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Leif Erikson Day, October 9

Relatively unheard of until recent years, Leif Erikson Day celebrations were observed October 9 by some organizations as early as the 1930s. In fact the date set aside to honor the Vikings only goes back to 1825. Since no records were kept, no dates of Viking explorations can be established other than the approximate time mentioned in the Norse Sagas. The Sagas give us some idea of the time in question, but material examined by carbon tests on excavation finds in Newfoundland more accurately pinpoint dates of Viking explorations in the New World very close to the year 1000 A. D.

A significant date in United States history for Scandinavian-Americans and modern day Vikings is October 9, 1825. That is the date of the landing of the first boatload of Norwegian immigrants on the schooner "Restauration" in the harbor of New York. This marked the beginning of a great Scandinavian migration to the United States. This date has been celebrated as Leif Erikson Day for many years and was used as the basis of petitioning the Congress for an annual proclamation by the President.

The United States Congress voted funds in 1930 for a Leif Erikson statue as a gift to Iceland and set a precedent in 1945 by citing October 9 as Leif Erikson Day. On September 2, 1964, the Congress of the United States authorized the President to annually proclaim October 9 as Leif Erikson Day. In 1968 20 states also issued similar proclamations. Connecticut enacted legislation in 1969 and a bill is now being introduced in the state of Florida. One of the goals of the Leif Erikson Day movement is to have every state of the union and every province in Canada annually officially recognize this day.

Centers for annual Leif Erikson Day celebrations have been cities throughout the entire north-central states that are predominantly Scandinavian, and to be very specific, at the Mariners Museum in Newport News, where it is observed in a fitting nautical setting.

Plans are presently in full swing for an "invasion" of Florida by "Vikings" from Lauderdale Lodge, Sons of Norway in October. An authentic Norwegian "Seksaring," a Viking style boat over 100 years old has been obtained for the "invasion."

In New Jersey preparations are under way and notices have been sent out by the Leif Erikson Day parade committee (organized in 1966) announcing their annual parade to be held October 4, in the town of Budd Lake. This parade will be hosted by the New Jersey District No. 6, Vasa Order of America.

Some plans have been even set in motion for 1971 with a scheduled transcontinental tour of a full size Viking ship built in British Columbia. A truck will haul it to the East Coast where it will be loaded on a freighter bound for the land of the Vikings. Plans are to sail it back to North America following the route of the Vikings.

An authentic display has been made in conjunction with

the tour of the ship which includes Viking type tapestry, copies of ancient maps, clothing, weapons, research photographs and drawings. All in all a very compact and enlightening display which was viewed in Portland, Ore., August 20.

Through the efforts of the state of Connecticut, Leif Erikson Day Committee, a bill to permanently establish Leif Erikson Day by an annual governor's proclamation was passed by the 1969 Connecticut General Assembly. Although the main objectives of this committee have been attained its work and the enthusiasm of its members has by no means come to an end. It is the present purpose of this committee to urge all citizens and groups throughout the United States and Canada to form local city and state committees to further publicize this event and to encourage others to celebrate Leif Erikson Day as proclaimed annually by the President of the United States.

A guide for forming local independent Leif Erikson Day committees outlining the purpose of such committees and a list of proposed ways to celebrate this occasion may be obtained on request from A. Norman Arntzen, 400 Kennedy Road, Windsor, Conn. 06095.

An important aspect of this drive is to contact printers of calendars to advise them of the Presidential proclamation and to request that they note October 9 on their calendars as Leif Erikson Day.

At a small charge a booklet titled a "Petition to the Congress of the United States of America," issued by the "Leif Erikson Association, Inc." of Los Angeles, may be obtained by writing to the Association at 424 West Ramona Road, Alhambra, Calif. This booklet lists several pages of authenticated historical references to the voyages of Leif Erikson, has copies of petitions and letters of support from over 240 organizations in the USA.

Another booklet may be obtained by writing the United States Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. 20515. The title is "Hearings before Subcommittee No. 4 of the Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives, 88th Congress, Second Session on H.J. Res. No. 393, 468, 473, 476, 492, 519, 524, 538, 554, 795 and 895. Proposals to authorize the President to proclaim October 9 each year as Leif Erikson Day," dated March 4, 1964.

This booklet has information about Leif Erikson and includes testimony by representatives from many states. Also included in the Congressional booklet are three articles of interest, namely, "Viking ruins discovered on Newfoundland Island," "Leif Erikson's Ancestry" and "Who needs a Leif Erikson Day?"

The International Leif Erikson Day Committee urges everyone to wear something blue on October 9 in honor of Leif Erikson and to celebrate this occasion by pledging loyalty to their country, by contributing to charitable organizations, by promoting cultural and educational programs and by spreading good will.

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P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131**News From Iowa United Lodges**

The Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America held its annual convention over the Labor Day weekend in Omaha, Nebr. The Blackstone Hotel was the meeting place for registration and the Danish Brotherhood Home Office the place for the Brotherhood business meetings. This was a privilege long to be remembered.

Many of the Iowa lodge's members had not had the pleasure of visiting the Brotherhood Building before and it was a trip that will hold many pleasant memories of the work that had gone into this building and the fraternal way in which each and everyone was welcomed.

Following the Sunday meeting a banquet was held in the Blackstone Hotel. Master of ceremonies was Kai Hansen of Clinton, Iowa; guest speaker was Al Hede-gaard, promotion director of the DB; National Officers Einar Danielsen, Fred Jensen and Axel Skelbeck were in attendance at the banquet and each gave a word of greeting. Also present were Supreme Sisterhood Officers Ellen Madison and Margaret Larsen. The Iowa United Lodges President, Jerry Maixner of the Brotherhood and Mrs. Emma Thode of the Sisterhood, welcomed all members and guests to the convention and banquet.

At the business meeting the scholarship program was changed so that the Iowa United Lodges were able to present Dana and Grand View Colleges each with a \$250 scholarship this year. This program will continue each year if the necessary funds are available, which are obtained only through donations.

This year we received \$100 from the Sorensen family of Clear Lake, Iowa, in memory of their father who passed away this year. Brother Sorensen had been a member of the Brotherhood for years and many of us missed him at the convention this year. We received \$50 from the Danish Sisterhood and \$56 in a free will offering from Brothers from Iowa, Nebraska and Illinois. Our scholarship is off to a good start for the coming year.



Jerry Maixner of Lodge 144, Dike, Iowa, is shown receiving instructions from National Officer Fred Jensen. Maixner was re-elected president of the Iowa United Lodges at their recent convention held at the National Headquarters Building in Omaha.

