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Excerpt of a letter received from Bernice Bromby - 11½ Dunbar Road, Toronto, Canada - Sec'y. of the Madsen's Danish Folkdancers.

"the very first thing we decided, after reading your letter, was that our group would like to join your League - the United Nordic Folk Dancers of America, and I am enclosing a \$2.00 money order for this purpose. We are also looking forward to receiving copies of the Herald.

When Mr. Madsen started his little gymnastic class in the gymnasium of the Church of All Nations, back in 1932, he had mostly Europeans attending, but the majority of his group today are Canadian born. For the past few years folk dancing has been taught exclusively, but after witnessing the thrilling demonstration here in September by the Danish Gym Team, which is touring North America, we were most anxious to learn Danish Gymnastics as well. Mr. Madsen's business manager, Neil Petersen, teaches gymnastics for half an hour before our dancing class.

We receive various requests during the year to demonstrate for Church groups, Y.M.C.A.'s & Y.W.C.A.'s, schools, garden parties, etc. A number of our members are also qualified to take play parties which involves the teaching of dances and mixing games as well as demonstrating."

Note: This dance team performed in St. Louis, Mo. in May, 1947.

Excerpt of a letter received from Mr. John A. Madsen, Toronto, Can.

"Sixteen years ago I started a Gymnastic Institute here in Toronto, in which I was endeavouring to create interest for Danish Gymnastics and for training voluntary leaders for Church work & etc.

This year our pupil number about one hundred. Some of the boys and girls know about 200 Danish Dances. I don't know how many hundreds, or I can say, one thousand demonstrations they have taken part in during the years we have been in operation.

Our counsel consists of 14 members, which include our two assistant directors. Our three pianists are on the board and representatives who are voted in by former members of the group, as well as representatives of new members of the group of 1947.

Accept my best wishes for a successful year with the United Nordic Folk Dancers and I hope very much that we will meet you some place, either at your Convention or at one of the several National Folk Festivals"

(our thanks to Bernice Bromby and Mr. Madsen for these fine letters and we do hope to meet you at the next convention)

Incidentally, Hazel is the one who contacted this team and is the instigator, of what we hope will be, a wonderful new friendship.

Editor

TWIN CITY DANISH FOLKDANCERS

My how time does fly - here it is nearly the 10th of November and my news not in.

We have had a, so to speak, recess this summer. We took up our fall and winter work again the first of September. The best part of returning to "work" this fall was and is that we have some new members. We are always glad when we can get new blood into the team.

At the present time we are 10 1/2 couples, anybody know of a "male" who might be interested in joining forces with the Danes? I believe that a real test of truly enthusiastic folkdancers is shown very plainly in the case of Dale and Merle McPeters. They seldom miss a meeting and they must drive from Bock, Minn. which is nearly a 150 mile round trip. (But then we like you both too, Merle & Dale)

On October 30th four couples danced at the Grace Lutheran Church in St. Paul. We danced at two different times in the evening as it was a supper affair and it was impossible to seat them all at once. Afterwards we were served a very marvelous meal. Richard and Wallie complained about an individual who insisted on packing a lunch for the next day!! Oh well, everybody knows I like to eat.

On the 15th and 16th of November we are going to Canby and Tyler, Minnesota on a week end affair. We are looking forward to this trip and hope that the weather "holds" out.

There are 6 couples going to dance, our musician and a soloist, Erling Grumstrup. Tyler is so well known to all Danes and we know that we will be received royally.

On November 25th we are having election of officers and, of course, a little lunch and much coffee. I don't know how many hats are in the ring but I hope there are many. Don't be bashful gang, now is your chance. By the way, I am not wearing a hat this season!!

As we will not be getting together through the Herald before the holidays I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year to come and the merriest of Christmas'.

Also I want to thank the Chicago people for a successful convention. Thanks to Ella and Arne for their hospitality and to each and everyone who helped us to have such an enjoyable time.

Hazel Nielsen, Secy.

PS: I finally got home from Chicago and via "Air" too!!

TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS

The Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dancers had their first meeting on September 9th, after the summer vacation and the members were urged to go to the Convention in Chicago if possible, but due to work and what not there were only five of us who were able to attend. However, each Club was represented and I know I am speaking for all who went when I say that we had a very grand time and also want to take this opportunity to thank the friends in Chicago, and especially the Danish American Athletic Club who sponsored the Convention this year, for the success of the Convention. The home cooked meal served at the banquet was perfect. Also want to thank Ella and Arne for the lovely 'brunch' and the grand time we had at their home on Sunday morning. Thank you all.

On October 14 we had our election of officers, which turned out to be rather quickly disposed of as it was re-election of all the present officers. The members felt we had not done very much this last year, and they would, therefore, give us a chance to see what we could do the coming year. A person just can't win, whether we are good or bad, the result seems to be the same.

We had a weiner roast out to the home of our President Walter Larson, who really lives way out in the 'sticks'. We had a very lovely time and even though it was November 2nd our wonderful Indian Summer still continued and when the big bon fire was lit, it was really a beautiful sight as the flames shot sky-high in the quiet evening, and, of course, our clown Ragnar Johnson, who is also our Vice President, entertained us quite royally with his acts. Too bad more of the members did not turn out.

We have not done much in the way of dancing on any programs since we started our activities in the fall, but we get together once a month to practice and learn new dances so that we will be ready to take part if at any time we should be asked to furnish a program as a joint group. It has also been decided to sponsor the U.N.F.D. Convention next year jointly as the Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dancers, and it will be held the first week-end in October.

Lena Dybdahl, Secy.  
T. C. Scandinavian Folk Dancers

NORRØNA LEIKARRING

There is really very little to report from the Norwegians this time, in fact, so little that I was tempted not to send in anything but did not like to let our Editor down like that so will try to rake my brains and see if I can find anything of any interest back in the remote recesses.

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On the 14th and 15th of November we are going to Canada and back to Minnesota on a week end visit. We are looking forward to this trip and hope that the weather holds out.  
There are several people going to dance at the Dancers and a social. I hope to see you all. I will be waiting for you. Know that we will be waiting for you.  
In November 1934 we are having a convention of officers and of course a little dance and social. I don't know how many dates are in the program. I hope there are many. Don't be disappointed now as your chance is the way, I am not waiting a bit this season.  
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We had our week-end party this year at the Good Templar Park on Big Marine Lake on September 13 and 14, and had a very nice time although it turned a little too cold for comfort. The grounds out there are beautiful and with a boat at our disposal we could really have had a fine time if the weather had been more in our favor, but we made the best of it, and quite a few of us took a long hike along the lake shore. We also stopped and chatted with the Bertelsen's who have their summer home just a very short distance away, and who are always friendly and gracious to the Folk Dancers.

We had a weiner roast at the lake home of Peter Bendero on October 24 and had a very grand time, although the weather was very much against us. We have had such a perfect Indian Summer all fall but did not think about the weiner roast until the Indian Summer was practically over, and it rained all day Friday so that by evening it really was wet, but a good time was had by all. The next day though I am sure our good host had a swell time cleaning up the dirt which was dragged in. Thank you, Pete, for inviting us to Eagle Lake. Incidentally, I might say that John Akslen had to go to Chicago on business on Thursday and flew back on Friday to attend the weiner roast, but was grounded at LaCrosse, Wis. About the time he expected to land in Minneapolis, he found himself back again in LaCrosse, the plane having turned around somewhere in the fog. Hannah and Minnie drove to the air port to pick him up and they were going to have dinner together but after waiting until after 7 before they found out that he would be coming by train, they came to the weiner roast with appetites which were hard to satisfy with weiners, buns and what not; but we finally got them filled up.

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DANISH - AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB

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Andy Frostholt

LEIKARRINGEN HEIMHUG

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It was agreed by all at the banquet that the dinner was simply wonderful. We all owe June Frostholt and her assistants a world of thanks for the fine dinner arrangements, even though June could not attend. We were happy to see the Twin Cities folks come down for the convention.

As far as Leikarringen itself is concerned, we still meet faithfully every month. We have a possibility of getting our musician back and in this event, we should be dancing shortly.

The Club has added another junior member in the person of little Even Kvelland late this summer. He is the second child of our popular treasurer of the League, Sig. Kvelland, and his equally popular wife, Evelyn.

