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## 1971 National Convention Entertainment

The group in this picture consists of children of Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood families in the San Diego area. They have been organized as the JADA's (Junior Association of Danish Americans) to learn of Danish folk dancing and culture and are sponsored, directed and financed by the two local fraternal organizations. In this particular picture the group was preparing to dance for the 1970 Grundlovsdag celebration in San Diego.

The JADA's have appeared in special occasion programs in San Diego and have been acclaimed by many audiences over the past few years. The JADA's are scheduled as one of the main attractions to perform for the Danish Brotherhood National Convention delegates and convention guests in September 1971. It will be a pleasure to enjoy these strong advocates of the theme "We'll Work As One For Seventy-One."

A. W. NORGAARD, Secretary,  
San Diego Lodge No. 306.

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P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131**By-Law Recommendations**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Par. 2 of the by-laws, I am submitting recommendations concerning by-law changes for consideration by the respective lodge law committees. In this report to you I am submitting my recommendations in general terms principally for the purpose of stimulating ideas and thought. I propose to follow this with a second and more specific report in which specific wording for some changes will be suggested.

The following recommendations are proposed:

**Recommendation 1** — Under the present Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws the Secretary-Treasurer need not be an elected member of the Board of Officers. I suggest that whenever this situation exists the Secretary-Treasurer be accorded an "Ex Officio," non-voting membership status on the Board of Officers. As the day-to-day executive in charge of the Home Office I feel it would enhance his ability to carry out the many duties placed upon him if he has such a status. See Articles VI and VII.

**Recommendation 2** — Under Section 14, Par. 2 of the By-Laws, the members of the Board of Officers, with the exception of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, are paid a small salary. I recommend that this be entitled an expense allowance. This would simplify income tax reporting and in addition would possibly relieve the Society of the requirement to pay Social Security taxes on these amounts. Since under most circumstances members of the Board are already covered under Social Security in other activities this should not affect them adversely.

**Recommendation 3** — In line with suggestion No. 1 the Secretary-Treasurer should be an "Ex Officio" member of the Investment Committee when he is not an elected Board member. The present Section 15, Par. 8 of the By-Laws requires the Investment Committee mem-

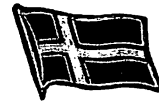
bers to be members of the Board. Since the Secretary-Treasurer is required to spend his time on the investments of the Society and has the most up-to-date knowledge of the status of investments and funds he should logically have a status on this committee.

**Recommendation 4** — Section 23, Par. 1 establishes a schedule of election of law committees, delegates, appointment of the nine-man committee on laws and similar pre-convention activities. I feel this schedule as adopted at the last convention is an unrealistic one and recommend that we revert to the one in effect previously. If the nine-man law committee will meet in advance of the convention and then publish their recommendations so that the lodges will be aware of them I believe the objective of the changes made last time will be met but with a much more realistic time schedule.

**Recommendation 5** — Section 23, Par. 2 provides for the payment of expenses for the nine-man law committee while in session but did not provide for the payment of travel expenses to get there. While the Board undoubtedly can authorize this expenditure I feel that the By-Laws should provide for this.

**Recommendation 6** — Section 24, Par. 3 provides for the so-called "five man" proposals originating on the floor of the convention. The original purpose of this proviso was to enable overlooked items to be brought to the attention of the delegates for possible action. In recent conventions this proviso has been used to circumvent and bypass the law committee. It has been the source of much poor and often conflicting legislation and been a very time consuming factor in the recent conventions. There is a definite need for a procedure to permit proposals to be raised from the floor. In order to avoid the misuse of this proviso and yet retain it for use when needed I would recommend that the five man committee proposal procedure be retained but add the proviso that all such motions must be referred to the law committee for study and recommendation. The nine man law committee must return the proposal for final action accompanied by their recommendation. Both majority and minority reports could be submitted in accordance with normal parliamentary procedure.

**Recommendation 7** — The present By-Laws require



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the hiring of an assistant secretary-treasurer and a full time promotional director. I do not question the desirability of having these positions but I do question the need to make them required by the By-Laws. I would propose that the Board be given discretionary powers in this matter and omit these positions as By-Laws requirements. The Board can then fill them as needed and assign duties as needed.

**Recommendation 8** — Section 61, Par. 8 provides for a grant of up to \$25.00/month to a member who desires to enter an old people's home. I would recommend that an increase to \$50.00 be considered.

**Recommendation 9** — I would suggest that the question of additional fraternal benefits be studied, consistent however with our ability to pay for them. I would caution that we must be very careful not to over-extend ourselves by instituting far-reaching and expensive programs. At the same time this should not prevent us from giving thought to improving our benefits in these areas. The Board of Officers will be specifically asked to study this aspect of our fraternal programs.

**Recommendation 10** — Section 98, Pars. 9 and 10 provide for the authorization of tours conducted by districts and local lodges. I would recommend that these paragraphs be modified so as to eliminate the requirement of Board permission provided however that all tours made under the name of the Society be conducted in

such a manner as not to discredit the Society or its member lodges. I would comment that up to the present, to my knowledge, this has not been a problem and all tours have been creditably conducted. I would retain the provision that no tours be advertised more than one year prior to departure and further that all ads in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine must be paid for at regular advertising rates.

The above recommendations are submitted to stimulate thought and ideas. Specific wording of some of these proposed changes will be recommended in a later issue of the magazine.

Fraternally submitted,  
KRISTEN JORGENSEN, President,  
The Danish Brotherhood in America.

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## DANISH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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## Midwest District Denmark Flight

On June 17, 179 members of the Danish Brotherhood and their families left Chicago for a direct flight to Copenhagen, Denmark aboard a 195-passenger KLM Royal Dutch Airlines Super DC-8 aircraft.

This is the third consecutive successful Midwest District sponsored tour, with over 400 people taking part.

The participants of this tour as in the past have received a refund based on the number of seats sold. This time it amounted to \$40.00, which made the actual price \$260.00 per seat.

