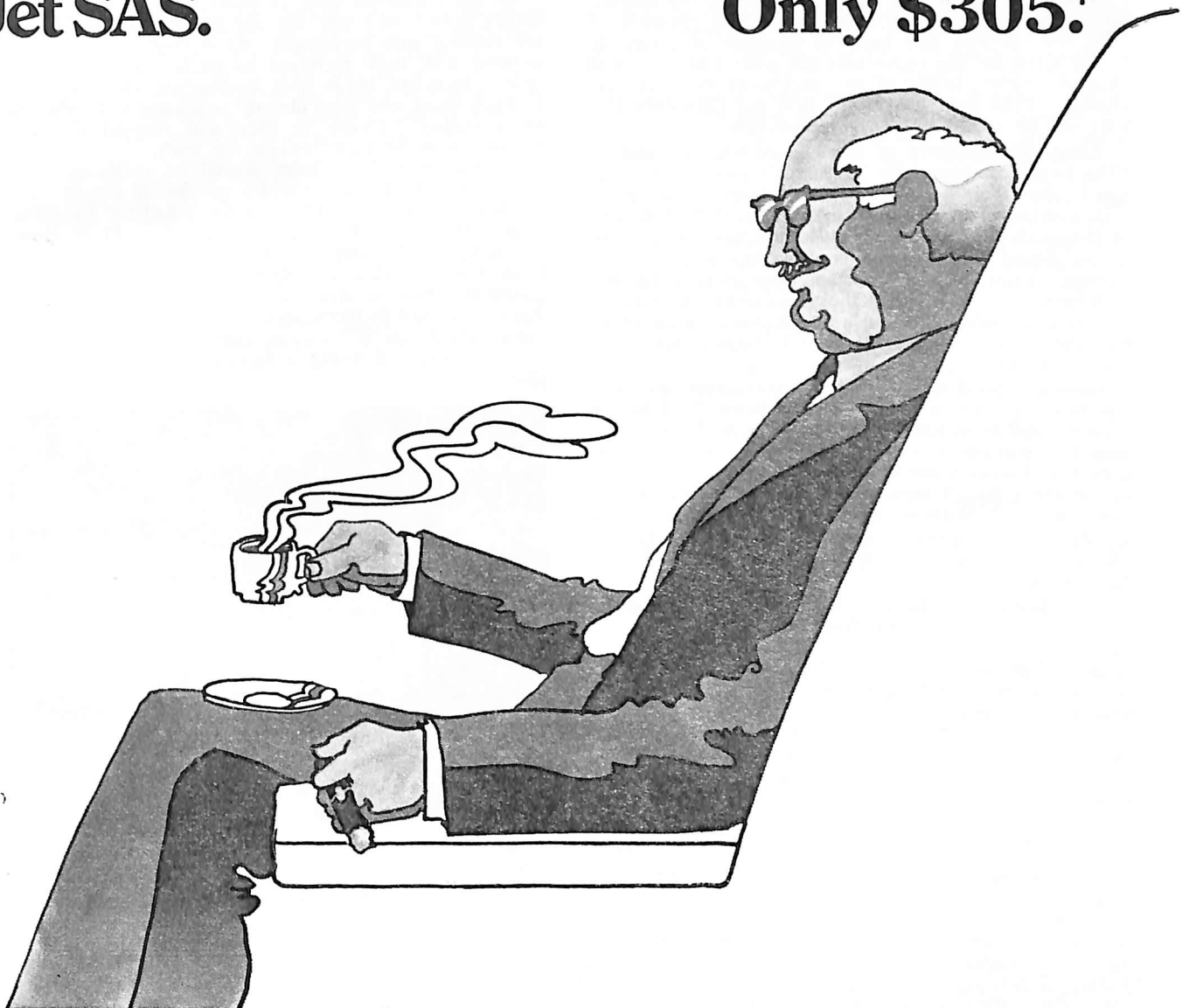
The beauty of this story is that a thousand years ago, the Danes were clearing their own small country of Denmark in the same way to make way for their agriculture as most of southern Europe was doing. Ironic as it is, they are now clearing another land for progress...their own Danish village, "Bakkedal."

Now it is understood why the decision was made that the Danes would build a rock fence in the Mother Lode!

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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I want to express a thank you to the many Brothers who have written to this column and expressed concern because of rumor to the effect that I had resigned. I have not resigned and have no intention of resigning. I was hired by the convention delegates last year and shall of course remain at this post until the next convention. Until then it appears that the California District will be served by two correspondents.

About 300 members of the Los Angeles Chapter of "Thanks to Scandinavia Inc.", visited Solvang a few weeks ago to show their feelings toward the Danes. During the Nazi occupation of Denmark during World War II tens of thousands of Jews in Denmark had their lives saved by the daring and often dangerous actions of their countrymen. Since the war many of these Jews emigrated to America and in honor of their benefactors formed the Thanks to Scandinavia Fund, which sponsors scholarships for Scandinavian students at United States colleges and other activities.

Have you tried the new Borden margarine, which is advertised as having much "Danish flavor?" I bought a pound and it was very good but though I tried very hard I was unable to taste the Danish flavor. Or could it be that I don't know what Danish flavor is — or that the ad writer doesn't know either? A man with the Polish name of Resnik came to our town recently and started an old fashioned grocery store. Business was only fair until he changed his name to Resniksen. Danish flavor? Well, maybe.

A torskegilde was held at Solvang recently. Somehow or other, the name "codfish festival" does not sound too romantic. Anyway a crowd of over 50 attended the "gilde." The committee, headed by Jorgen Hansen served all the boneless "torsk" you could eat, with boiled new potatoes and nippy mustard gravy by the bucket. The torsk was washed down with a few glasses of akvavit. Incidentally, did you know that "torskegilde" in Denmark is a term used when the internal revenue requests an audit from a taxpayer? They tell me that it is about as funny as getting a codfish bone stuck in your throat.

Brother Viggo Tarnow, who is pushing 80, has started his Danish culture and gym classes, which will culminate on Danish Days in September. Tarnow's class has over 100 young people in attendance. Tarnow gets no financial assistance or support to speak of for his work. If Brother Ferdinand Sorensen is called the "Father of Solvang," for its physical aspects, then Tarnow could, without exaggeration be called the cultural father of Solvang. Was wondering if the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Association could somehow find a way to assist Tarnow? He could and would do much more if he had substantial financial support, but I don't think he'd ever ask.

