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NEWS OF THE RAFFLE

Again, the Executive Board is happy to announce the winners and the financial results of our third annual raffle.

The raffle cleared approximately \$120.00

Kenosha and Pete Jacobsen again led the League in sales.

	Tickets	
Kenosha D.B.A.C.	605	\$60.50
Chicago	705	70.60
Twin Cities	420	42.00
TOTAL	1730	\$173.60

We congratulate the winners of the various prizes and thank them along with all you other ticket purchasers for your wholehearted participation.

This brings the Servicemen's Fund up to approximately \$300.00

The Danish American Athletic Club held their annual Exhibition on Sunday, April 15, 1945. Although your correspondent was not able to be present, from all reports, it turned out very successfully. The weather was a very disappointing feature, this of course keeping the usual large audience from attending.

Peter Jacobsen and Doris Jensen came all the way from Kenosha, Wisc. to enjoy the Exhibition.

Holger Nielsen was re-elected President of D.A.A.C. Holger Hansen was re-elected Financial Secretary

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 5, 1945

Our Vice-President, Astrid Lineck, called the meeting to order at 9:45 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses for the month - \$1.79 for the Corresponding Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary Gertrude Nelson received a letter from Peter Olsen asking the Board if we could have our League meeting on Sunday, March 4th as the Swedish Folkdancers will hold their Banquet on March 3rd. In that way they can come down to Chicago for both affairs. The Board agreed to have the meeting on March 4th and will be held at the home of Ben Johnson.

The Raffle will be held on April 6th. The prizes will be the same as last year. Joe Sommer will have the tickets ready for our February meeting.

Pete Jacobsen of Kenosha, Wisconsin will try and organize a Junior Group of Folkdancers to meet on Saturday afternoons.

Ben Johnson will talk to the Swedish Folkdancers about our social, and Joe Sommer will talk to Leikarringen "Heimhug". This is for the Chicago clubs to get together for a joining Folkdancing Group.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Robert Broch.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Sommer

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 2, 1945

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 P.M.

Joe Sommer read the minutes of the previous meeting as our Recording Secretary was not present. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

No income, no expenses. \$522.30 Total balance.

A letter was received from Peter Olsen telling us that he and Linnea Osman would be present at our March meeting which will be held at the home of Ben Johnson at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of March 4th.

Joe Sommer distributed the raffle tickets to the various clubs.

Robert Broch was asked to get in touch with the Danish American Athletic Club about their dues.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Astrid Lineck

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH (continued)

Corp. Oscar W. Johnson has received our League paper, the "Herald" and enjoys it very much. He was also glad to read all about the Twin Cities group of Folkdancers, their socials and meetings.

Harold Thorsen suggested we take a picture of the League members and Flaque. Everybody was in favor and the picture will be taken when the meeting is adjourned.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Harold Thorsen on Saturday evening, April 14, 1945.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Sommer, Cor. Secy.,

Joe's Column

Your correspondent received a nice letter from P.F.C. Ed Christiansen from somewhere in the Marianna Islands. He stated that altho things are as comfortable as can be expected, he sure would like to see his old friends again. We sure would like to see him also -- Oscar Jensen of Leikarringen "Heimhug" is stationed in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His wife, Mary and little Marilyn are with him. Who's unlucky? -

The Stork is working overtime thruout the Folk Dance League. The Chicago Danes will soon have a little acrobat answering to papa and mama Chris and Ella Arne -- Also ex-serviceman Sigurd Evensen and his pretty wife Evie are getting close to the time they will be getting up for that 2 A.M. feeding for their little "boilermaker to be."

-- It was good to see Peter Olsen down in Chicago for the March meeting. We all appreciate seeing the "out of towners." Pete Jacobsen and Doris Jensen are regular commuters between Chicago and Kenosha around meeting time. We sincerely appreciate this. --

-- Bob Broch and Edna Johansen are soon to combine their names to Bob and Edna Broch. A wonderful couple. Many, Many years of extreme happiness to you both.

FOLKDANSLAGET NATIONAL

Well, as far as the Herald is concerned, I guess the Swedish Dance Group has been hibernating all winter but actually they have been meeting every month and although the following news may be old to some, there are some that it may interest.