Possibly, the next flight to Denmark will be in 1972. The rules state that a charter flight is available only to

bona-fide members of the Danish Brotherhood at the time of application for the charter. It is also available to the member's immediate family. This includes spouse and dependent children of the member, provided they are accompanied by the member. It does not include widows of the Danish Brotherhood members, unless the widows are members — nor does it include members of the Danish Sisterhood.

Those who participated in this tour had a most enjoyable flight and a wonderful visit to Denmark.

It has been my pleasure to act as the tour chairman and I am looking forward to the next flight.

KEN JANSEN.



## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

### Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan —

On July 15, Lodge 51 held its monthly pinochle party. The committee consisted of President and Mrs. William Smith and Brother Albert Christofferson. Potluck luncheon was served and prizes awarded.

On July 23 a social evening was scheduled, but as we had a member to be initiated we took care of this matter and initiated Richard Leonard into the lodge. For the jackpot, Brother James Hansen, Sr.'s name was called but he was absent. Brother Harvey Lindeman was awarded the "Don Wagner Special Award."

Our big event for the month was our baseball excursion to Milwaukee. Our group of 40 strong left on the C&O train ferry for Milwaukee at 8:30 a. m. July 31. On board ship we were royally treated, thanks to Brother William Klemm. He had arranged for us to have our dinner in a private dining room and also arranged several tours of the engine room and the pilot house for those members who desired to make the tour. After arriving in Milwaukee we were met by a chartered bus and taken to the Miller Brewery for a tour and also a few samples of their product. Then by bus to the baseball game between the New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Brewers. After the two-night doubleheader it was back to the train ferry for a midnight trip home, arriving at 6 a. m., Saturday morning. We owe a lot of "thanks" to Trustee Donald Wagner for his efforts in planning this tour and making all the arrangements which went off without a hitch. Also "thanks" to Brother William Klemm for all his efforts. Many of the members are already talking of another trip for next year. I am sure all of us that made the trip will remember the good time and the fraternalism we enjoyed.

On August 13 we held a regular business meeting presided over by President William Smith. Brother Al Sequin missed out on the jackpot. This was one of the few meetings Brother Al has missed and I am sure he wishes he hadn't missed this one. The "Don Wagner Special" was awarded to Vice President Kenneth Johnson. After the meeting a lunch of sweet corn and hot dogs was enjoyed. The corn was donated by Brother Dennis Hansen and the corn shucking was done by Trustee Gilbert Larsen, Vice President Kenneth Johnson and Brother Douglas Hansen.

Plans are in the making for the annual picnic on August 30. Brother Marlin Fouts is in charge.

Vice President Kenneth Johnson will be in charge of making plans for our series of dances this fall and winter.

A. LARSEN, Correspondent.

### Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan —

After a recess during the month of July, Lodge 227 reconvened August 12. The meeting was preceded by the monthly dinner which consisted of Dansk Hakkebøf with 125 in attendance.

During our close down, our banquet hall has been redecorated with paneled walls, beamed ceiling, chandeliers, authentic imported Danish coach lights on the walls. Still to come is carpeting and tapestry inserts on the walls. It is very beautiful and must be seen to be fully appreciated. We were very proud of our club before, but now undoubtedly so.

At the meeting four new members were initiated: Thomas Anderson, Nielsen Dalley, Paul Cuolahan and Jorgen Larsen. The new members were bid welcome by Past President Carl J. Hansen.

The Midwest Convention to be held September 12 and 13 in Rockford, Ill., will be attended by Past President

Carl B. Jensen as delegate and Past President Carl J. Hansen, as member of the executive board.

Our bowling league will be starting September 11 at Redford Recreation, Grand River and Lahser Road, at 7 p. m. Any Brothers interested in participating, see Treasurer Paul Carlsen who is league president or Harold Larsen, league secretary.

During the month of July many of our members, including your correspondent and wife, went on the Danish Club of Detroit charter flight to Denmark. There were 250 people on board, direct from Detroit to Copenhagen. The flight was very smooth and without any incidence. Upon arrival after nine hours of flight, my wife and I plus 24 others had signed up for an extra-curricular tour by bus of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The only disquieting note was that although we had all paid for, and were assured by the Copenhagen Tour Bureau of first class all the way, we did not receive it. While the bus was fine, our driver superb, and tour guide first rate, our arranged accommodations and meals left much to be desired. The meals, while quality was good, quantity and variety was below standard. Evidently they cut corners in favor of profits.

However, on our return to Copenhagen for the remainder of our stay, my wife and I were more than compensated. We met family I had not seen since a child and many I had never known. We were wine and dined like royalty with red carpet treatment all the way. Our only regret was when the day arrived that we had to leave to come home.

We enjoyed ourselves so much that we are looking forward to making another trip in the near future, but hopefully of a longer duration.

CARL J. HANSEN, Correspondent.

A THOUGHT — I love the Christmastide, and yet I notice this each year I live; I always like the gifts I get, but how I love the gifts I give. —Carolyn Wells.