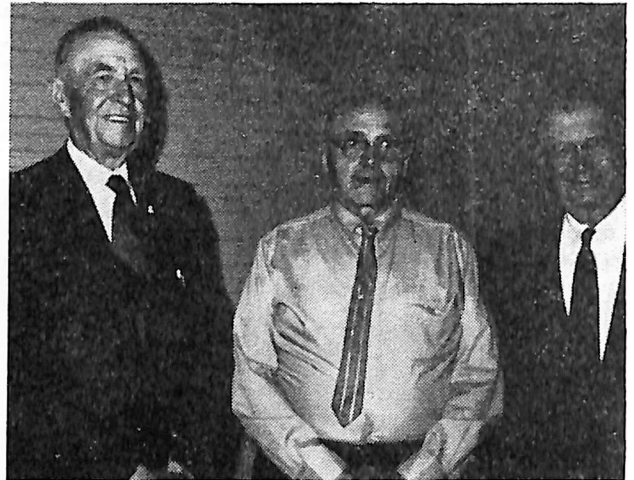
There'll be an old fashioned Fourth of July parade in Solvang. You know the kind with marching bands, led by majorettes and homemade floats. The DB Lodge has a glass case filled with trophies won at such events during the past 50 years. The making of the float is nearly always directed by general contractor Johannes Jaeger, who has much talent and energy. We meet a night or two before the Fourth and fix up a big truck usually donated for the event by Nielsen Building Materials. It is lots of fun and tends to keep us united.

A note to the secretaries of the California Lodges: Do drop us a note about your doings, before or after

the fact. We promised you lots of news from this year's convention city, Petaluma. So here is some from Nancy Cameron:

As the California state convention draws near, Petaluma's Sisterhood Lodge 126 and Brotherhood Lodge 143 are buzzing with excitement. Committee chairmen are working with their members to finalize plans for programs, banquets, bar-be-ques, decorations, etc. We wish to thank those who have already responded with ads and ticket money. Please be sure and respond as soon as possible so we may continue our work.

By now your local lodge should be receiving more detailed motel information and a schedule of events. The response to our last article in the magazine has been most satisfactory. Briefly, Thursday, you will be entertained by No. 143 and No. 126 with a champagne party, local talent and dancing. Regular meetings will be held during the days on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Friday evening will be highlighted by a chicken bar-b-que and Saturday's events will include installation, dinner and a dance. Sunday morning a farewell breakfast is being planned.



After a buffet supper April 22, DB Lodge 255 of Selma, Calif., celebrated a glorious occasion. The picture above shows the happy faces of three faithful members who were presented 50-year membership pins as tokens of appreciation for half a century of membership. From left to right, they are: Ted Nielsen, Andrew Jorgensen and Henry Nielsen. Three more members, namely Henry Pedersen, Ejnar Nystrem and Severt Thomsen were also deserving of 50-year pins, but unfortunately they could not attend the party.

HANS M. ANDERSEN.

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May 1 a lot of cars from Los Angeles, with people in them of course, headed for Las Vegas and among them a few Danish people from the Sisterhood Lodge 68 and the Brotherhood Lodge 126 of Los Angeles, 15 altogether, for the purpose of attending the second anniversary party of Silver State Lodge of Las Vegas.

Most of them came Friday afternoon, except General Committee President Eric Roug, who had to work late Friday evening. However he was there in time for a cocktail party Saturday afternoon, hosted for friends and guests from Los Angeles as well as Las Vegas by

Silver Lodge members in Mr. and Mrs. Conradsen's home on Euclid Avenue.

Saturday evening, happy time 7 p. m., dinner at 8, at the Showboat Hotel. We were served a delicious dinner and after the dinner the Silver State Lodge put on some almost professional entertainment, performed by their members. The Silver State Lodge is getting a reputation for good parties and entertainment. After the entertainment there was dancing until midnight. A little later most of us gathered at the Top of the Dunes Hotel in the beautiful lounge on the 14th floor for a short social.

May 1 was a big day for the Danes in Los Angeles, because on that day a new manager took over at the Danish Center. Since the previous manager, Mr. Dugan, has been sick for some time and still is in the hospital, Mrs. Dugan had been running the restaurant and everything connected with the Center since Mr. Dugan became ill, finally decided to give up. We now have a new manager, or as a matter of fact, a whole family: Leif Olsen, his wife Elizabeth and four sons. Leif and Elisabeth have an eye on everything and everywhere. Their son Bjarne who used to work at Scandia (three years as a cook), takes care of the culinary part; another son Gert, helps papa in the bar. Son No. 3, Jack, who by the way will graduate from high school in June, regardless of teacher strike, helps wherever he can in the kitchen and finally Son No. 4, Robert, 10 years old, is an expert on French fries. Needless to add — all male members of the family are also members of the Brotherhood.

May 9 and 10 the new manager was ready for "open house" and served approximately 1000 free sandwiches each of these days. Quite a performance. We all wish them success — and with all that combined effort how can they fail?

The traditional Grundlovs picnic is set for June 14 in Saxonia Park, Newhall (off Highway 14 on Placerita Canyon Road).

Colorado-Wyoming General Committee

We can now inform the members of our district and the Danish Brotherhood that the Colorado-Wyoming General Committee will hold its 41st state convention August 21 and 22 in Fowler, Colo., with Lodge No. 261 as host.

District President Walter Nelson of Fowler would like to emphasize to all the members in the district and members from other lodges and states, who may wish to participate in our convention this year, that they will be most welcome in Fowler and that they will do their best that everyone will have an enjoyable time.

We will have more information in a later issue of the magazine when their committee has the program finished.

The lodge always celebrates the anniversary date of their lodge with a dinner party. This year it was held May 2. My wife and I had the pleasure to be present and visit with them for this occasion. They had decorated their hall in Danish colors. Their ladies are to be congratulated as they did a tremendous job preparing this delicious dinner, 80 persons attended. It was very rewarding to speak to these members, and all the fine young people there always attend their lodge social functions. I am sure many of them will follow their father's and grandfather's footsteps and join this lodge. Brother Dwight Jensen of Fowler, who last year was awarded the Brotherhood scholarship, attended the party. He will soon have finished his second year in college at the School of Mines in Golden, Colo.