President Jerry Maixner was re-elected with the same board members with the exception of Jack Wood, trustee, whose term had expired and Brother Pinkney of Des Moines was elected to take his place.

Once again thanks to all who helped make this convention such a success. Our thanks to the National Officers and all of our Omaha friends. A special thanks to the cookie ladies from Council Bluffs and to the Sisterhood for their fine work in setting up tables with decorations from the Newell, Iowa, Sisterhood and Danish dancing dolls from the Dike Sisterhood.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 144 —

Lodge 144 held its regular meeting September 14, at which time they elected Loyd Plaehn as delegate to the National Convention and Jerry Maixner as alternate.

Our annual picnic was held in August at the Reinbeck City Park with 160 members and their families enjoying a beautiful day and lots to eat.

Work is under way at this time for our New Year's Eve celebration and work on the proposals for the National convention.

We keep striving to bring new faces into the Brotherhood and new ideas for maintaining interest in activities.

Resolution**RASMUS HANSEN, Dillon, Montana**

Dillon Lodge No. 273 is saddened by the passing of our last charter member, Brother Rasmus Hansen, "88," an active member of our Brotherhood for the last sixty-two years.

Rasmus passed away August 6, 1970, leaving a vacancy in our lodge and in our community that can never be filled.

We ask that this resolution be placed on record so that all posterity may know of the love and esteem we held for our departed Brother.

HOLGER B. CARLSON,
Secretary, Lodge No. 273.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

News consists of the unusual or that which is different so if you haven't heard of the annual Scandinavian Festival held each year in Junction City, do plan to join the crowds next August without fail. The attendance seems to get larger year by year and this last "Passport to Forbindelsestad" which means that the Jolly Nissemand casts his pleasure spell on Oregonians and their friends, was no exception. Overnight, J. C. became a fairyland full of old world charm, customs, music, dancing, delicious food, boisterous singing, colorful costumes, flags and flowers for four days and four nights. The first event was held in 1961 with the construction of 100 planter boxes for the petunias which decorate the mall, a folk dance group was organized and a community chorus began rehearsing. No charge is made for entertainment, minimum prices prevail on food delicacies and up to 25,000 have frequented the little city in one day's operation. In the spoken version, we speak of "Yoong-tion Zities" USA "vich is vere de Danes zettled ven de came vest." Sunday was Danish Day and the climax to another hilarious occasion. (We are indebted to DB No. 42's Brother James T. Jensen, who lives in Sunnyside, Wash., for the information.)

"Danes rated wonderful by Boy Scouts" — so reads an Inland Empire daily, following a three-week tour of Denmark by 39 Explorers who were impressed by the friendliness of the Danish people. Some of the statements made sounded like this — "it was fantastic" — "people were great" — "everywhere we cycled, they offered us meals and invited us into their homes" — "we've never met people so friendly." Said Brother Ernie Wales, president of the Spokane Boy Scout Council, "the cooperation of the Danish Boy Scout Council could not be topped."

Start now to make plans for your sojourn to Vancouver in May, 1971. The next annual convention of the Oregon, Washington and Canadian Danes will be held in North Vancouver and the "prices will be reasonable."

Secretary Clyde Langsted of DB 29 would particularly invite our Eastern Brothers to the Northwest for some Pacific salmon fishing. This invitation was prompted, following a derby by "Captain" Jim Langsted, when Brother Harold Hansen landed the first fish and Brother Otto Hansen caught the most. The weather was beautiful and the ocean was calm and the 19 Danes participating had a big time. Brother Gary Jensen of Detroit's DB 227 was a special guest. If Eastern or Midwestern members would want to plan a trip out this way, Clyde suggests that President Jim is the man to contact.

National President Kristen Jorgensen herewith brings greetings to the Pacific Northwest from Omaha, from the Minnesota Convention, from Askov Magazine Headquarters and from Oakland, Calif. Said Kris: "the National Board would appreciate comments from members regarding their thoughts on gaining new memberships."

Spokane's Past District President John and Clara Bech celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary September 5, and Brother Kris Wales is the new president of the Hoo Hoo Club and Past President Ernest Wales is the secretary-treasurer (Ernie has been busy speaking to various groups on his recent Explorer Scout trip to Denmark.)

Enumclaw's DB 113 Past President Karl Koch's daughter, Ingrid, left for Switzerland where she has accepted a one year secretary's position. New Member Ole Niel-

sen, the Danish baker, took first prize on his booth at this year's Pierce County Fair and the Great Danes from DSS 75 were awarded first prize for their booth at the King County Fair. Treasurer Henry Hergert was reported ill and in the hospital since our last column was published. Brother Martin Johnson was laid to rest on September 18.

Seattle DB 29 thanks President Jim Langsted and Brothers Ib Rossen, John Nielsen, Fred Hewes and Gary Jensen for a very successful picnic this summer with more than 200 participants. Past District President Sam Fredericksen is busy with preparations for the harvest party and bowling tournament to be held October 17 and 18 in the Swedish Club and at the Leilani Lanes. Queen City Brothers enjoyed the Sisterhood anniversary party on September 16. Brother Einar Bengtsen has been on the sick list.

Scotchman approaching the owner of a riding stable: "I'd like to rent a horse."

Owner: "How long, sir?"

Scotchman: "The longest ye've got. There are five of us going."

Always behave like a duck — keep calm and unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.

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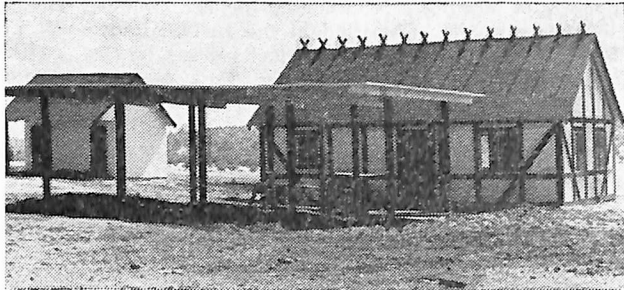
By ANNE BROWN

The now golden hills of Bakkedal are again watching activity. This time — a hospitality complex that includes rest room facilities and a covered rest area.

The total complex is 9,500 square feet, and at this point of construction, the last battens are being put on and the roof (a take-off on a Danish thatch roof) is being completed.

The entire area will be landscaped and by spring, we hope to have a delightful spot surrounded by lovely green grass, colorful flowers, intermingled with the native wild flowers that appear at their own discretion.

Vernon Olsen of Ripon Lodge and a master builder,



with his diligent crew have done a beautiful job on these structures. Vernon says that his next venture is to build a stork's nest (with a stork, of course) to rest on one of the building's roof.