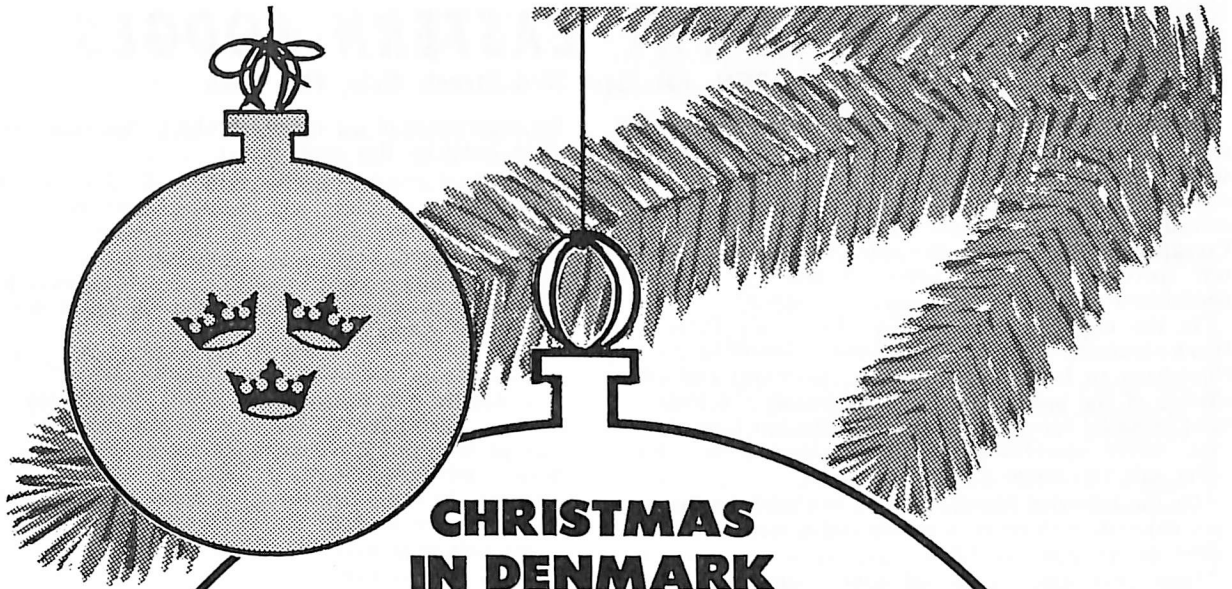
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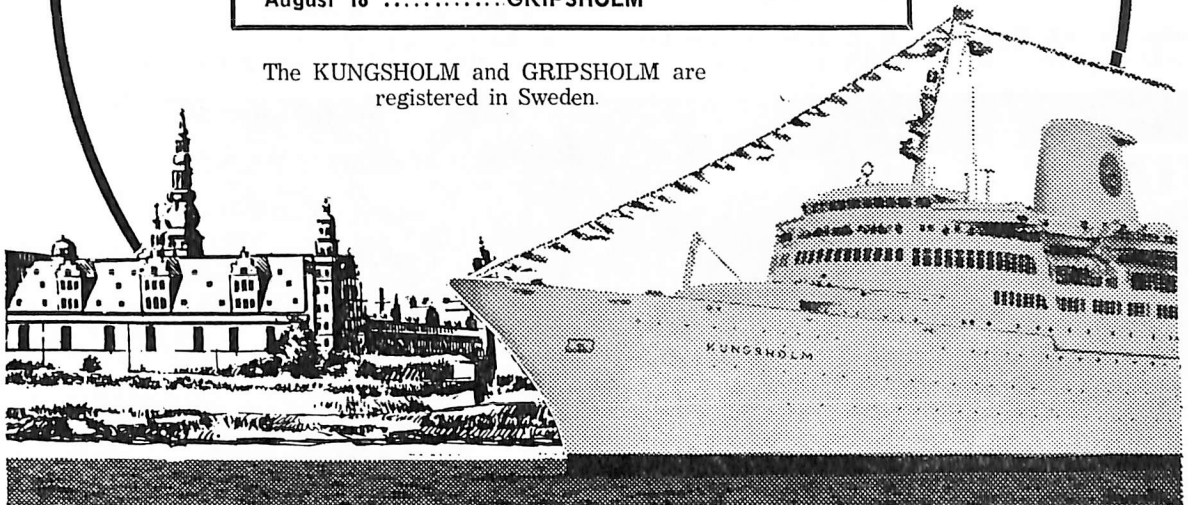
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

**Flight "70" News From Denmark.** After a nice flight to Copenhagen, 117 people arrived in Kastrup for a four weeks stay. On the following day a group of over 50 attended the reception in City Hall, where they were received by Hon. Lord Mayor Urban Hansen and the new President of City Council Hon. Mr. Weidekamp. After a few speeches, everyone enjoyed a glass of wine and pandekager.

In the afternoon they visited "Erichsen's Palae" in Handelsbanken, where they were bid welcome by Jorgen Hinrichsen (a brother to the flight chairman) and other officers of the bank. After a tour through the Palae, a most beautiful reception was held on the top floor restaurant, where open-faced sandwiches, layer cakes, beer, coffee and you name it, was served.

On the following Monday a visit to Carlsberg Brewery was enjoyed, with much interest, and a taste of the different brews was available.

Once again this GCEL had a very successful trip to Denmark and we will try it again in 1971.

FLEMMING HINRICHTSEN, Flight Chairman.  
ELMER W. JENSEN, Co-Chairman.

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** Our annual picnic, held on July 26, was well attended and everybody had a good time. Eleane Sorensen, Ella and Eigil Bjarnoe tried something new, corn on the cob and fish fried.

September 13, the Vasa Order is having their picnic in South Meriden and we hope to see several members there.

In October we are planning a dinner-dance. The folk dancers will serve a dinner before the dance. More about this in next month's issue. In the meantime we hope to see you in South Meriden on September 13.

CHRIS SIMONSEN, Sec.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** Now that the vacation season is over, we are looking forward to hearing

the experiences of our members who visited Denmark and other countries this past season.

Our next regular meeting will be Friday, September 18, in the usual place and many subjects of prime interest to the membership will be discussed. You are urged to attend.

Congratulations and good luck to Brother Edmund Sorensen who recently retired after 46 years with the Providence Gas Co.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Brother Jay Christiansen, our recently resigned secretary and editor, was presented a traveling bag before he left for California. We expect the bag will soon be worn out with his coast to coast trips and we hope he stops in for a visit whenever he finds his way back here.

The following were elected to serve on the law committee in preparation for the national convention to be held in San Diego, Calif., in 1971: Chairman George Christiansen, Clarence Hansen, Olin Yauchler, Teddy Mikkelsen, Ole Hansen and Chris Biering.

Brother John Larsen of Hagaman is convalescing at home following a siege of pneumonia which required him being admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, for a short stay. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

We received word that Brother Edwin Nielsen was a patient in Percy Hospital, Rockville Center, Long Island. Arrangements were made to have flowers delivered to him, but being so distant, it was impossible for our sick committee to visit him. A letter to this effect was sent to Long Island Lodge 325 and by return mail, the secretary of that lodge assured us that one or more of their members would pay our ill Brother a visit. Our thanks to Lodge No. 325.