Lodge 43 in Denver received a nice letter from Miss Karen Jorgensen of Denver, who also had received the Brotherhood scholarship the last four years. She said it won't be long before she will have finished her liberal

arts education at Concordia College at Moorhead, Minn. She will be looking for a teaching job soon.

She thanked the Brotherhood for the honor it has been for her to receive this award and it has helped her reach her educational aims and goals. In her estimation, she thinks this is a worthy merit and a valuable credit to the Danish Brotherhood and thinks it has done a good job in recognizing the needs of the younger members attempting an education. She commended the Brotherhood for the fine cause and cannot thank it enough.

We have a young member, Brother Keen Juul Dal, who now lives in New Jersey. He is a drummer and we are told he is going to Holland, Belgium, Germany and Italy with his school band this year. They are going to play at the World Music Festival in Holland the first part of August. He will be gone for two weeks, leaving July 30.

Lodge No. 43 held a well attended dance party May 23, where Brothers Lief Petersen and Jorgen Sorensen worked very hard all evening to make delicious open-faced sandwiches. It was indeed a job well done by both of them. A bar was set up with refreshments and everyone had a most wonderful time.

At the next meeting, June 10, Lodge No. 43 will elect a law committee for the national convention in 1971.

On June 27, the lodge members will participate with other Scandinavian groups in Denver in their yearly mid-summer festival.

SVEND A. SONDERUP,
Secretary-Treasurer.

To Our Stamp Collectors

When one considers the fact that in many areas there are only a few days between the time one issue of the magazine is received and the deadline for copy for the following issue has arrived, I am overwhelmed by the response to my philatelic announcement in the May issue. Enthusiastic replies were received from among others, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Rockford, Blair, Buffalo, Huntington Beach and Santa Barbara. From Lodge No. 318, Copenhagen, we have a promise of support as a part of a project by the members of the lodge.

From time to time I shall draw from some of these fine letters for comments in this column. Among them we find youngsters in grade school and oldsters of sunset years. This certainly is an encouraging response and on this basis I have accepted the assignment of further exploring a stamp collector's program as an official activity of the Danish Brotherhood in America. It is a natural reaction. What else can one say to an appeal like this:

"I began to get interested in stamps about a year ago. I have enjoyed working with stamps and am making up a collection. It is interesting to learn about stamps. I hope that I could qualify to join one of your clubs. I am a junior member and am 9½ years old.

Yours truly, Cynde Christensen."

Not only will Miss Cynde qualify for stamp activity membership, but I will take a personal interest in assisting her in building her collection which at present is United States issues and the commemoratives in particular.

Several of the collectors who have written me have advanced some very keen ideas for exchange programs which will be pursued as we roll along. Meanwhile I shall enjoy hearing from many, many more of our Brotherhood philatelists.

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DB DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

HONOR ROLL

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
3—	Davenport, Iowa	10
14—	Kenosha, Wisconsin	5
126—	Los Angeles, California	6
227—	Detroit, Michigan	25
326—	West Branch, Iowa	5
328—	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	8
337—	Fremont, California	6

INDIVIDUAL

1—	Omaha, Nebr., Al Hedegaard	3
3—	Davenport, Iowa, Jack Wood	8
14—	Kenosha, Wis., Robert Ibsen	3
113—	Enumclaw, Wash., Elmer Boysen	3
227—	Detroit, Mich., Otto Pedersen	6
328—	Vancouver, B. C., Eigil Kristensen	4
328—	Vancouver, B. C., Mogens Mogensen	3

AGENT'S PRODUCTION

17—	Chicago, Ill., Carl Hansen	2
143—	Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen	6
144—	Dike, Iowa, Arthur Thode	3

TOP LODGES

GROUP I—

Lodge No. 326, West Branch, Iowa
Iowa United Lodges

GROUP II—

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, Illinois
Midwest District
Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska
Nebraska General Committee

Living Standards

Despite rather poor natural resources, the Danish population enjoys a relatively high standard of living today, one exceeded by few other countries in the world.

National production statistics indicate that consumption per inhabitant today is more than three times as much as at the turn of the century.

International comparisons of material living conditions from country to country are difficult to make, amongst other reasons because consumer combinations vary considerably.

In Denmark, just as in many other countries, expenditure on food is normally the largest item on the budget. Its importance, however is decreasing, because as the standard of living rises, an increasingly larger proportion of the individual's income is used on what may be termed luxury items.

Housing Conditions

At the population and housing census taken in 1960 there were just under 1½ million dwellings in Denmark. Of these, 12 per cent were in agricultural properties, 33 per cent in one-family houses and 44 per cent in blocks of flats.

Distribution according to type of dwelling, however varies greatly in urban and rural districts. Thus in the

capital and other towns, 75 and 50 per cent of dwellings respectively, are in blocks of flats. In the rural districts, one and two-family houses dominate.

If all the dwellings in the country were divided equally amongst the population there would be just over three persons per dwelling — as against four persons at the turn of the century.

Expressed in another way, the total dwelling space in 1960 amounted to 4,925,000 rooms, so that on an average there was just over one room per inhabitant, or just under one inhabitant per room.

In reality, however 7 per cent of the dwellings housed more than two persons per room, 21 per cent between one and two persons, 25 per cent precisely one person per room and the remaining 47 per cent of the dwellings less than one person per room.

Quite a considerable proportion of the dwellings are in very old houses. Probably almost a quarter of all dwellings were thus built more than 70 years ago, and it is estimated in Copenhagen alone more than 36,000 dwellings are ripe for demolition. This corresponds to one year's housing production for the whole country, as the number of dwellings completed per annum is in the neighborhood of 38,000 — with a tendency to increase.

This figure means that every year approximately eight new dwellings are completed per thousand inhabitants. Or calculated in terms of money, the annual housing production corresponds to just over 3 per cent of the total national production. Three-fourths of the dwellings completed nowadays comprise at least three rooms and a kitchen. This is rather more than in the total number of dwellings now existing, many of which are very small flats built towards the close of the last century. Almost three-fifths of all the dwellings completed in recent years are in the form of one or two-family houses.