Remember the bronze mermaid that was created by Robert Olsen, also of Ripon Lodge? This little mermaid has made many trips around the area. She has been part of Mother Lode parades, was escorted by a group of Vikings in a parade in Redwood City, but at last, she has found a resting spot. She will top a flowing fountain adjacent to our new buildings.

Do you also remember the rock fence that we built at one of the entrances to Bakkedal? This fence will add to the total effect, as the buildings are right inside the fence.

The interior of the Hospitality Center has exposed beams and it is hoped that one of the youth projects will be to design and build furniture of Danish styling to complement the setting.

The complex has been built at one of the public entrances so that our own people as well as the traveler can see just the beginning of our Danish architecture that some day will prevail among the hills of Bakkedal.

The famous Danish hospitality will be expressed in enjoying a chat along with a cup of coffee and some Danish pastry, but more the warm handshake and the friendly atmosphere of Bakkedal.....all saying VELKOMMEN!

Scholarships

As part of the Danish Brotherhood's Fraternal Program, the Supreme Lodge offers six new scholarships each year. These scholarships are available to any insured member in good standing within his local lodge.

Any member who is pursuing or planning to pursue an undergraduate course of study at an accredited college or university is urged to apply. Each scholarship is for \$250.00 per year and may be renewed each year for a total of four years.

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.

Kristen Jorgensen

KRISTEN JORGENSEN,
Chairman, Scholarship Committee.



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL — The 46th annual convention of the Eastern Lodges is now past history and was quite a success. Through the efforts of Thyra Danebod No. 129, DSS; Lyngblomsten No. 242 and the officers of the General Committee, it was a grand and glorious affair.

The president of Lodge 242, Erie, Olaf Hansen, opened the convention at 2:30 p. m., on Saturday, September 5. There was music and songs. Fred Lambertson, Erie County Commissioner, bid the guests welcome and also declared September 5 and 6, "Danish Sister and Brotherhood Days." The officers of the GCEL were introduced and the officers and delegates started the business meeting at 3 p. m.

The convention was honored by the presence of three officers of the National Board, Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen and Trustees Edward Jonasen and George Godthaab. Nine past presidents were present: Ole Beck, Aage Jespersen, Andrew Thomsen, Pete Christensen, Kris Larsen, Erik Garde, Edward Jonasen, George Godthaab and Olin Yauchler.

Brothers Sofus Christensen and Lawrence Knudsen were to be honored at this convention but both were unable to come on account of illness. Three couples from Rocky River Lodge in Ohio and Brother and Mrs. Henry Lassen of Jamestown were also in attendance. Dinner was served at 6 p. m., and at 8:30, dancing and entertainment to Al Jay and his Orchestra.

Sunday at 2 p. m., there was a trip to Sommerlyst. Forty guests attended and coffee and pastries were served. Cocktail hour from 6 to 7 in the Club and the banquet began at 7:15 in the DB Hall. Olaf Hansen, toastmaster, bid the guests welcome. Invocation was given by the Rev. John A. Johnson, pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

Remarks from Johanna McGavern president of DSS Lodge 129, Erie, and Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen addressed the guests. Vocal selections by Roy Christensen, accompanied by his daughter Ireta. Remarks from Edward Jonasen and George Godthaab. GCEL President Flemming Hinrichsen presented his officers. Finally, an address by Hon. Joseph Vigorito, Member of the Congress, 24th Pennsylvania District. Singing of the Danish national anthem with Mrs. Leo Nelson at the piano.

After a short intermission, the grand ball started to the tunes of Sexten and Lindbloom's Orchestra of Jamestown, N. Y.

Monday, Sept. 7, the officers for 1971 were installed in a proper and dignified manner by George Godthaab, ably assisted by Howard Christensen. The officers are: Past President Flemming Hinrichsen, President Paul Ifversen, Vice President George Jacobsen, Secretary Mark Jensen, Treasurer Olaf Hansen, Trustee Erling Braumann and Otto Jonasen, Correspondent.

There was no bid for next year's convention. Next GCEL officer's meeting will be announced later by President Paul Ifversen. At 11:30 the Danish breakfast took place and at 2 p. m., most of our guests had left.

Letter from President Ifversen to Promotional Director Alfred Hedegaard:

Re: Financial assistance to the host lodges, sponsoring a general committee convention.

Dear Alfred:

Are there any provisions within the rules of the promotional department whereby the lodge sponsoring a general committee convention can receive reimbursement for any financial liabilities incurred in the sponsoring of said convention?

It has become increasingly difficult for the Eastern Lodges to hold a convention because the largest majority of our lodges do not have halls of their own, nor personnel facilities to hold these conventions. Consequently everything has to be catered. I am fully aware that whatever the cost by hotels or banquet halls has to be charged to the delegates and guests to these conventions, so that no loss should occur.

It is the consensus of opinion here, that perhaps if we could charge less, more persons would attend these conventions. Here in the metropolitan area, prices are ridiculous.

Our thought is that if the small lodges knew that they could sponsor a convention and incur no losses, they would not be so reluctant to do so. Please let me know what if anything can be done along these lines and if you have not the authority to make any decisions on this, please submit to the Board at their next meeting.

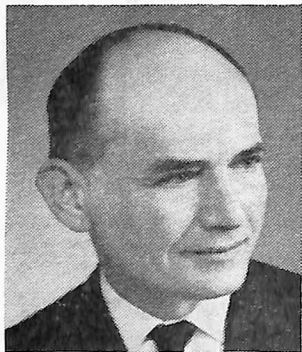
After all a convention is actually one place to push promotional work and should come under any rules of that committee. I am speaking for all the officers on the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges. Hoping to hear from you very soon.

PAUL IFVERSEN, President.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. President Jack Wilshire was our delegate to the GCEL convention in Erie, Pa., and at our last meeting he gave his report.

Members of the elected law committee are: Jack Wilshire, Norman Edmonds, Chris Petersen, Kris Larsen, Bob Bruse and Art Sorensen.

Brother Gotfred Frederiksen is ill and we wish him a speedy recovery.



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Our fall dance will be held October 24 at 7 p. m. Dinner will be served by the Sisters and will consist of Danish chicken soup, roast beef and ice cream. Tickets are \$4 per person and can be obtained from Elaine Sorensen, Barbara Larsen, Lillian Larsen, Sam Abildgaard and Chris Simonsen.