It pays to attend meetings — if you don't believe it, ask Martin "Bill" Christensen. He has been a little lax in his attendance lately, but showed up at our last meet-



ing and was winner of the drawing for three months free dues. Come around Brothers, you could be the next winner.

GEORGE A. CHRISTIANSEN, Editor.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** The new officers of this lodge's building committee are President Jørn Hansen, Vice President Joseph Dascanio, Secretary Harwey Pearson, Treasurer Gordon Patton and Director Walter Christensen.

Brother George Seier has now left the hospital and is recuperating at home. Brother Jens Miller is in St. Vincent Hospital. We wish our sick Brothers a speedy recovery.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** The entertainment committee has reserved the Carriage Room at Carl Hoppl's Restaurant, Sunrise Highway, Baldwin, L. I., for our 44th anniversary dinner-dance. The date is Saturday evening, November 14. Tickets are \$10.00 each and include complete prime ribs of beef dinner and gratuity. There will be dancing and entertainment. We will have a Brotherhood guest speaker and the evening promises to be the best affair ever. We can accommodate 150 people, so please plan to join us. More details later.

We are happy to report that Brother Harold Bensen is in good health and is still at the Park View Nursing Home at 5353 Merrick Road, Massapequa, L. I. Brother

Christian Bache, a member of the Brotherhood since 1905 is now at the United Presbyterian Residence, Syosset-Woodbury Road, Woodbury, L. I. We wish them both good health. Please send them greetings.

Our secretary, Bill Steffensen and wife Esther, flew to Denmark on July 19 for a six weeks vacation.

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Scholarships are awarded to the six best qualified members by the Board of Officers on the basis of scholarship, participation in school and other activities, need and degree of self-sufficiency. The membership requirement is emphasized as it is a By-Laws requirement (Section 61, Paragraph 9) and cannot be waived.

Applicants must be prepared to furnish copies of their grade transcripts and a personal letter giving their biography and other details.

Requests for applications should be made directly to the Danish Brotherhood Home Office, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, not later than November 30, 1970.  
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*Kristen Jorgensen*

KRISTEN JORGENSEN,  
Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

# DB DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT  
AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR



## TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	Philip Fogle	Jens Engholt
51	Ludington	Richard Leonard	Earl Jensen
71	Penn Yan	Peter Jensen	Walter Jensen
75	Albert Lea	Llamoyne Jensen	Clara Nielsen
113	Enumclaw	Edwin Hodge	Elmer Boysen
113	Enumclaw	Louis Wohlman	Elmer Boysen
170	Rocky River	Thorvald Christensen	Ove Jensen
219	Clear Lake	Emma Wristberg	Verner Sorensen
227	Detroit	Thomas Andersen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Jorgen Larsen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Paul Cuolahan	Hans Nielsen
227	Detroit	Dalley Nielsen	Lawrence Sheppard
230	Arcata	Elizabeth McGaraghan	L. Schuler
328	Vancouver	Tage Nielsen	Mogens Mogensen
700	Home Office	Kathryn Bracker	Edward Bracker

### JUVENILE MEMBERS

10	Council Bluffs	Linda S. Bracker	Edward Bracker
10	Council Bluffs	Wm. C. Bracker	Edward Bracker
51	Ludington	Eric Lee Sherman	Arthur Sherman
126	Los Angeles	Curtis Lee Koleber	Norman Hansen
126	Los Angeles	Cory Dean Koleber	Norman Hansen
177	Cordova	Kristine L. Gallup	Otto Petersen
177	Cordova	Kelly Jo Gallup	Otto Petersen
263	Askov	Barbara J. Holter	Edwin Sorensen
306	San Diego	Kristine Oaks	Alfred Westergaard
306	San Diego	Steven W. Oaks	Alfred Westergaard
306	San Diego	Kenneth J. Oaks	Alfred Westergaard

## Guaranteed Insurability

The new juvenile certificate contains a guaranteed insurability provision. This is a significant development in the field of insurance coverage. This coverage provides, by contract, the opportunity to purchase additional life insurance on the insured's life, on specified future dates. This happens to be at ages thirty and thirty-five in our certificate.

No evidence of insurability is required at that time to purchase the additional insurance.

This coverage makes smaller two serious barriers which keep people from owning proper amounts of life insurance — life insurance which they will one day need but which "right now" they are either unwilling or unable to buy.

There is a psychological force present, which is natural in young people, because the thought of death is not tolerated too much.

Another related force is economic. Many look on the purchase of life insurance as a financial sacrifice. Many times people find themselves in a position where they must choose between this or that instead of this and that.

The guaranteed purchase option encourages a kind of step-by-step plan for future insurance purchases. When these options are available he will be more mature and perhaps financially better able to exercise the options.

Another barrier to enough protection is uninsurability. Here the value of guaranteed insurability should be apparent. Those having it, have the privilege at those later dates to buy additional coverage, regardless of future physical condition or occupational hazards, at standard rates with no questions asked.

No one knows who will be uninsurable, but if a man finds himself in this position later in life, the situation can be tragic. At best he would have to pay a penalty for coverage, if he could get it at all, in the event of a physical or occupational situation.

This guaranteed insurability is not a cure all, but is designed to solve some very real problems that men face over the years. Why not start that child or grandchild on one of these certificates now?

## Do You Advertise?

The picture and headlines from a newspaper are intended to illustrate what one lodge did to let prospective members or the general public know of its existence.

The stage for the picture was set by placing the flags on either side of the podium, making sure the name Danish Brotherhood would appear in the picture and the actual handing of the scholarship (a dummy) to the recipient.

This idea can be used for many occasions other than the presentation of a scholarship. It takes a bit of ingenuity, but it pays off in good publicity. The secret behind this, however is that after an account of the event was neatly typed, giving all the particulars, it, along with the picture was taken to the newspapers. It was not sent in or phoned in, but delivered in person.

In this case, the local lodge could not call attention to their local lodge with a phone number, etc., but did let the readers know it was the Danish Brotherhood involved.