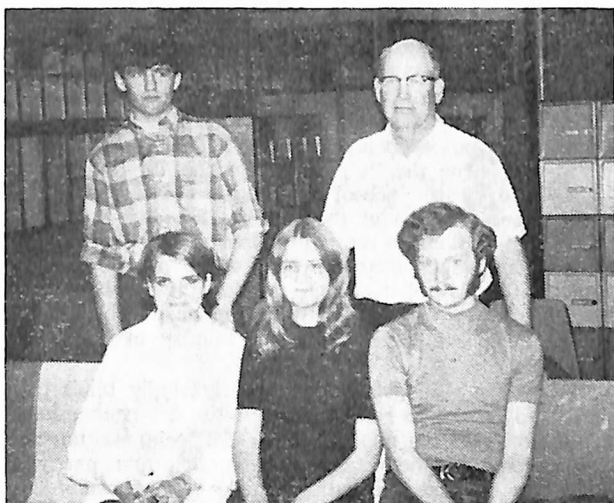
In general, what may be said of the housing situation existing today is that it does not fulfill the demands which can be made in 1966 from a social point of view as well in the interests of health and well-being. Of the total number of dwellings surveyed in 1960, 53 per cent had no central heating, 55 per cent had no bathroom, and 26 per cent had no lavatory.

The dwellings being built show an improvement both in regard to size and the way they are fitted out. But it remains to be seen whether their quality will prove good enough to meet the demands of future generations with money in their pockets to pay for what they want.

Flag Day

In an effort to remind our neighbors of our patriotism, we should all remember to fly "Old Glory" on June 14. This is on a Sunday and many people should observe the flags. This is a special project of all fraternal societies such as the Danish Brotherhood and we should do our part by paying tribute to our country's flag. It is actually the climax to national Fraternal Week. Fraternal societies have long lived by the motto that a better community makes a better nation, which in turn gives everybody a better place in which to live.

Something New in Bowling



Pictured is a family team of bowlers, something new in the national tournament entries. They are the Eastlund family of Albert Lea, Minn. Seated, left to right, Cheryl, Carla, Chris, and standing, left to right, Curtis and Dad, "Easty" Eastlund. A second and third team for Lodge No. 75 involved other young member, so after more experience, these young ones could be great competition in the years ahead.

There was one "all women" team again this year and they are moving up the line in scoring. We need more competition in this area.

The winner this year is the Danish Brotherhood team from Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale, Calif. Again we see the winner changes from year to year. Results of the tournament are as follows:

Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Prize	Place
95—Danish Brotherhood	2561	537	3098	\$100.00	1
45—No. 1	2507	567	3074	75.00	2
39—DB No. 1, Oakland	2554	519	3073	60.00	3
143—Petaluma No. 1	2710	312	3022	50.00	4
92—No. 3	2469	549	3018	45.00	5
29—The Lucky Strikes	2608	396	3004	40.00	6
92—No. 2	2479	501	2980	35.00	7
532—Valley Lodge No. 1	2495	477	2972	30.00	8
4—Baran's Club 18	2516	453	2969	27.50	9
4—DBS No. 4	2502	465	2967	25.00	10
113—Chinooks	2295	672	2967	22.50	11
263—Askov Alley Cats	2630	327	2957	20.00	12
84—No. 1	2306	642	2948	19.00	13
45—No. 2	2255	681	2936	18.00	14
306—III	2195	735	2930	17.00	15
35—Lodge No. 35	2351	579	2930	16.00	16
167—Scandia Bakery	2344	585	2929	15.00	17
283—Dagmar Co-op	2355	567	2922	14.00	18
184—Hayward No. 1	2486	417	2903	13.00	19
167—DB No. 167	2391	510	2901	12.00	20
39—DB No. 2, Oakland	2422	477	2899	11.00	21
125—Weeping Water	2354	543	2897	10.00	22
242—No. 1	2563	330	2892		23
29—Old Timers	2174	711	2885		24
113—Huskies	2273	603	2876		25
144—Dike Team No. 1	2347	528	2875		26
84—No. 2	2006	864	2870		27

89—Superior Danes	.....	2359	507	2866		28
51—Danish Brotherhood	....	2472	390	2862		29
306—I	.....	2379	480	2859		30
242—No. 3	.....	2424	432	2856		31
126—I	.....	2456	396	2852		32
325—Long Island Tigers	....	2066	786	2852		33
92—No. 1	.....	2331	519	2850		34
227—Detroit No. 3	.....	2244	600	2844		35
29—Carpenters	.....	2320	513	2835		36
172—Philadelphia South	....	2416	417	2833		37
43—Columbine Lodge 43	....	2382	432	2814		38
283—North Dagmar Kings	....	2354	456	2810		39
242—No. 4	.....	2351	459	2810		40
75—No. 2	.....	1905	891	2796		41
172—Philadelphia North	....	2513	282	2795		42
227—Detroit No. 5	.....	2209	585	2794		43
184—Hayward No. 2	.....	2082	708	2790		44
245—South Bend No. 2	.....	2308	477	2785		45
17—No. 2	.....	2250	528	2778		46
227—Detroit No. 4	.....	2207	570	2777		47
17—No. 1	.....	2206	564	2770		48
245—South Bend No. 1	.....	2238	528	2766		49
299—Solvang No. 3	.....	2248	510	2758		50
113—Great Danes	.....	2205	552	2757		51
227—Detroit No. 2	.....	2192	561	2753		52
227—Detroit No. 6	.....	2202	546	2748		53
29—Danish Diggers	.....	2234	501	2735		54
306—II	.....	2215	513	2728		55
1—Les Girls	.....	1652	1074	2726		56
126—No. 2	.....	2193	516	2709		57
242—No. 2	.....	2340	363	2703		58
227—Detroit No. 8	.....	2117	585	2702		59
1—One Plus	.....	1867	831	2698		60
227—Detroit No. 7	.....	2133	564	2697		61
75—4 Danes, 1 Swede	.....	1639	1047	2686		62
1—Lodge No. 1	.....	1865	798	2663		63
306—III	.....	1980	681	2661		64
143—Petaluma No. 2	.....	2004	657	2661		65
29—Seattle Danes	.....	1976	681	2657		66
227—Detroit No. 1	.....	2066	591	2657		67
227—Detroit No. 9	.....	2116	540	2656		68
299—Solvang No. 1	.....	2111	507	2618		69
29—Flyers	.....	2098	519	2617		70
227—Detroit No. 10	.....	2044	573	2617		71
75—No. 1	.....	1652	960	2612		72
299—Solvang No. 2	.....	1982	612	2594		73