The annual meeting was held at the home of Ellen Meyer in October and the following were elected; Ben Johnson, President, Leader and Business Manager; Martha Carlson, Vice President and Ass't. Leader; Marie-Ann Palmer, Secretary; Sven Ramsey, Treasurer; Irene Wilson, Member Without Function; Ellen Meyer, Custodian and Reporter; Inez Lenberg and Ellen Meyer, Auditors. There were just a few members who attended this meeting and a little discouraging to the hostess as she had prepared a delicious "Smorgasbord." Poor Bob, had to eat left over "Smorgasbord" all that week.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 4, 1945

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Income:	Expenses:
\$9.00 - Sale of pins	\$1.00 State Charter Renewal
	3.00 Typewriter repair
	3.00 Stamps
	\$7.00
Total in the bank, \$524.30	

The subject of group dancing was discussed by the Board members, whereupon Peter Olsen explained to the Board how Twin Cities conduct their group meetings. They started with four couples and now have 20 to 24 Folkdancers. As soon as couples arrive at meetings, they start in dancing. They meet every other week on Monday evenings and they serve coffee and rolls and charge a small amount. They also change partners to get accustomed to the dances. They have done this for eight years.

Pete Jacobsen said that Kenosha will try to help out with a few dances, and also mentioned that the Chicago clubs getting together is a very good idea and we will be further advanced in our dancing, in the probability that we can all take a trip to the Scandinavian Countries when time permits.

Peter Olsen also told us about Folkdancing Magazine that is published in Brooklyn, N.Y. This magazine is published once a month and the cost is \$1.25 a year.

Joe Sommer was asked by Robert Broch to send a copy of the Herald to the Magazine firm as soon as we receive the address from Peter Olsen. Joe Sommer said that we have done a grand job of keeping the clubs together. Our next step will be to get a meeting place and set a date to get all of the Folkdancers together. Robert Broch will try to get the Danish American Athletic Club for this occasion. Bob also mentioned that on Friday evenings, the young Danish Folkdancers practice until 8 P.M. and Bob instructs this group, so he will inquire to see if he can get the hall for that same evening from 8 to 10 P.M. He will let us know at the next meeting.

There will be an Exhibition and dance at the Masonic Temple in Logan Square on April 15th given by the D.A.A.C. The next League meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th so those who come in for the D.A.A.C. Exhibition can also attend the League meeting to be held the Saturday evening before. The Board said that they will try to hold the League meetings close to any special event the various clubs may have so that members can attend both, otherwise the League meetings will be held as usual once a month.

A discussion on the League's start. The Danish group started, and the Norwegian's followed and then the Swedish Group joined, and now the Swedish Group is really helping the League during these times.

The news from Norrøna Leikarring for this quarter is certainly 'nil' as far as this Reporter is concerned. We have done very little this winter since the last issue of the Herald so this will be a very dry report. We do have a couple of dancing engagements coming up. One is the Singer's 17th of May program at the Floyd B. Olson Labor Temple and the other is on April 19th at the Shrine Club sponsored by the Shriners for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Hospital. We are always glad to contribute something on a program for such a worthy cause. Understand this is to be a basket social and program so we are really looking forward to it being a very interesting evening. We have also been asked to give a program at the Toastmaster's Fun Fest at the Town Edge Hall in Minneapolis on Saturday, May 12th.

On February 17th we all gathered at the lovely home of Myrtle and Harry Temte for a long delayed Housewarming Party. It seems that it is next to impossible to find a Saturday evening when all members can be present and hence the delay. We had a very enjoyable evening and it seems that we ~~xxx~~ really slipped it over on the Temte's as they had no idea that the 'gang' were coming over that night.

On March 5th we had the pleasure of having Oscar Johnson Jr. with us and even though he has been away for nearly three years and been in the South Pacific for a year and a half, he still had not forgotten how to do the old familiar folk dances and he said it seemed too good to be true that he was back with us again. He said he had dreamed about doing that again but had hardly hoped for his dreams to come true so soon. He was home on a 30 day furlough after which he went to a Rest Hospital at Colorado Springs. He was fortunate enough not to be wounded but his nerves are pretty well shot and he was sent home to the good old U.S.A. and he certainly improved 100% while he was home, so we hope that he will be just as good as new in the near future.

Sam and Chris are still on their way to Berlin and Don is somewhere in the Pacific area. Hope they will all be back with us soon.

On March 22nd some of the members from each one of the three groups surprised Mr. Alfred Hoffman, one of the Danish Folk Dancers who has been fortunate enough to have been laid up since Christmas with a sore leg. We had a fine time and it was really fun to pull such a surprise on him. Hope he will be all right again soon and back with us dancing.

Lena Dybdahl,
Secy. Norrøna Leikarring

D.A.A.C. of KENOSHA

A few weeks ago, we welcomed home Lt. Fred Baker. He has been overseas for 3 years in the European Theater of war. He was a member of the first invasion troops that landed in North Africa. It was here that he was wounded and then promoted to 1st Lieut. After being sent to England for hospital care, he later joined the hospital staff and was there stationed. Fred was very fortunate in having his movie camera with him and last week we saw many interesting and colorful pictures. At the expiration of his furlough, he is being sent back overseas.