Perhaps lodges have missed good opportunities to bring the Danish Brotherhood's name before the public by not providing a write-up and/or picture to the local newspaper. You won't get everything printed, but just keep trying because the paper will take some of the items and efforts will not be wasted. TRY IT!

There is entirely too much worrying about unhappy marriages. All marriages are happy. It's only living together afterward that causes the trouble.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

REVIEW-JOURNAL

# Talk of the Town

Dee Spencer Mc Mahon Women's Editor  
Las Vegas Review-Journal 31

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1969

## Native Las Vegan Wins Scholarship

Silver State Lodge member, Miss Ivy Rasmussen, has been awarded a college scholarship by the parent organization, the Danish Brotherhood in America. Only six scholarships per year are

awarded among all the lodges of the Brotherhood.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1969

LAS VEGAS SUN 23

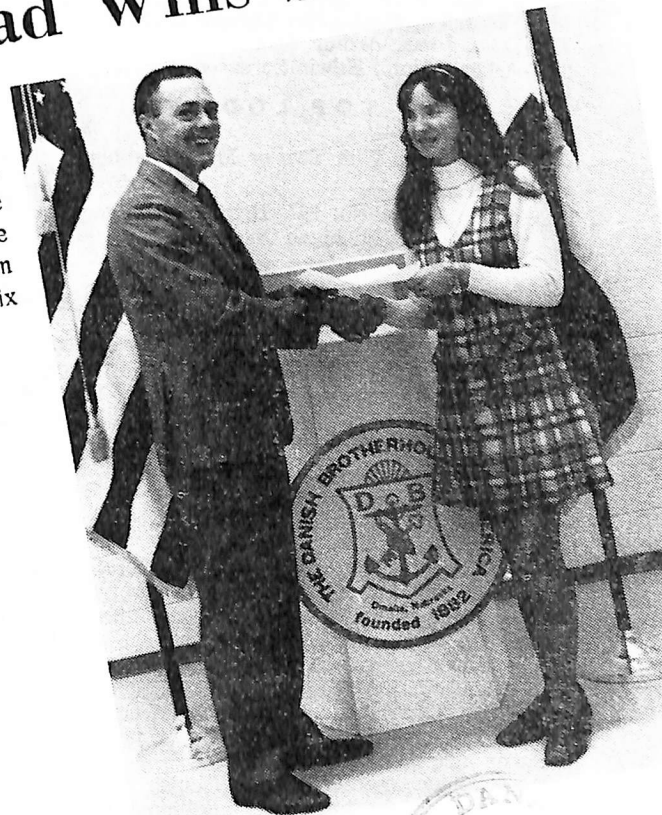


# SUN Women's Section

Gerry Appleby, Women's Editor

## Valley Grad Wins Scholarship

Miss Ivy Rasmussen, member of Silver State Lodge 339, has been awarded a college scholarship by the parent organization, the Danish Brotherhood in America. There are only six scholarships awarded each year among all the lodges of the Brotherhood.



# HONOR ROLL

## LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
3—Davenport, Iowa	.....	11
14—Kenosha, Wisconsin	.....	5
29—Seattle, Washington	.....	11
42—Spokane, Washington	.....	8
51—Ludington, Michigan	.....	7
84—Lincoln, Nebraska	.....	6
113—Enumclaw, Washington	.....	6
126—Los Angeles, California	.....	8
144—Dike, Iowa	.....	10
177—Cordova, Nebraska	.....	6
219—Clear Lake, Iowa	.....	5
227—Detroit, Michigan	.....	35
306—San Diego, California	.....	5
326—West Branch, Iowa	.....	5
328—Vancouver, B. C., Canada	.....	11
337—Fremont, California	.....	6

### INDIVIDUAL

1—Omaha, Nebr., Al Hedegaard	.....	8
3—Davenport, Iowa, Jack Wood	.....	9
10—Council Bluffs, Iowa, Edward Bracker	.....	3
14—Kenosha, Wis., Robert Ibsen	.....	3
42—Spokane, Wash., John Beck	.....	8
113—Enumclaw, Wash., Elmer Boysen	.....	5
144—Dike, Iowa, Dennis Koch	.....	5
177—Cordova, Nebr., Richard Thomsen	.....	3
227—Detroit, Mich., Otto Pedersen	.....	8
328—Vancouver, B. C., Eigil Kristensen	.....	5
328—Vancouver, B. C., Mogens Mogensen	.....	4

### AGENT'S PRODUCTION

17—Chicago, Ill., Carl Hansen	.....	3
29—Seattle, Wash., Jens Nielsen	.....	7
143—Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen	.....	8
144—Dike, Iowa, Arthur Thode	.....	5
263—Askov, Minn., Edwin Sorensen	.....	1

### TOP LODGES

- Group I —  
None With Two or More Members
- Group II —  
Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan  
Michigan-Ohio District

## Note to Parents and Grandparents

Most of the certificates issued to our juvenile members were issued at an early age. This means that in many cases the Twenty-Payment Life Plan will be completely paid up by the time the child has reached age twenty-five. Most young people at age twenty-five will own more than the \$1,000 insurance plan started for them as a youngster, so our new juvenile certificate would make an ideal supplement to the child's present certificate.

Remember, just one deposit of \$100 is all that you pay for the \$2,500 protection to age twenty-five.

The young person at twenty-five can assume the payments that begin and will also have the opportunity to buy additional insurance, over and above the \$5,000 that automatically is his at age twenty-five, at ages thirty and thirty-five. This is true even if some condition has developed physically that would otherwise prevent him from obtaining additional insurance.

Every young member in the Danish Brotherhood who can qualify should have this additional certificate and every eligible child who is not now a member could very

well have this plan even if insured in another company or society.

This can be a wonderful gift from a grandparent or parent that can last a lifetime. Ask us for the applications you will need.

## Agriculture in Denmark

To the outside world Denmark may still be considered an agricultural country, despite the fact this is not the most important industry; that is in relation to occupation, production, or export.

About three-fourths of the Danish soil does play a part in the overall economy of the country, so perhaps that is the reason for the notion it might be the most important industry. The soil is used very extensively and labor and capital invested is quite high, but production is also superior due to great use of fertilizers and the manufacture of top quality animal products.