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME WINNERS —

332—J. Jorgensen	.....	242	21	263	\$10.00	1
4—R. Thielen	.....	244	18	262	8.00	2
4—H. Bassinger	.....	210	48	258	7.00	3*
75—E. Justensen	.....	191	67	258	7.00	3*
45—H. Petersen	.....	219	35	254	6.00	5

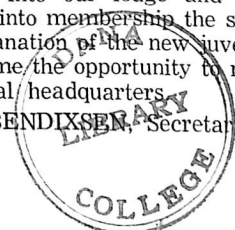
INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES WINNERS —

45—H. Petersen	.....	583	105	688	\$10.00	1
95—G. Martella	.....	552	126	678	8.00	2
75—E. Justensen	.....	472	201	673	7.00	3
29—D. Hansen	.....	571	93	664	6.00	4
95—L. Lentz	.....	575	84	659	5.00	5

NOTES FROM LODGE 326, WEST BRANCH, IOWA

On May 2 we held our meeting and had the pleasure of having Promotional Director and Mrs. Al Hedegaard as our guests from Omaha, Nebr. After a short business meeting, Brother Hedegaard conducted the initiation of Mr. and Mrs. David Nealson into our lodge and also took their two young daughters into membership the same evening. He also gave an explanation of the new juvenile applications. We always welcome the opportunity to meet the members from our national headquarters.

EVA BENDIXSEN, Secretary.





Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
17	Chicago	Erling Frederiksen	Carl Hansen
17	Chicago	Martin Fischer	Peder Hansen
39	Oakland	Wilbur Newcomer	Jacob Jensen
45	Minneapolis	Mariel Ingersoll	Jens Høj
51	Ludington	John Wolkow	Wm. O. Smith
64	Rockford	Alfred Lund	Bent Hansen
126	Los Angeles	Herman Gade	Eric Roug
143	Petaluma	Stephen Christensen	Jim Larsen
144		Dike-Einer Larson	Arthur Thode
167	Portland	Roger Hansen	Peter Pihl
190	Schenectady	Hans Biering-Petersen	C. Biering
264	Pocatello	Gunnar Jessen	Peter Norgaard
267	Brigham City	Axel Olsen, Jr.	Axel Olsen
326	West Branch	David Nealson	Howard Nealson
326	West Branch	Marlene Nealson	Howard Nealson
329	Long Beach	Robert Jones	Laura Bidstrup

JUVENILE MEMBERS

84	Lincoln	David L. Outz	Gloria Outz
84	Lincoln	Russell E. Outz	Gloria Outz
326	West Branch	Jodi L. Nealson	Howard Nealson
326	West Branch	Tamara Nealson	Howard Nealson

EDUCATION

Education in Denmark is compulsory for children between the ages of 7 and 14 years. According to the constitution, such children are "entitled to free instruction in primary schools."

Schooling is now based on the Education Act of 1958. The basic framework consists of a 7-year primary school, voluntary 8th, 9th and 10th classes, a 3-year examination division (known as a realafdeling), and grammar school.

After the first five school years (likewise wherever the number of pupils justifies the setting up of parallel classes) a division of the children is made according to outlook, ability and interests into general and literary classes, known as "a" and "b" classes, respectively.

But there is also a proviso in the law whereby, if parents so wish, classes may continue undivided through the 6th and 7th school years; such classes are then known as "c" classes. In recent years this has been practiced more and more.

Written and oral Danish and arithmetic are taught from the first class up, gradually being supplemented by a number of other subjects such as religious knowledge, history, geography, natural history, writing, physical training, singing and drawing, likewise needlework for girls and woodwork and metalwork for boys. In the 6th class, instruction is furthermore given in physics and at least one foreign language, and in the 7th class in two foreign languages (as a rule, English and German) and mathematics. After primary school, pupils may continue in the 8th, 9th and 10th classes, or transfer to the 3-year examination division.

In 8th, 9th and 10th classes, where the "a" line is

followed, tuition is given in general as well as occupationally slanted subjects. A number of optional subjects have also been introduced alongside the compulsory ones, amongst other reasons in order to render easier the transition to practical work in a subsequent occupation for such pupils as have either no desire or no ability to study further. One special line of instruction leads up to a technical preparatory examination which gives access to short technical courses.

For those on the "b" line, after the 7th class, pupils considered by the school as being suitable may go on to the three classes of the examination division. Three years in this division normally concludes a 10-year period of schooling, upon termination of which a school leaving examination is taken which entitles those who pass it to advance to various forms of higher education. The examination is also required for a number of positions in adult life.

Admission to a grammar school normally takes place after two years in a realafdeling, and is determined partly on the basis of the pupil's results in special written tests in Danish, arithmetic and mathematics and partly on the basis of recommendations made by the realafdeling concerning the pupil's aptitude for grammar school instruction. Admission to grammar school may also take place after completion of a third year in a realafdeling.

Grammar schools are divided into various lines. Instruction, apart from continued general education is intended to give pupils the necessary foundation upon which to base further studies. In the first class it is divided into two main lines, the language line and the mathematics lines; during the second and third class each of these lines is subdivided into the modern languages, classical languages and civics departments of the language line, and the mathematics-and-physics, natural science and civics departments of the mathematical line. About half of all lessons are common to all branches.

Grammar school teaching is terminated by a matriculation examination which is the highest Danish school examination, taken as a rule after a total of 12 years education.

Teachers at primary schools — from the first general primary class to the third "realskole" class — are trained at teachers' training colleges that are independent of the universities. Instruction at these colleges is given in the various school subjects as well as in educational theory, psychology and practical teaching methods.