Another member recently spent 30 days at home. He is Carl Olsen SF1/C who participated in many battles in the South Pacific. Being one of the survivors of the U.S.S. Lexington, we are very proud of Carl and feel fortunate in having him home. And now after welcoming two of our members home, we say "farewell" to Gerda Thomsen and she has joined the Medical Branch of the Wacs. Gerda has put in many hours in our local hospital as a Nurse's Aide so her job will not be too new for her.

On behalf of the "Kenosha Gang" I want to thank the "Chicago Gang" for the very nice time we have every time we're in Chicago and we feel very obliged. We enjoyed the Danish Gymnastic Exhibition very much, and now with greetings to all from the Kenosha Gang.

Doris Jensen

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Tickle! Tickle!

An elderly man went to a doctor and asked him if he thought a man could be called crazy if he liked pancakes. The doctor said, "Why no, I wouldn't call him crazy." The elderly man said "gee, that's good news, say, by the way, Doc, do you like pancakes?"

The doctor said "why yes, I do."
The elderly man said "come over to my house then, I have two trunks full of them."
P.S. Iowa also has tall corn.

Do you know what the little puppy said as he came walking out of the tobacco patch? "Does your cigarette taste differently lately?"

An Adolescent girl was telling her mother about her date with a soldier. She said, "Mom, I didn't like that soldier, he knows too many very naughty songs." The mother said "That's too bad, what were some of the words?" The girl responded, "oh, he doesn't know the words, he just whistles the tunes."

Illinois has larger corn!

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FOLKDANSLAGET NATIONAL (continued)

Our November meeting was held at Marie-Ann Palmer's new home and we all enjoyed looking it over. Curtis surely will enjoy it while waiting for his daddy to come home after the war.

The last Sunday in November, we were asked to dance at the U.S.O. in Highland Park, Ill. We started out from Marie-Ann Palmer's home and left in cars. It seems none of us were very excited about it as we didn't expect much of a reception but we were surprised. The U.S.O. there have their own new building and a good sized one at that. As we were invited for supper, we were served as soon as we arrived. We had Spaghetti and dessert and coffee. All the food had been made by the ladies of Highland Park and surely tasted good. Although the whole evening was to be "A Night in Sweden" and they had expected to serve a Smorgasbord, but decided against it because of the strike on the electric roads which hindered so many of the boys coming down from Great Lakes. After finishing eating, some of the hostesses showed us around the building and we ended up in the basement playing Billiards. They have all sorts of amusements and games etc. Finally it was time to dress in our costumes and beside our dancing there was an octet from the Swedish Glee Club and a Violin Soloist. Considering the transportation tieup, there still was a good turn out and they all seemed to enjoy the dancing which made us happy.

Marie-Ann Palmer spent three months in Port Orchard, Wash. which is close to where John is staying. Curtis was with her and needless to say, they enjoyed being with John every day.

Up to the present time, all our boys in Service are O.K. - Jimmy Robb is in France - Harold Henning is in Germany - Hilding Eklund in England - Stanley Erickson in England - Ned Morningstar in Belgium - George Carlson in the South Pacific - John Palmer in Bremerton, Wash. We continue to wish them Good Luck and hope they soon come home. For Christmas, all the boys received two packages from us and according to reports, they enjoyed them, especially the "pepparkakar."

You know Benny spent some time in the hospital this year and we understand it was twins! You'll have to ask Benny how he does it.

Our 21st Annual Banquet was held at the Svithiod Singing Club on March 3. It was on a Saturday night this year instead of Sunday. The usual "Smorgasbord" was served and Peterson Bros. furnished the music. There was no special entertainment or speeches as that particular Saturday night was the first curfew night and everybody was anxious to dance and have fun after eating. As it was, we had to stop dancing at 11:30 P.M. and it surely seemed early for us. Let's hope this war is over soon and that next year we can have a real banquet with all our boys back home and no curfew to worry about.

One of our girls, Harriet Anderson, is certainly a happy girl. She left for California Sunday, April 29 to meet her boy friend in San Francisco. He has been in the South Pacific and has a thirty day leave and who knows what will happen in that time - we may have another "Mrs." in the club.

We hear that Virginia Carlson is in the hospital and we wish her well on the way to recovery and her old self again by the time the Herald is printed.

News too, is that John Palmer is expected home May 10 and we surely would all like to see him.

That is all the news for now but are looking forward to a nice summer and hope that the Danes, Norwegians and Swede's will be able to get together for a picnic or something.

Ellen Meyer, Reporter