CHRIS SIMONSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 41, Derby, Conn. A great meeting was held in Enighed Lodge September 14. Brother Carl Hummell was initiated and Brothers from Hartford Lodge 314 and New Haven Lodge 32 came and put on the degree. The Jensen brothers, Pete and August (Carl's uncles) donated fresh sweet corn from their farm and coffee and cakes. There was plenty of Danish sandwiches made by Bob and Chris Andersen. Liquid refreshments were served. A most enjoyable evening was held and many thanks to our neighboring lodges for helping us out.

Congratulations to Bob and Jane Andersen with their new baby daughter (also my granddaughter). Hope our lodge can have another grand evening soon again.

CHRIS ANDERSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. Brother and Mrs. Harold Jepsen and Brother and Mrs. Emanuel Therkilsen have been visiting in Denmark this summer.

Brother Jull Nielsen is feeling much better after his illness. Brother Henry C. Jensen is in the Veteran's Hospital in Canandaigua and is coming along fine.

Brother John Christensen was 90 years old September 15 and is our oldest member. Brother John joined our lodge in February 1900. As John is not able to get out of the house, he likes to see his old friends drop in.

Brother and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen of St. Petersburg, Fla., stopped in Penn Yan on their way back from a trip in Denmark. Brother Andrew attended our August meeting. He is 82 years old and an old member of the Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge. From here they flew to Milwaukee and Chicago to visit friends and family, before returning to Florida.

Erie Lodge 242 surely rolled out the red carpet at the GCEL convention. It was a great convention, we greeted old friends and met a lot of new ones. We thank Lodge 242 for a great time. We also thank Brother and Mrs. Howard Christensen for coming to the convention, it was a pleasure to meet them.

Wendia Lodge 71 is doing fine and thanks to the Sisters for their great help. We took in several new members this summer. After our last meeting, 68 Brothers and Sisters attended the coffee table.

LAURIDS S. PEDERSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. Impressions From Denmark — Proud Danes, the land of milk and cheese, wild drivers, hippies and green copper roofs. The land whose heritage we carry will be the subject of a series of reports in words and photos, whenever space permits in the coming year.

Brother Edmond E. Simon died June 26 at the age of 75 years. He was born in Aarhus and was a tinsmith by trade. He joined our lodge in 1913. His jovial spirit and firm handshake will be remembered by all.

Brother Axel E. Andersen died July 3 at the age of 81 years. He joined our lodge in 1930 and was born in Copenhagen. He was a plumber by trade and we remember him as always smiling and always friendly.

Brother John Jensen died August 13 at the age of 83 years. He was born in Thy, Denmark and came to the USA at the age of 9. Few have had such a varied and interesting life. He was a cowboy, a lawman, a musician, an author, a pilot of his own plane and in his later years, copy chief and vice president of the Al Paul Lefton Advertising Agency. For 14 years he was concertmaster for the old West Philadelphia Orchestra.

He joined the Cincinnati Lodge in 1923 and transferred to us in 1963. We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of these Brothers.

Brother Lawrence Knudsen is reported to have broken his shoulder while visiting the Home in Metuchen. We wish him a quick recovery.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. We received a letter from Brother Edwin Nielsen in Freeport, L. I., and we are happy to hear he was discharged from Mercy Hospital in Rockville Center although we were sorry to learn he will be required to wear a steel brace to compensate for the back injury he suffered. We all extend our best wishes to our Brother.

A letter was received from our former secretary, Jake Christiansen, who is now in California, thanking all the members of No. 190 for the travelling bag which was presented to him upon leaving here. He invites those who might be in that area to contact him for he will be glad to see or hear from any of his friends back East. His address is 218 South Avenue 66, Los Angeles, Calif. 90042 and his phone is 256-8042.

Norman O. Hanson, a juvenile member for the past 15 years, has now reached his 16th milestone and is now transferred to adult membership.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Prior to the convention, our lodge hall was painted by some of our members. The downstairs dining hall was fully rejuvenated, the windows taken out and fine pictures in Danish style painted on the wall by Roy Christensen; also a fancy carpet laid on the floor. All the convention committees were doing very well, from the chairman to the house committee, but we will say, that the house committee did the most work — changing the meeting hall to dining hall and the dining hall to dancing hall and so on. A great job done by Brothers Carl Berry and Olaf Andersen. As Churchill said: Never has so many owed so much to so few.

A dinner-dance will be held Saturday, October 24 to honor members who celebrate their silver or golden wedding anniversaries. Free cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p. m. Dinner at 7:15 p. m. Tickets are only \$7 per couple.

We congratulate our President Oluf Hansen on his election as GCEL treasurer.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Brother George Jacobsen was elected delegate to the National Convention in 1971 and we also congratulate him on his election as vice president in the GCEL.

Starting this fall, we are going to put on a strong drive for new members. George Jacobsen was appointed chairman of the membership committee.

Tickets for our 44th anniversary dinner-dance will be available at this meeting. The date is November 14 at 8:30 p. m. The place is the Carriage Room at Carl Hoppl's Restaurant, Sunrise Highway, Baldwin, L. I.

OCTOBER ASSESSMENT

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

DB DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
51	Ludington	James Osborne	Al. Christoffersen
70	Greenville	John Hodgson	J. Wesley Kraft
70	Greenville	Joe Minard	J. Wesley Kraft
84	Lincoln	Mildred Anker	Elizabeth Anker
84	Lincoln	Theodore Anker	Elizabeth Anker
84	Lincoln	Lester Roder	Ingrid Hansen
84	Lincoln	Martena Roder	Ingrid Hansen
84	Lincoln	William Sorensen	Ingrid Hansen
113	Enumclaw	James Pedersen	Nis Hansen
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323	Alhambra	Gloria Nielsen	Hans Nielsen
323	Alhambra	Lawrence Nielsen	Hans Nielsen
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16	Minden	Randall L. Poore	Andrew Madsen
71	Penn Yan	Gwen A. Borglum	Bartel Borglum
92	St. Charles	Michael Hunecke	Einar Danielsen
190	Schenectady	Joseph D. Lundgreen	Chr. Biering
242	Erie	Shannon Mary Lampe	John Lampe
263	Askov	Brandon C. Scott	Edwin Sorensen
332	Ripon	Herman Janzen III	H. Janzen, Sr.