Small farms of 25 to 150 acres are sometimes grouped together in a cooperative to operate more effectively and to produce agricultural products of a high and uniform quality. Joint use of machinery, buildings and other facilities is a financial help to those concerned.

As in other countries, the growing population is making inroads into the areas under cultivation with its need for houses, roads, factories, etc., and, as a result, land reclamation and soil improvement processes have to continually be in action. Soil ranges from a fertile clay to the more sandy type.

Denmark is faced with the problem familiar to some other countries, such as the United States. The gradual decline of labor available for farm work (due to such things as fewer farm families, mechanization and technical advances) has caused and is causing a change in the working methods on many farms.

Specialized farming has progressed quite a bit. The farmers remaining on small farms have supplemented their income with wages from factory work or some other non-agricultural occupation.

Much of the agricultural products are used as animal feed for the ultimate end products of the animal, such as meat, butter, wool, etc. For example, only about ten per cent of the corn harvest is not used for feed. It goes into flour and meal, malt and seed for the next crop. Additional corn is imported for animal production.

Fortunately, Denmark usually has a suitable climate for agriculture and her abundance of agricultural products for export has a favorable reflection on her economy. About seventy per cent of her gross agricultural products are exported in comparison to about thirty per cent of industrial production.

## Smoke or Chew

Information or statistics about smoking, adequate enough to influence some underwriters, apparently have been developed, because some life companies are marketing policies which give discounts to non-smokers.

One company has extended this discount to many of its policies, after favorable results from one plan in effect since 1966.

Another company has reduced premiums by increasing the refund of gains and savings (dividends) to those who have not used tobacco in any form for at least two years prior to the date of application.

This might tend to make one believe there may be some related connection between smoking and lung cancer, etc. At least policyholders of these companies who qualify for reductions are financially ahead by not using tobacco.

## Field Organization

Many field organizations in our fraternal benefit societies today do not differ from that of private insurance companies. This was not always the case and in some fraternal still is not true.

The first fraternal obtained their new members through the lodge. Some lodges had a field worker whose job it was to obtain applicants and to start new lodges wherever possible. The marketing plan of fraternal today, however, has grown in many cases to resemble that of life insurance companies. Most fraternal have gone from the assessment to the legal reserve system.

Because of social and cultural environment changes, the lodge system and its original sphere of activity at the local level has lost some of its importance. However, the local lodge continues to be a part of the fraternal system.

The insurance operations of a progressive fraternal and a good private company have progressed to the point where the difference is very insignificant. The non-insurance activities of the fraternal benefit societies create the differences. In many societies the altruistic (interests of others) and educational activities overshadow the importance of the ritualistic ceremonies which had great significance in the earlier years.

**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 1970 —

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$248.78, less taxes \$11.94, net \$236.84; for attending Lodge No. 152, Wilbur, Wash.,

to assist the lodge at its request, in solving their problems, transportation \$55.20.

Einar Danielsen: For attending Michigan-Ohio convention in Ludington, Mich, transportation \$60.20, per diem \$25.00.

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

DB 113's President Niels Nedegard and District Promotional Chairman Elmer Boysen are proud to announce and welcome new members Robert Jorgensen, Robert Nearhood, John Williams, Joe Gulan, Ed Hodge and Louis Wohlman. These half dozen newly polished links in Enumclaw's fraternal chain of Great Danes now are eligible to participate in the lodge's bowling events, dinner parties, dances, picnics, bus excursions, charter flights, card tournaments and conventions. Next candidate to be indoctrinated is Sumner's Danish Baker, Ole Nielsen, proposed by Past President Norbert Grove.

Enumclaw's Brother Hans Holm was eighty on July 20 and Past President (three times) Jens Holm entertained on the occasion with a patio supper. Treasurer Henry Hergert and Past President Martin Pedersen, together with their wives vacationed near the Canadian border the first part of August. The Enumscratch Danes not only were represented in the annual parade but also had an æbleskiver concession at the five day King County Fair in August. Past President John L. Rieck and family vacationed across the state from Yakima to Hood's Canal in August.

Tacoma's Brother C. Fred Christensen has been confined to Doctor's Hospital again but is now convalescing at his brother's home in Olympia, Member Elhart Christensen.

It's hard to believe isn't it, that the United States was founded to avoid taxation.

## 1971 National Convention Reminder

To date the Home Office has received notification of the election of the local lodge law committees from 56 lodges. The Board of Officers will be selecting the nine-man national law committee at their annual meeting which will be held the first week in November. Those lodges electing delegates to the national convention, who are interested in serving on this committee should send the report of delegate election to the Home Office prior to October 31, 1970.

The nine-man law committee will meet in the Home Office during March, 1971. Section 23, Paragraph 2 of our By-Laws provides that members of this committee will receive \$25.00 per day (not to exceed seven days) while in session.

A memorandum setting forth the rules governing local lodge law committee and delegate election has been sent to all eligible lodges. Additional copies are available on request.

We appreciate the fine cooperation we are receiving from the local lodges. We continue to urge all lodges to elect their law committee and delegate as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

Some people's finances are in such a mess you'd think they were getting advice from the government.