Trained teachers have an opportunity to receive further specialized instruction at the Royal Danish College of Education. Teachers at gymnasiums must have a university degree.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

It was a "red letter day" at Tacoma's DB No. 33 and DSS No. 19 when the lodges staged a testimonial tribute dinner for Brother C. Fred Christensen, long time secretary-treasurer of the Danes and equally charter executive board member of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home. On behalf of the National Board, President Kristen Jorgensen not only congratulated Brother Christensen, but also had the privilege of pinning a 50-year emblem on Brother William Mathiesen of Council Bluffs, DB 10. With a delicious roast beef dinner served at Brother Benni Andersen's Lakewood Terrace Restaurant, about 60 Sisters and Brothers from Seattle, Enumclaw and Tacoma, joined in a fellowship evening for C. Fred. President Henning Lindberg was master of ceremonies and presented the celebrant with not only a box of cigars "which he hoped would go up in smoke" but also a check for the salary which Fred had neglected to collect the past many, many years. Pacific Northwest Danish Home President Ed Olsen spoke for his board of directors, Past President Ingvald Nielsen made remarks for Enumclaw's DB 113, past president of two lodges, Norbert E. Grove represented DB 33, former secretary Paul Hansen remarked for Seattle DB 9 and Past District President Sam Fredricksen talk on behalf of the Oregon, Washington and Canadian lodges. Many others offered praise for "service rendered" including Vice President Martin Rasmussen. Anna Laursen and Abilone Jorgensen spoke for the "merry widows" who Christensen had long since favored and then to conclude the evening, "Fritz" lived up to his reputation and made a lengthy speech but to which we listened with intent. The date — April 18.

"Everything was under control for the DB and DSS convention in Portland." Quote from Host President Sigurd Nielsen, a past district president of the Pacific Northwest. The souvenir program was beautiful and reservations were given "red carpet treatment" at the Flamingo Motel, conclave headquarters. Meetings were conducted by District President Hans Jensen. Special guest was Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen from the home office who conducted the installation. New officers include, President Kris Jorgensen of Seattle, Vice President Henning Lindberg of Tacoma, Secretary-Treasurer Erik Gloet of Vancouver, B. C., Conductor Paul Christensen of Vancouver, Inner Guard Max Madsen of Portland, Outer Guard Walter Hansen of McMinnville and Trustees Niels Nedergaard, Enumclaw; Lawrence Cook, Portland; and Emil Larsen, Spokane. Promotional chairman is Enumclaw's Elmer Boysen.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Danish Home, comprised of delegates and friends from all Danish lodges, churches, clubs and organizations, is this year on July 11 at 10010 Des Moines Way, South Seattle. Coffee will be served at 2:30 with a no-host dinner at 6:30 and reservations are required. On Sunday, the following day, their 46th annual picnic will be held featuring a special program at 3 p. m. "Be sure to attend this annual gathering and visit the new building and landscaped grounds," says Secretary Paul C. Hansen of 5626 48th Ave. SW, Seattle.

The 37th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival was another Pacific Northwest success. "King Alfred" saluted the greatest show on earth as the many ringed circus of activities included parades, marine regattas, ethnic groups, flower displays and the breathtaking beauty of millions of golden daffodils. Danes of the area are as ardent enthusiasts as all the rest of the nature lovers.

Congratulations to Brother Paul Strand, former national promotional director who has been promoted at

Dana. For six years, Brother Strand has been busy with developments, fund raising and alumni affairs at Blair, Nebr. Paul will continue working with the Danish-American division of Dana College.

Seattle's annual anniversary party on April Fool's Day was a celebration success complete with a Danish menu and schnaps — thanks to Brothers Sam Frederiksen, Frank Larsen, Fred Hewes, Ib Rossen and Jim Langsted. "Don't forget the fishing derby scheduled for August 9 at Westport." Quote from President James B. Langsted. "August 30 is the date of the lodge picnic," so says Chairman Frank Larsen. Did you know that Brother Ted Koefoed can impersonate an eagle? Delegates to the Pacific Northwest Danish Home were Brothers Flemming Sorensen and Clyde Langsted. Brother Jens Briggs is reported to have passed away several months ago. Past District President Jens Nielsen has been appointed DB insurance representative for this area. Elmer Christensen is the latest new member in DB 9. Brother and Mrs. Paul Hansen vacationed in California during April.

Enumclaw's President Niels Nedegard is the same Brother who for years was the Detroit correspondent for this magazine. DB 113 hosted the quarterly meeting of the Northwest Danish Home directors April 11. Past President Jens Holm evidently didn't bowl in the Bowlera Danish tournament as your correspondent saw him en route to Wenatchee where he bowled for the Shriners. Latest new members are Brothers Joseph Gulan, John Williams, Robert Nearhood and Robert Jorgensen. A special bowling proprietors tournament at Vancouver, Wash., included Brothers Einar Bruhn, Elmer Boysen, Niels Nedegard, John Rieck and Jack Oakley on May 16.

Portland's Past President C. Ed Hirsch did a little "convention campaigning" in March and April, visiting DB 29 in Seattle on the 18. Brother Sig and Florence Nielsen had Easter dinner in Kenosha, Wis., where he joined DB 14 over 40 years ago. Brother Thorvald Sorensen of Salem has passed away. Brothers Harry Miller and Pete Pihl, as well as Sister Ellen Rasmussen of DB 194 are presently visiting Denmark. Brother Lawrence and Carla Cook vacationed in Las Vegas during the month of May.

Tacoma's Past President Norbert Grove has been busy speaking to chambers of commerce groups, Rotary clubs, banker's associations and church organizations on his and Sonia's sojourn to the Scandinavian countries and the Iron Curtain. At a special meeting of DB 33 on March 22 in Vice President Martin Rasmussen's home in Puyallup, the following met: President Henning Lindberg, Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen, oldest member Maurice Millgard, newest member Anker Kjar, Elhard Christensen, Norb Grove and Axel Schmidt (the latter, a member of Des Moines, Iowa DB 15.)

Vancouver, B. C.'s Past District President Svend A. Johansen has been replaced as vice president of DB 328 by Osvald Nielsen. "The Sparks" — Brothers Jens Miller, Ole Pedersen, Gisse Andreassen, Marius Jensen and Svend Pedersen — were first prize winners and recipients of the Peter Pihl traveling trophy at the recent district bowling tournament.

STOCK MARKET DOWN

Many reports these days remind us of the decline in the stock market, but you don't need to look, your cash value in your Danish Brotherhood certificate that has cash value, increased yesterday, today and will increase tomorrow.