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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	8
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	11
113	Enumclaw, Washington	7
126	Los Angeles, California	8
144	Dike, Iowa	10
177	Cordova, Nebraska	6
219	Clear Lake, Iowa	5
227	Detroit, Michigan	36
306	San Diego, California	5
326	West Branch, Iowa	5
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	11
332	Ripon, California	5
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
70	Greenville, Mich., J. Wesley Kraft	3
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, Canada, Eigil Kristensen	5
328	Vancouver, Canada, 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
195	Omaha, Nebr., Edward Krause	1
263	Askov, Minn., Edwin Sorensen	2

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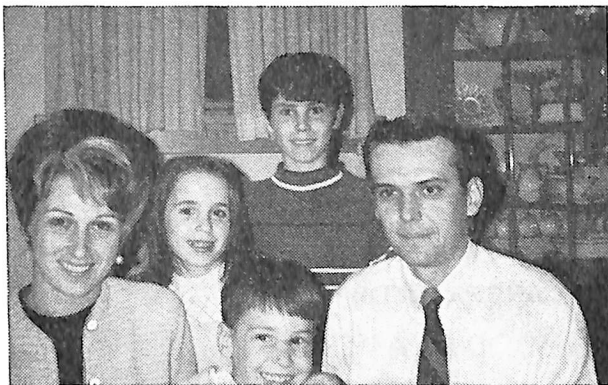
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100% FAMILY — From Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebr., the Lewis Outz family, left to right, Leslie Jo, daughter; David, son; Gloria, mother; Russell, son; and Lewis, father.



100% FAMILY — From Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Iowa, the William Christensens, left to right, Annette, mother; Debbie, daughter; Andy, son, front; Roger, son; Bill, father.



100% FAMILY — From Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, Calif., the Donald Sanborns, left to right, Karen, daughter; Eunice, mother; Don, father; Denise, daughter; and Todd, son, on Dad's lap.

Midwest District News

The Midwest District of the Danish Brotherhood in America met in convention September 12 and 13 in Rockford, Ill., the home of Lodge No. 64.

The executive board met on September 11 at 8 p. m., to make plans for the business meeting and audit the treasurer's books.

Roll call on Saturday indicated that 19 delegates, two alternates and six officers representing 10 lodges were in attendance. Guests in attendance were National Vice President Einar Danielsen, National Officer Fred Jensen, Tour Director Ken Janssen and Paul Strand from Dana College.

Delegates were saddened by news of the serious illness of Brother Vice President Louis Kasa who has been active in the Midwest District for many years.

Plans were made to extend our scholarship program to upper classmen to encourage greater participation.

The report of the fact finding committee resulted in increased interest in changes in the national by-laws. The committee dealing with national by-law changes was given much work to do before these changes are prepared for the San Diego convention.

The Midwest bowling tournament will be in Racine in the spring of 1971 and probably in Detroit in 1972, (Lodge No. 227). The next Midwest District convention will be in August of 1971 in St. Charles, Ill., Lodge No. 92. The 1972 Midwest District convention will be in Chicago, Ill., Lodge No. 17.

New officers for 1971 are: President Donald Moon, Lodge 64; Past President Carl Hansen, Lodge 227; Vice President Harry Davis, Lodge 245; Secretary-Treasurer Ronald Jensen, Lodge 14; Trustees Gene Andersen, Lodge 4, Carl B. Meyer, Lodge 35, and Carl B. Hansen, Lodge 17; Alternate Vernon Danielsen, Lodge 92.

Special thanks was extended to Ken Janssen for his successful Denmark Tour in 1970 and authorization will be sought for another tour in 1972.

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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By **CARL J. HANSEN**, 31607 Carion Drive,
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LODGE NO. 227, DETROIT —

On September 9, our meeting was preceded by our monthly dinner with 145 attending in our luxurious new banquet hall, comparable to the Taj Mahal in decor.

Under the meeting, one new member was initiated, Allen Schou, who was bid welcome by Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen.

Once again we were saddened by the loss of two of our Brothers: Paul Hoibjerre, a member since 1944, passed away August 29 and Harold Andersen, a member since 1928, passed away September 3. What was doubly shocking was that Harold's wife, Kristine, passed away two days before, on September 1. A double funeral was held on September 5.

Our law committee for constitution and by-law review for the National Convention in San Diego starting September 22, 1971, was elected. It consists of V. Mikkelsen, C. Fabricius, T. Rasmussen, R. Andersen and C. J. Hansen. A delegate and alternate for the convention will be elected October 28.

On October 18 and 19, we will have the pleasure of a visit from a Danish boys' choir from Denmark, consisting of 20 boys ranging in age from 10 through 14, accompanied by four adults. A concert will be held Sunday evening, October 18, at the Ford High School Auditorium

on Evergreen. On Monday, a get-together and dinner will be held at the Danish Hall. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

LODGE NO. 51, LUDINGTON —

On August 19 our lodge held its monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Pinochle was played and after the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck lunch was served by President and Mrs. William Smith, assisted by Brother Albert Christoffersen.

On August 27 our lodge held a social meeting in the lodge rooms. We were very happy to have Brothers Swen Larsen and Ken Rehan of Detroit Lodge 227 as visitors. Ernst Bach's name was called for the jackpot but he was absent. Brother Lars Christoffersen won the "Wagner Special." Lunch committee for the evening was President Smith and Brother Everett Liebetreau.

On August 30 our lodge held a picnic at the local Fraternal Order of Eagles picnic grounds. Chairman for the event was Brother Marlin and Mrs. Fouts. Games for the kiddies were held and a potluck luncheon served.

On September 10 we had a fish fry at the cottage of Brother Al Sequin on the Lincoln River. On the committee for the event were Brothers Claude Shanks, Howard Bentz, Howard Barber and Al Sequin. Fish and all the trimmings and of course a few cold brews were enjoyed by all present. Many thanks to Al for the invitation to enjoy this outing at his summer home. Brother Bentz was awarded the "Wagner Special" and a special prize was awarded to Brother Wallace Nelson.