## 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
Jun 30	Christian Sorensen	87	Skelund St. Denmark	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1906
Jul 11	Johann Fred Moeller	75	Westerlund, Denmark	34	Dwight, Illinois	1914
Jul 2	Harald J. Hansen	84	Frederiksborg, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Illinois	1913
Jul 20	Walter Nelson	63	Fowler, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1950
Jul 16	Peter M. Hansen	84	Stontington, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1910
Jun 17	Arthur Kristensen	71	Aalborg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1926
Jul 19	George T. White	78	Denver, Colorado	254	Brush, Colorado	1912
Jul 21	Axel Bremholm	83	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1906
Jul 28	Adolf L. Mogensen	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1906
Jul 2	Peter Newmann	66	Aarhus, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1940
Jul 22	Ejner E. Nielsen	73	Bregnerød, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1918
Jul 13	Thorvald Mogensen	78	Hjørring, Denmark	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1913
Jul 9	Jens P. M. Blinkilde	78	Ørum, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1921
Jul 13	Jorgen Alfred Larsen	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1913
Jul 9	Albert Hansen	77	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1911
Jul 4	Chris Christensen	88	Rosted, Denmark	95	Ferndale, California	1921
Jul 16	Levi Milo Nielsen	74	Spencer Township, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1915
Jul 30	Eric M. Christensen	84	Thisted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
Jul 13	Henry C. Axen	87	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1906
Jul 22	Henry Andreasen	66	Esbjerg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1946
Jul 14	Alfred Jorgensen	78	Aalborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1919
Aug 4	Harry H. Larsen	63	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
Jul 22	Oscar A. Carlsen	79	Ronne, Bornholm, Denmark	64	Rockford, Illinois	1910
Jun 1	Donald Lynn Foster	65	Edmore, Michigan	163	Edmore, Michigan	1961
Jun 22	Carla Christensen	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	323	Alhambra, California	1966
Jul 7	Peter Anton Hansen	97	Hornsblle Sogn, Denmark	306	San Diego, California	1918
Jul 17	John S. Tolversen	92	Outgamie County, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1929
Jun 1	Walter Stromvig	66	Svendborg, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1967

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By LEVI PERSSON

525 Atterdag Road, Solvang, Calif. 96463

The keynote for the 1970 edition of Danish Days in Solvang is to be a Solvang revisited event, stressing the old traditions, customs and folklore of Denmark and the people who founded the village. The date for the event is September 19 and 20. Only two days of festivities, in contrast to former times when it was three days.

According to Brother Arden Petersen, who is the chairman of the event we will have a return of the Danish Singers who were absent last year. Also on the program is the art exhibit of Danish heirlooms and hand-crafts in porcelain, copper and wood.

"This year's event will be by Danes and for Danes," Arden Petersen said. "If visitors want to come and have fun with us they are welcome."

There will also be a big parade, usually with the theme of Hans Christian Andersen, in which our local lodge will participate with some kind of float. We have won first place on more than one occasion in this event.

Our air-conditioned office on Atterdag Road will be open during the festivities, so if you are tired and hot, do drop in for a chat. You will be very welcome to use our washrooms also.

Brother Petersen, who runs this year's Danish Days is also a candidate for the Solvang City Council. Arden, who is an escrow officer by profession, is a sharp cookie. Brother Frode Jensen, who is past president of the lodge, is also a candidate. He is also a good man for that job.

We are about to have a new park in Solvang and it has been given the very appropriate name — the Hans Christian Andersen Park. It consists of about 50 acres of the most beautiful oak-studded land in this area — with a "bakke" and "dal" topography. It formerly belonged to Brother Hans C. D. Skytt who sold the land to the county park commission shortly before his death about two years ago.

Brother Howard Petersen, who is also our president, suggested that we help outfit the park. As this is written, Brother Petersen with other committee members, have contacted the Dania-Dannebrog Societies and the Danish Sisterhood locally for support.

Petersen suggested that we design and build a gate to the park which would tell something about Denmark and with the help of designer, woodcarver, Brother Ferdinand Sorensen, this could be quite possible. Brother Tarnow suggested that we build a "Røde Port," in conformity with the one in Dyrehaven near Copenhagen.

The Santa Barbara County park superintendent said that he would welcome aid in furnishing and decorating the park in Danish style. What the park could eventually amount to is not certain now, but enthusiastic Danes here dream about a Rebild in Solvang, an international symbol.

The park will have "et Skovridderhus" (it is already built) an outdoors theatre in a natural "gryde" with a large seating capacity. Spectators will be seated on sod benches for big patriotic events.

This is not a colored picture, nor a pipe dream. The Hans Christian Andersen Park is here, now, and will be open to the public in October. All the amenities necessary for a successful operation are in and paid for. It also has the financial support of the county.

It has the magic name of Denmark's great story teller. We can just imagine his plays being produced on this outdoor stage in this Danish atmosphere. Can't you just

see Klods Hans or Tommeliden on the stage on a warm summer night? Can't you just smell that new-mown hay? On a midsummernight, wouldn't that be an eventyr, in itself. We think so and we are proud of Brother Petersen's suggestion, for taking the lead in this worthy venture. We hope other Danish lodges will join in the work so we can show the world we can accomplish "naar vi løfter i flok."

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By ALFRED MUNCK, 5452 Sale Avenue,  
Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364

## Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas —

Lodge members are happy to welcome back to Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conradsen and their son Per, after an enjoyable visit to Denmark in July.

A combination barbecue and birthday party was held at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed's home July 3. Many of the members were present at this event and enjoyed the usual good food, together with a dip in the pool.

The birthday party was given in honor of Helen Lord on her 80th birthday. Helen Lord was born July 3, 1890,



in Salt Lake City, Utah, her mother being Norwegian and her father Danish. At the age of 8 her parents returned to Denmark, where she lived with them until age 18. She then returned to Utah and a year later her parents also returned to the USA.

Helen Lord has owned her own millinery shop in Salinas, Calif., for 10 years. She has also lived in San Francisco and other parts of the USA. In 1953 Helen came to Las Vegas and has been a resident here since. As well as specializing in millinery, Helen has also been a beauty counselor.

Helen strikes a most youthful appearance for her 80 years and enjoys good health. She is in regular attendance at the Brotherhood meetings in Las Vegas as well as the social gatherings.

The delegates to the California General Committee in Petaluma are Henry Petersen and Jutta Reed with Lene Boas and Lillian Berntsen as alternates.

The members of Silver State Lodge are actively participating in the Clark County Fair this year, which hopes to be a profitable project for the lodge. The club members are selling tickets to this fair, and profits to the lodge depend mainly upon ticket and booth sales.

ALICE M. PINKERTON, Correspondent.

## Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles —

An impromptu birthday party was held August 13 for Charles Petersen in celebration of his 83rd birthday. He is still holding office as treasurer (for the 39th year), although he has finally buckled down to accepting Harold Mathiasen as his "apprentice."