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Message from the GCEL President, to all Lodges:

Our convention this year is slowly but surely coming closer and closer and by now you have selected a delegate. What many of you haven't done is send in motions, resolutions, etc., to be considered and discussed at the convention. What is more important yet, is motions and resolutions or amendments to our national convention next year. This is the last time we can discuss these and present them as a group. Let's go to work now and instruct your delegate. This is important, so please don't take it lightly. Have a nice summer and see you in Erie.

FLEMMING HINRICHSSEN.

Attention delegates to the convention:

Again this year we are planning a group flight for the delegates and brothers on the East Coast. This was very successful in 1966, so we will try it again. We will leave from Newark airport by Alleghany Airlines to Erie, on Saturday morning, September 5, and return to Newark the afternoon of the 7th. Since this is a heavy traveled weekend, it is important that we make reservations now. So if you are interested, contact George Godthaab, 400 Martin Ave., Union, N. J. 07083. Make your reservation now!

Flight "70" News — All plans have now been completed for our flight. Because of lack of interest this year, the charter flight had to be changed to a group flight with approximately 110 people. Departure from New York on June 17, and arrival in Copenhagen at 8 a. m. on June 18 and we will depart on July 16, which will give participants four full weeks in good old Denmark. A visit to Carlsberg has been confirmed and we are waiting for confirmation of a visit to Raadhuset and "Erichsens Palace" in Handelsbanken. We are hoping for nice weather and an enjoyable stay.

FLEMMING HINRICHSSEN,

Chairman Flight "70"

ELMER W. JENSEN, Co-Chairman.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Look who's going to Denmark: Brother Herbert Nelson and wife on May 22, Sister Lizzie Nielsen and daughters on June 12, Brother

John Svendsen on June 19, Sister Aase DeAloisio on June 24, and Asbjorn Guldhauge and his bride on June 28. We bid them all bon voyage and a safe return.

All officers were re-elected with the exception of vice president and trustee. The newly elected vice president is Brother Herbert R. Nelson and the new trustee is Brother Henry R. Nelson. As the Sisters also elected officers, a joint installation will take place in our meeting hall June 19. A buffet will be served and you are invited.

We were happy to have Brother Harbo Jensen and "Gus" Gustavsen from nearby Massachusetts at our last meeting.

Sister Agnes Aust has once again invited all members and their families to picnic at her summer home in Charlestown, R. I., on July 12; rain date, July 19.

Brother Fred Mortensen is now at home after several weeks in the Kent Nursing Home. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

On behalf of the lodge, President Braumann presented all the Sisters present at the coffee table a pot of geraniums in honor of Mother's Day. They were really surprised and grateful.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. On May 5th, Denmark celebrated the 25th anniversary of the ending of the German occupation. Those of us who are old enough to remember those days and those of us who were active participants in the events that brought World War II to an end, surely celebrated the quarter century that has passed.

The John Keegans are to be congratulated on the addition to the family, an adopted boy named Peter John. Ove Krebs has visitors from Iceland, Ragna Krebs' parents are currently on visit. Bent Busch-Petersen has been visiting in Japan on a business trip. Paul Bull has been involved in an accident and ended up with a broken arm. We wish him a quick recovery.

The fall camping trip has now been scheduled for the weekend of September 11-13 at Echo Farms Campground, Seaville, N. J., 5 to 7 minutes from the beach and 10 minutes from Kaj's famous bakery. Reserve the



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
Mar 9	Preben Kai Johnston	49	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1940
Feb 25	Ludwig Jensen	70	Horsens, Denmark	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1935
Apr 1	Leslie C. Cave	76	Bakersfield, California	39	Oakland, California	1942
Mar 28	Ralph T. Knutzen	64	Burlington, Washington	155	Bellingham, Washington	1950
Mar 31	Otto Birk	87	Borup, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1918
Apr 3	Alfred Bay	52	Dillon, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1936
Feb 18	Kristian H. Jepsen	86	Jordsby, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1905
Apr 26	Andreas Hansen	84	Oro, Denmark	157	Audubon, Iowa	1913
Apr 16	Edward Geo. Ludvigsen	79	Jackson, Minnesota	96	Jackson, Minnesota	1909
Apr 26	Jens K. Paulsen	73	Skive, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1926
Apr 21	Walter G. Hansen	84	Ludington, Michigan	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1906
Apr 18	Carl Petersen	92	Raadbjerg, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1913
Apr 23	Oluf A. Jensen	59	Roskilde, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1951
May 3	Thorvald P. Sorensen	52	Copenhagen, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1954
Apr 25	Hans P. Lund	75	Skodborg, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1943
Apr 25	Axel G. Jorgensen	60	Clinton, Iowa	11	Clinton, Iowa	1941
May 4	Simon Hansen	90	Maple Valley, Michigan	210	Grand Rapids, Michigan	1905
Apr 18	Frederick Norden Petersen	54	Oakland, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1969
Apr 24	Lars E. Buus	75	Froer Skorpung, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1965
Apr 27	Hans T. Nielsen	90	Esbjerg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1941
May 7	Jens C. Thomsen	91	Brønderslev, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1968

date now and contact John Hinrichsen for further information and reservations. John's address is 514 Essex Avenue, Norwood, Pa. 19074.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. VP Teddy Mikkelsen and Olin Yauchler represented the lodge at the recent convention of the Danish Home for the Aged in Metuchen, N. J., and reported a nice gathering and a good time.

George Christiansen was elected delegate and Olin Yauchler alternate to the GCEL convention to be held this Labor Day weekend at Erie, Pa.

Brother Marius Nielsen a 63-year member of our lodge, who is now 89 years old, is feeling somewhat brighter after his ordeal of an amputated leg. The visiting committee called on Marius at St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam and presented a basket of flowers on behalf of the lodge, together with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Condolences to Brother Paul Ljungreen on the recent loss of his wife. Paul is having his fill of hard luck. The committee calling on Paul found him just recovering from a nasty case of the flu.

Get your picnic outfits out of moth balls and be ready. A Sister and Brotherhood committee are planning for a joint event this summer and that means only one thing — a picnic!