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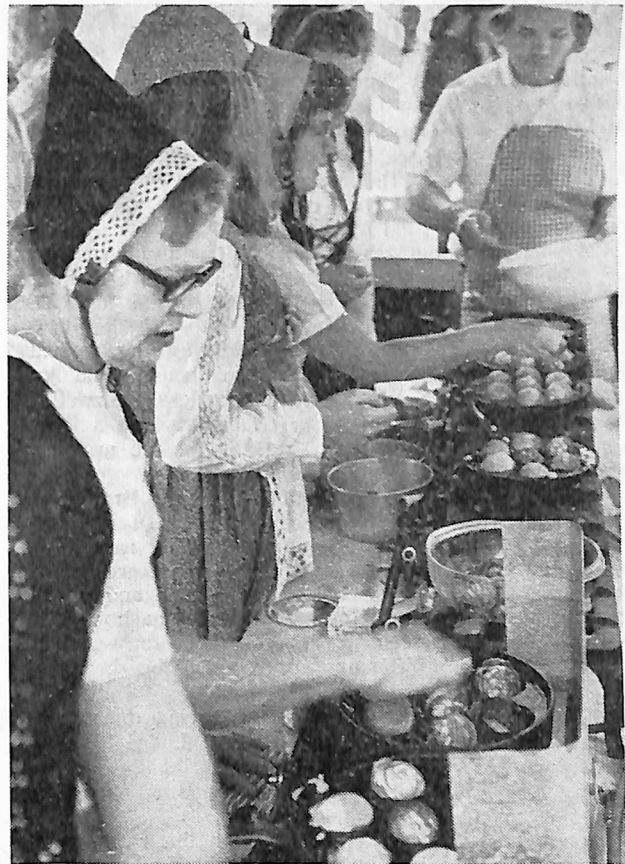
Sixth Annual Danish Festival Held in Greenville, Michigan

Disappointment due to cloudy skies and light rain on Saturday morning was replaced by joy at 1 o'clock as an estimated 55,000 people lined the streets of Greenville, Mich., for the 6th annual Danish Festival parade.

The city of 8,000 extended warm greetings of "Velkommen" as Danish flags and welcome banners waved in Greenville's annual salute to the Danish founders and developers of the area.

Streets were crowded with visitors from all over Michigan and adjacent states. A number of visitors from California and Rhode Island placed Greenville's Danish Festival on their summer travel itinerary when it was named one of the top travel events in August by Discover America, Inc.

Colorful street stands offered a wide variety of authentic Danish food and souvenir specialties. The area organizations and church groups provided æbleskivers, rullepølse and open-faced sandwiches to the delight of the visitors. Highlight of the food service at the festival



Thousands of æbleskivers were devoured by hungry visitors to this year's Danish Festival in Greenville.



The main thoroughfare of Greenville was closed to traffic August 23, as an estimated 55,000 people attended the 6th annual Danish Festival.



Danes from all over Michigan and adjacent states attended the 6th annual Danish Festival in Greenville on Saturday, August 23.

was a gigantic smorgasbord served by the Danish Sisterhood Society.

The 1 o'clock parade featured 18 musical marching units, 19 queens, commercial and amateur floats, novelty and equestrian units and a fine sample of antique cars.

Other attractions included an antique show which featured a display and sale by 12 Michigan dealers, an outdoor art fair which featured a display and demonstrations by more than 50 Michigan artists.

Most of the street stands and a number of the city's restaurants ran out of food by 4 p. m., which disappointed many visitors. Since the festival originated in 1965, each year's planning and preparation expands. The crowds get bigger and bigger as the festival reputation reaches more people. Due to the uncertainty of weather conditions for a one-day event such as the Greenville Danish Festival, "it's difficult to ask organizations to plan for 50,000 visitors since the risk of foul weather is always a threat," according to the Rev. Henry C. Lubben, managing director of the 1970 festival.

Climax of the one-day festival took place at 10 p. m., at the Danish Tavern when the recipients of three major awards were announced. Greenville's Danish Festival is a non-profit civic event administered by a board of 12 directors. All proceeds from the festival are used to promote community projects and Greenville as a good place in which to live. The festival is held on the third Saturday of August each year.

The only things he fixes around the house are Manhattans and Martinis.

Nebraska General Committee Meets

The Nebraska General Committee held its 1970 convention in Lincoln, Nebr., August 28 and 29. The host lodge was No. 84 in Lincoln and the place for the festivities was the Lincoln Hotel.

A get-together was held Friday evening. A delicious lunch was served. This was followed by group singing led by Brother Fred Jensen, the showing of a movie, cards and the meeting of old friends and making new friends.

A short meeting was held Saturday morning, August 29. After lunch a joint meeting was held with members of the Sisterhood before the sessions of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood were held separately.

Many ideas were brought out during the sessions. Ideas that should be given serious thought and then action to help the Brotherhood in general as well as to prepare the delegates of the Nebraska lodges for an effective National Convention working for the growth of the Brotherhood.

Six new members were initiated into the Brotherhood at this convention.

Two very unique and original door prizes were given. One to a man and one to a lady. The prizes were ceramic mugs with the Brotherhood emblem on one and the Sisterhood emblem on the other. Also on each was the year of the convention. I am sure that the recipients will cherish them. The mugs were made by the daughter of the president of Lodge 84.

Keeping in line with the idea of having the younger set and children attend the convention, Lodge 84 had a well planned program for this group during the sessions. It was very gratifying to see that there were almost two tables of youngsters at the banquet.

After the banquet the drawing for the raffle prizes was held. Two prizes went to Omaha Lodge 195. It was a pleasure to deliver another of the prizes to a party who lives in Omaha to whom some enterprising Brother sold a ticket. It was an experience to hand him the clock radio he won and hear him exclaim that



Kenneth Pedersen of Lodge No. 161 Ruskin, is presiding over the Nebraska District Convention held at Lincoln. He was re-elected president.

it was the first time that he ever won anything.

The Sisterhood drill team of Omaha gave a colorful atmosphere to the installation of the newly elected officers for the year 1970-71. Dancing followed, bringing to a close another Nebraska General Committee convention. Our thanks to the committee as well as to the members of Lodge 84 and to the Hotel Lincoln for a great convention and a very enjoyable time. ED KRAUSE.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b) Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following sections: Sections 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:

AUGUST 1970 —

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$248.78, less taxes \$11.94, net \$236.84. For attending convention of the Minnesota United Lodges held in Askov, Minn., transportation \$185.64, per diem \$75.00.

Axel Skelbeck: Consulting services for August 1970, \$140.00, less taxes \$6.72, net \$133.28; retirement benefit \$340.49.