Charlie's eyesight is failing, but he has "the book" in his head and a vast insight in human nature and habits. He never "pushes" for dues — but when he finally encounters you and with his ever friendly and engaging smile tells you that it is high time — then you know it is — and you better pay up.

A delightful experience that made our hearts jump in

unison with the nimble Tumbling Team of seven Danish girls was enjoyed by a number of our members in the Danish Center August 8. Sponsored by the National Committee of Southern California, this event proved a great success and took us back to the time, when a mattress was not just something to sleep on. I understand that this team is performing in many other cities in the USA, and I recommend you not to miss the opportunity to view and welcome it.

On September 12, our lodge is celebrating its 71st anniversary in Danish Center. Dinner (including everything), \$7.00. Music by Winstrup Olesen's Orchestra. Hope to see you all there and let us have a good evening together.

Inasmuch as the California General Committee Convention is taking place after the deadline of this report, there is nothing more to say at this time. Just hoping that friendship may prevail throughout.

ALFRED MUNCK, Correspondent.

## What's Our Mission?

If we consider the idea that our members can get insurance protection from commercial companies that is as good as, or even better than, that available from our society....

And consider the idea that few of our members need our society for basic social or entertainment activities, as many of them did in our parents' and grandparents' day...then what do members need our society for? This question was raised at the Fraternal Seminar in Chicago recently.

Historically, societies provided services for their members that were not readily available from other sources. Societies grew because they were needed.

Now that the needs of people today are somewhat different and there are alternative ways of satisfying most of their needs, it seems important for each society to review its answers to the question, "What is our mission?"

For ethnic societies, the purpose can be to promote an appreciation of a cultural heritage. For religious-based societies, it may be to serve the mission of their church. For societies with a more general orientation, the best contribution may be less obvious.

For any society which senses a need for reorienting its programs toward more contemporary concerns, there appears to be no scarcity of needs among its members and potential members....problems which could be ministered to by an organization concerned with helping people to join together in the spirit of good will and brotherhood.

Isn't there a tremendous need for fraternalism in fostering educational programs to promote racial understanding...in widening job opportunities...in youth programs countering the conditions resulting in drug use and abuse...in programs to help our mobile population to re-establish community with others when they move to new locations...in upgrading housing...in developing pro-

grams to foster the preservation of the family unit, which now seems under stress...in helping elderly people maintain dignity...as well as working with many other contemporary concerns?

With a long tradition of helping those in need, fraternal benefit societies would seem to be natural agencies for working with many of today's problems, which cry out to those sensitive to the plight of others.

Working with some urgent contemporary problems could well be an answer today to "What do members need our society for?"

(Reprinted from The Fraternal Monitor.)

## Celebrates 96th Birthday



Above is a picture of George Nelson, one of our long-time members who celebrated his 96th birthday April 26. He joined the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 73 in Alden, Minn., on April 21, 1904 and is now living at the Oak Lawn Rest Home where he is still able to reminisce with old friends about the many good times he had in the local lodge. Playing violin in a small orchestra was part of his former days accomplishments.

## Midwest District Convention

The annual Midwest District Convention will be held at the Faust Hotel in Rockford, Ill., with Sofus T. Sorensen as convention chairman, on September 12 and 13.

Lodge No. 64 is the host this year and the committee is hard at work arranging details for a successful convention.

The Danish Sisterhood convention of the Midwest District was held earlier this year because of the upcoming National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis., in September, therefore the district convention will not be a joint affair as is the usual procedure.

The Sisterhood National Convention Committee will, however, meet in Rockford during the Brotherhood convention.

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# The Stamp Collector's Column

A "thank you" from the philatelic group goes forward this month to a number of members for their letters and support of our stamp collecting activity. Manus E. Norton (Lodge 106, Trufant, Mich.), writes most interestingly that he collects stamps of the United States primarily, but also Denmark, Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Islands. He is spending this year's vacation in Nova Scotia with visits to Prince Edward Island from where he expects to send a limited amount of stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grobeck, now of Anaheim, Calif., but members of Lodge No. 1, Omaha, sent us a generous mixture from their personal mail.

National First Vice President A. F. Tunsen, Sr., continues to support us in words and deeds. Al has, for a number of years, been supporting our hobby in many ways, although not yet a collector himself. He makes frequent contributions of stamps coming into his possession.

A member has asked me to answer one of his questions in this column because of the general interest it may generate. He puts it this way: "I am retired, 69 years old without a hobby, do you think I could become interested in collecting stamps to help kill time for me?"

It appears that one of our purposes has already here met a response; that of stimulating an interest in stamp collecting as an activity and a pastime by young and old. The answer to this member is that there is no age limit for starting a hobby of this nature and a tremendous healer and time killer it is. For him to get an idea of the extent of his potential interest in collecting stamps, he will receive a small mixture of United States stamps with enough variety to test his interest; also with a personal note with a few simple suggestions. Possibly we may have a collector in his area with whom we can put him in personal contact. This is being investigated.

Years ago I had the personal pleasure of assisting a local member in his mid-seventies and in similar circumstances, to start a collection. His interest was great and as time went on days became a mere wink of an

eye. He went "hog wild" and world wide and built a very, very substantial collection before his death many years later.

Another purpose of ours is to bring collectors in an area together. This will reply to Mrs. Hilma Jacobsen, 418 S. Lincoln, Denver, Colo. 80209. (Miller Jacobsen, Lodge 43, Denver). The name and address of the VIC (very important collector) from Denver who responded to our column is Carl A. Johnsen, 1588 Fairfax St., Denver, a 57-year membership holder in Lodge 43, 78 years young. He began his collection in 1898 and has considerable material for trading purposes as he collects only for the fun and pleasure he receives from it, Denmark, British Colonies and Air Mails. Hilma is a world-wide collector with emphasis on Denmark.

To Hjalmar Bertelsen, 36 Elmwood Parkway, Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635, publisher of Den Danske Pioneer, a sincere thanks for a letter of encouragement for our philatelic group movement and his offer of assistance in promoting it. Brother Bertelsen is a collector-specialist in Denmark: singles, blocks, errors, varieties in used, unused and mint condition.

Philatelically yours,

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