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Our Next Convention Lodge. Following members of the law committee were elected at the meeting on May 8: Olaf Hansen, Oluf Andersen, Ole Beck, Marius Melgaard and Otto Jonassen. Brother Jørn Hansen was elected delegate to the GCEL convention.

Mrs. Louise R. Wells, wife of deceased Brother Dorr A. Wells and mother of Brother Robert A. Wells, passed away April 22. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt. At the regular meeting on April 14, Green Mountain Lodge had the pleasure of presenting a 50-year pin to Brother Chris Bjorn. President Kenney Lunde did the honors with the aid of Vice President Carl Olsen. Brother Christ started in the painting trade at the early age of 16, did a stretch with the Army when World War I came along, then worked six years

for a furniture store after that he returned to painting until two years ago when he retired. On the picture, left to right, President Lunde, and Brothers Bjorn and Olsen. Brother Chris was 73 in December. May he and his wife Marion live happily



in their retirement. Refreshments were served. One juvenile was initiated into membership of the lodge.

Our Treasurer Linda McLeod became the bride of William John at St. Monica's Church on March 7, with relatives and guests numbering 250. Members of Green Mountain Lodge extend best wishes.

CHRIS R. MIKKELSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. It was a pleasure to have Tage's mother, Mrs. Wibroe from Denmark as one of our guests at the April meeting. Hope that she will join us again. Best wishes for a happy vacation here. Brother Flemming Hinrichsen of No. 172, Philadelphia, was another welcome guest. He spoke about the coming GCEL convention to be held in Erie.

We are glad to report that Rose Wibro is recovering nicely from a recent operation. Brother Harry Larsen is reported very sick and is now confined to the hospital

"God Bedring Harry." We are all pulling for you. A get-well card will be appreciated. His address: Tall Tree Lane, Smithtown, N. Y.

News From Sunny Florida

Another brother has gone, Marius Krogh, formerly of No. 18 in Chicago, passed away March 11 at Burbank, Calif. As per his wishes, his ashes were distributed over the countryside. He was not 71 as printed in the death report in the May issue, he had been a member for 46 years and was past 80. We honor his memory!

At our April meeting we had visitors Hans Swane and Secretary Sigurd Holme of Lodge 116, New Jersey. Sigurd had a deuce of a time finding the meeting place. Have often wondered why the meeting places of Danish Brotherhood Lodges is a deep dark secret, but it seems so! They are rarely mentioned in the magazine.

Our dear ladies have served coffee and cakes and even "smørrebrød" since last fall, so we had a ladies' dinner in April and a good time was had by the 38 people present.

GUNO KARLBERG,
Secretary, Lodge 321.

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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By **CARL J. HANSEN, 31607 Carion Drive
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News from Lodge 227, Detroit —

April 22, we held our meeting with 45 Brothers attending. It was decided that because the Denmark trip leaving July 1, and our club room being closed from the 1st to the 15th, plus vacation plans of many members, there will be no lodge meetings during July. We will hold a meeting June 24 and then the next meeting will be August 12.

April 23, one of our past presidents, Olaf Jensen, passed away. His loss will be deeply felt by Lodge 227 — he was a very active and treasured Brother.

On May 13 the meeting was preceded by our monthly dinner consisting of stuffed chicken breasts, potatoes, gravy, coffee and pastry — 130 members were on hand to participate.

Six new members were initiated: Karl Andersen, Henry Holdenburg, Verner Vollquartz, George Rasmussen, Richard Ayer and Donald Bullard. They were bid welcome by Junior Past President Chris Fabricius.

Two Brothers were on hand to receive their 60-year pins: Knud Nielsen, who joined the lodge in January, 1910; and Carl Nielsen, our only living charter member, who joined in September, 1905. Presentations were made by Past President Carl J. Hansen.

A report was made on the bowling trip to Kenosha, Wis. Sad to say but No. 227 failed to distinguish themselves and had to relinquish the trophy they won in 1969. Otherwise, socially, everyone had a very good time. After all that is the prime reason for these treks — to meet old friends, socialize and have a good time.

News From Lodge 51, Ludington —

April 15, Lodge 51 had its regular monthly pinochle party with President and Mrs. William Smith and Brother Albert Christoffersen on the committee. After the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck lunch was served.

April 23 we held a regular business meeting with Past President Howard Bentz conducting the meeting. Brother Herber Tacktor, Jr., won the "Don Wagner Special

Award." Brother Stanley Schilling's name was called for the jackpot but he was absent.

Regular business meeting was held May 14, this time conducted by President William Smith. The "Don Wagner Special" was awarded to Secretary Earl Jensen. The name of Brother Alfred W. Hansen was called for the jackpot, but he was absent.

May 15 was our "pre-convention warm-up." Music was provided by Gerry Budreau with his electric organ and there was plenty of sociability with group singing. Brother Howard Bentz popping popcorn and some special songs from our own "Lodge No. 51 Nightengales." On May 16 the Michigan-Ohio convention convened in Ludington but this will be reported by District Secretary Larry Ritter.

A great big thanks to all who helped make our convention an enjoyable and memorable event. General chairman was Howard Bentz, with his wife Lucille, and Lois Soneral in charge of much of the activity in lining up the ladies, the food, the favors, etc. All the Brothers helped in so many ways, that they are too numerous to list here — but all the help was very much appreciated.

To our new members, John Wolkow and Alvin Garcia, a big "welcome" into our lodge and we hope you will make all our meetings and activities and enjoy the fraternalism of the Danish Brotherhood.

Get-well wishes go to Brother Viggo Clausen — and to Brothers Arthur Hansen and Raymond Hanson — nice to see you off the sick list and active again.

A. LARSEN, Correspondent.

Askov to Host State Convention

Askov Lodge No. 263 will host the annual state convention of the United DB Lodges of Minnesota this year. The dates set are Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26. **National President Kris Jorgensen** of Seattle, Wash., will be present and all Minnesota lodge members are urged to come to the friendly little town of Askov to meet the national president of the Danish Brotherhood.

There will be a business session at the American Legion Hall Saturday afternoon and a banquet will be held in the evening with President Jorgensen as the guest speaker.

There will be a picnic Sunday in the local park and plans for entertainment for the two days are in the hopper. Plan now to spend the weekend of July 25 and 26 in Askov.

BYRON W. PETERSEN, State Sec.

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