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
Jul 31—	A. Christ J. Mortensen	84	Aarhus, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1913
Aug 13—	Johannes Jensen	84	Hundborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1923
Aug 10—	Andreas H. Albrechtsen	80	Horsens, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1925
Aug 15—	Johan F. M. Miller Sorensen	79	Thorsager, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1924
Jun 1—	Lauritz F. Holst	81	Odense, Denmark	323	Alhambra, California	1911
Aug 12—	Iver Matyshock	84	Salybrunn, Denmark	95	Ferndale, California	1926
Aug 13—	Viggo Nielsen	71	Randers, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
Jun 30—	Anders J. Svendsen	79	Hjøring Tornby, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1926
Aug 26—	Jens Peter Jensen	77	Aalborg, Denmark	150	Rorbeck, Iowa	1913
Aug 29—	Marius Brix	82	Randers, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1922
Sep 4—	John George Nielsen	78	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1916
Sep 3—	Harold Andersen	72	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1928
Aug 29—	Paul A. Hoibierre	49	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1944
Aug 6—	Rasmus Hansen	88	Svendborg, Denmark	273	Dillon, Montana	1908
Sep 14—	William Johnson	92	Grand Island, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1905
Jul 22—	Kai Christensen	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	245	South Bend, Indiana	1964
Jun 10—	Thorvald Berthelsen	83	Aalborg, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1933
Jul 17—	Axel Smith	58	Rochester, Minnesota	306	San Diego, California	1966
Sep 2—	Jorgen Peter Hvid	97	Skjarup Jylland, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1894
Sep 4—	L. A. Rosenstand	69	Odense, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1952
Aug 12—	Ludwig M. Jorgensen	82	Frederiksberg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1911
Not given—	Gunnar Andreassen	72	Copenhagen, Denmark	328	Vancouver, Canada	1950

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By ALFRED MUNCK, 5452 Sale Avenue, Woodland Hills, California 91364

California General Committee Convention 1970

In the morning of Thursday, August 27, delegates from all of the California and Nevada DB and DSS lodges began to arrive in the little town of Petaluma, Calif. Some of the them, including Vice President Al Tunsen and Trustee George Godthaab from the National Board, early enough to play a round of golf.

At 2 p. m., when the first regular meeting began, practically all the delegates had arrived and registered.

President of the General Committee of California, Eric Roug, opened the convention by bidding all the delegates and guests welcome. Al Tunsen and George Godthaab were given a special welcome and seated next to the president. The president gave a clear and full report of his activities during the past year and his report was accepted with applause. Next Brother Arnold Jensen gave a report from the DB's Cultural Center, Bakkedal. His report indicated that Bakkedal was doing fine and "going great guns" in spite of some problems here and there and his report was accepted with an ovation. At this time the meeting adjourned for the day.

At 6 p. m., a welcome-cocktail party, sponsored by the Petaluma DB Lodge was on tap and at 7 the delegates and guests were officially bid welcome by the mayor of Petaluma, Helen Putnam, and the presidents of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

Petaluma lodges had chosen as their convention theme: Let us entertain you, and so they did. At 8 o'clock a talent show with folk dancing, gymnastics, children's dances, etc., made it clear to everyone that a lot of work and time had been devoted here.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the delegates and officers were in their respective places again. Strenuous and exhaustive meetings were held all day until 5.

At 6:30 delegates and guests were invited to a royal chicken barbecue at nearby Pengrove Park. After the barbecue there again was dancing. However, since it was cloudy and pretty cold, people began to leave early.

After the final meeting and election Saturday morning the following were installed as officers for the General Committee for 1970-71, at 2 p. m., with a most effective and well trained escort team assisting:

Out-going President Eric Roug, Lodge 126; President Arnold Jensen, Lodge 39; Vice President Harold Reed, Lodge 339; Secretary-Treasurer Alice M. Pinkerton, Lodge 339; Trustees Erik Michelsen, Lodge 319; Lawrence Olsen, Lodge 337 and William Jensen, Lodge 308; Conductor Jack Belmont, Lodge 332; Inner Guard Viggo Poulsen, Lodge 230; Outer Guard Alfred Munck, Lodge 126; Flight Chairman Eric Roug, Lodge 126; Promotion Harold Mathiasen, Lodge 126; and Bakkedal Cultural Chairman, Arnold Jensen, Lodge 39.

The Brothers were installed by Brother George Godthaab with Brother Al Tunsen as conductor. The climax of the installation came in the form of 12 Sisters in golden formals doing a very interesting and intricate drill. My compliments. The installation was followed by an afternoon cocktail party, sponsored by the new presidents of the Sisters and Brothers.

At 8 o'clock the banquet took place. The newly installed presidents, the out-going president, Supreme Officer Dagmar Aasted of Santa Barbara, National Vice President Al Tunsen and others spoke briefly, while the main speech was given by Brother George Godthaab, who emphasized the importance of our yearly conven-

tions, "not only for the purpose to propose new laws and regulations and take care of problems that have come up during the past year, but also to meet with delegates from other lodges in our state and share ideas and experiences from all over the state." He also admonished us to keep on working hard for the respective lodges and by doing so, our lodges would continue to prosper.

We thank Brothers Tunsen and Godthaab for being present and assisting us at our convention, and wish they would visit us more often.

The place for the 1971 convention was offered by Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, and for 1972 by Alhambra Lodge No. 323. Both offers were accepted.

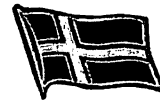
After breakfast Sunday morning, delegates and guests left with thanks and appreciation in their hearts to the Sisters and Brothers in Petaluma, who had worked so hard and done so much to entertain us and to make us feel comfortable and genuinely welcome.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 —

September 12 our lodge celebrated its 71st anniversary with about 100 members and guests present. Since the Danish Restaurant temporarily is without a manager, the party was held at Rudy Clay's place, Blarney Castle. Invited specially to the party were all Brothers who had been members of No. 126 for 50 years or more. Present were Charles Petersen, Emil Kalhauge, Niels Roed, Thorvald Kjellerup, Anton Gram and Ludvig Andersen.

The party was a success from the beginning of the adjustment hour until the dance ended at 1 o'clock, with the tones of Helen and Winstrup Olesen's band still lingering in the air.

Ellen Isaksen, who together with her husband, Per, managed the Danish Center Restaurant for four years, became ill about July 1, and went through a difficult operation. September 10 her strength was exhausted. Our Danish Church was filled to capacity September 13, when we all gathered to say "So long, Ellen." Words are nothing Per, but you know us all well enough to know



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ALFRED MUNCK.

Hayward Lodge No. 184 —

May 8 the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges in Hayward moved to new meeting quarters. The address is Meeks Estate, 240 Hampton Road, Hayward. The second Friday is still the meeting night.

August 16 about 15 Sisters and Brothers from Hayward Lodge went to Aldersly to put on a bingo game for the residents. About 75 were present at the games and coffee and cake afterward. The Sisters donated the prizes and baked cakes and cookies. Small cupcakes with a candle were presented to those who had a birthday in August. Everybody really enjoyed it. Afterward we were all invited for refreshments at the Peter Juul and John Sorensen homes, which was enjoyed by all.

As your state bowling chairman this past season I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the lodges and bowlers for their wonderful cooperation. It was a pleasure to work for you. Teams and individual scores are as follows:

Team Standings

	Series	Hdcp.	Total	Cash
San Diego No. 1	2385	534	2919	\$30.00
Ripon	2548	344	2892	22.50
Hayward	2499	334	2833	17.50
Ferndale	2304	514	2818	
Solvang No. 1	2349	464	2813	
San Diego No. 2	2155	572	2727	
Oakland	2222	484	2706	
Solvang No. 2	2190	508	2698	
Los Angeles	2228	414	2642	
Fremont	1851	652	2503	

High series: Gordon Aase, San Diego, 609; Bob Babbick, Ripon, 571; Walter Hansen, Hayward, 546.

High game: Layton Hansen, Ripon, 237; Kris Norby, San Diego, 207; John Lorusso, Hayward, 205.

Handicap high series: Eric Roug, Los Angeles, 648; J. Jager, Solvang, 632; Arnold Jensen, Oakland, 606.

Handicap high game: Robert J., San Diego, 272; Glen Martella, Ferndale, 236; Oscar J., San Diego, 233.

Low series: Al Tunsen, Jr., Ripon, 284.

Low game: Bo Carter Fremont, 87.

JOHN VILLADSEN.

Dana Professor to be Knighted

Norman C. Bansen, member of Blair DB Lodge and associate professor of English and Danish at Dana College in Blair, Nebr., has been named Knight of the Order of Dannebrog by King Frederick IX of Denmark. Professor Bansen will receive the Cross of Knighthood October 8. The presentation will be made by Lorenz Petersen, Royal Danish Consul General of Chicago, Ill.

Brother Bansen, the son of Danish immigrants, has been associated with Dana College for the past 23 years, first as a student, then as director of public relations and since 1953, as a member of the teaching faculty. He has taught courses in the Danish language, Scandinavian literature and Scandinavian drama.

His contributions to the strengthening of Danish-American cultural relations have reached beyond his classroom. He has written a number of articles on things Danish, has translated numerous poems, has served as a visiting professor of Scandinavia at the University of California in Berkeley, has lectured throughout the midwest on a variety of topics related to Danish literature and history and has been active in a variety of Danish-American organizations.

As a direct result of his efforts, Dana has enlarged her holdings of Danish artifacts and books and today can boast one of the largest collections of Danish works in English translation found anywhere. He initiated contacts which resulted in the gift of historic gas lamps from Copenhagen presented as a greeting to Dana College on the occasion of the school's 75th anniversary. He also obtained beech trees from the native home of Hans Christian Andersen which have since been planted in a memorial grove on the Dana campus.

It was for reasons such as these that Dr. C. C. Madson, president of Dana and himself a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog, said: "Of the many outstanding people who have received this honor from His Majesty the King of Denmark, I am convinced that Norman Bansen is one of the most deserving."

Notes From No. 1

A large group showed up at the DB meeting September 1, every chair was taken by members. "Brother" Rose Skelbeck treated to sandwiches and cake in honor of Axel's birthday, which was in August. Brother Axel treated to liquid refreshments. Everyone joined in singing "Happy Birthday," at the coffee table.

Our active social committee planned an old fashioned wiener and marshmallow roast September 15, this was held at Vennelyst Park. We also had potato salad and baked beans. Chairman Jean Marie Davidson had promised we'd have full moon, but the weatherman decided to have cloudy weather. At least it didn't rain during the evening. Vernon and Maude Thompsen treated to liquid refreshments and a large birthday cake in honor of Maude's birthday. A large crowd attended.

CHRIS LARSEN,
Correspondent for No. 1.

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The Stamp Collector's Column

By AXEL SKELBECK, PO Box 31748, Omaha, Nebr. 68131

In response to last month's column I had the pleasure of a letter from Brother Axel Hansen, No. 49, San Francisco. Brother Hansen, who has recently retired, writes most interestingly about his reasons for joining the ranks of stamp collectors. He is an absolute beginner and needs some personal guidance. To give him the best assistance we possibly can, we need a collector in the San Francisco area who has time, material and an inclination to help Brother Hansen on the way. Anyone willing to work with us for that purpose? We are hopeful.

Look forward to guest writers for this column. It is our purpose to have a number of articles by our advanced collectors on subject matters of special interest in our hobby, particularly of benefit to our beginners. Volunteers, please step forward with your writings on stamp collecting.

We are now processing the responses from our membership. By and by, we will make the names and address list available to bona fide member collectors so that they may communicate with each other directly on an individual basis for purposes of information, trading, teaching, learning and so on. One question which several collectors have asked is whether such a list would be published in this column. The answer is no, at least not for the present. One reason is that we must have increasingly more interest shown in our philatelic group before we can justify asking for the additional space it will require. Another reason is protection for the collector who is not yet sufficiently seasoned to handle unsolicited offerings and sendings of stamps by insincere vendors.

Before too much longer we expect to have a personal answer and a "Thank You" note off on an individual basis to the many letters we receive. This turned out to be a much bigger job than anticipated, but help is on the way.

A special "thank you" in this issue goes to Professor

Norman C. Bansen, Dana College, Blair, Nebr. 68008, for his most encouraging letter. He declares his interest in seeing a Danish Brotherhood philatelic group formed. Brother Bansen has collected stamps since 1928. "I cannot resist a stamp" he writes, "I think the idea of a special group is great."

For contribution of material also to Brothers Walter Kerr, Lodge 32, New Haven, Conn.; L. S. DeLaurant, Lodge 67, Fresno, Calif.; and Carl Meedom, Lodge 332, Ripon Calif. Brother Kerr has collected actively since the 1920s. He is categorized here as a collector who will be of great assistance to our group participants as an exchanger, trader and friend. I am not certain that DeLaurant and Meedom are active collectors, but certainly have shown their interest as friends of the hobby. Their contributions will most certainly be processed for our purposes.

From Solvang Lodge No. 299

We, the members of Solvang Lodge 299, regret very much that the convention in Petaluma found it necessary to dismiss Levi Persson as correspondent to the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

We recognize of course, the universal privilege of any employer or organization to terminate the services of an employe whether the reasons for dismissal are justified or not, but we believe it is common practice to compensate an employe for services rendered at the time of dismissal. People are dismissed for several reasons: personal, incompatibility or inefficiency. We can hardly believe that inefficiency was the reason for Levi Persson's dismissal.

Although he at times uses blunt remarks, we still believe that Levi Persson as correspondent has served the Danish Brotherhood well and that members look forward to reading his column in the Magazine.

Perhaps at the convention in Bakersfield next year the delegates will reconsider the decision made at the convention in Petaluma.

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