As you all know, there are three clubs in Chicago. We are one of them and the Danes are one of the other two. Now I don't want to mention any names excepting that I am not referring to the Danish Club; but there is a certain other club in the League down here in Chicago which believes it has a good bowling team. Now, our Club doesn't believe this to be so. Any time these fugitives from a smorgasbord think they can beat us, they can notify Harold Thorsen and he will help to arrange for their downfall.

Our Club extends a slightly premature but never-the-less hearty wish for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are hoping that we will see all of you this year.

Joe Sommer



Plan now CONVENTION FOR 1948 OF THE U. N. F. D. TO BE HELD IN THE TWIN CITIES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLKDANCERS ON OCTOBER 2nd AND 3rd. to attend!

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The Constitution of the  
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Founded August 22, 1932

- Article #1 NAME: The name of the league shall be the UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS OF AMERICA.
- Article #2 PURPOSE: The purpose of the United Nordic Folk Dancers shall be to cultivate and enjoy Nordic Folkdancing in America.
- Article #3 FUNCTION: The League will:  
(a) make way for friendly relations between dancing groups.  
(b) give dancing groups all possible advice and assistance.  
(c) partake in any festival or exhibition as seen fit.  
(d) conduct an annual convention and folkdance exhibition.

Article #4 MEMBERSHIP.

Allied Members

Any group conducting classes in Nordic folk dancing may become an "Allied Member" of the U.N.F.D. A member club shall be called an "Allied Member". Application for membership must be sent to the executive board. The executive board shall acknowledge the application and shall present the application to the next convention. The members at that convention shall take a vote on the admission of an Allied Member. Eighty (80) Per cent of the votes of the roll call cast in favor thereof shall grant admission to the league.

Individual Members (called members)

In order to be a member of the U.N.F.D. a person must fulfill these three requirements:

- (a) belong to an Allied Member.
- (b) take part in the cultivation of folk dancing.
- (c) be sixteen years of age.

A member has one vote and is eligible for office in the league.

Withdrawal of Membership or Expulsion.

An Allied Member may withdraw from the league on written notice. An Allied Member may propose that some other Allied Member, or a member, be expelled from the league. Such a proposal shall be sent to the executive board. The board shall attend to the matter, if cause still exists at the next convention, the board shall present the proposal for a vote. Eighty (80) percent of the votes of the roll call cast in favor thereof shall effect the expulsion.

MEMBERSHIP

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Article #5 DUES:

The League may assess dues against Allied Members.  
The League shall not assess dues against members.

Article #6 ANNUAL CONVENTION:

- (a) Three "Allied Members" of three different nationalities and with a total of twenty-four members shall be a quorum for the convention.
- (b) Allied Members shall be reminded of the convention at least thirty days in advance.
- (c) Each convention shall decide at that time the time and place of the next convention.
- (d) The convention shall appoint a chairman, and his duty shall be to direct the election of officers.
- (e) Except for the election of officers, the President shall direct the convention.
- (f) Order of Business:
  - (1) The President opens the convention.
  - (2) ~~Secretary's report~~. Roll Call.
  - (3) Secretary's report.
  - (4) President's report.
  - (5) Treasurer's report.
  - (6) Reports from other officers.
  - (7) Old business and admission of Allied Members.
  - (8) Vote on proposals submitted to the convention.
  - (9) Election of officers.
  - (10) Discussion of plans for the coming year.
  - (11) New Business.
  - (12) Eventualities.

Article #7 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- (a) The executive board shall be composed of no less than five and no more than eleven officers. All nationalities shall be represented. The duties of the officers shall be designated by their titles such as the following:
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Corresponding Secretary
  - Recording Secretary
  - Financial Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Editor
- (b) The convention elects the officers and three auditors. In the time between the conventions, the executive board may appoint additional officers by a unanimous vote of the board.
- (c) The officers are elected for one year.
- (d) The officers and auditors shall not receive any salary.

Article #8 PROPERTY OF THE LEAGUE:

- (a) Property of the league shall be accounted for in the reports to the conventions by the keepers and by the auditors.

Article #8 Cont'd.

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- (b) Money shall be kept in a savings account in a bank, and it shall require two signatures out of four to withdraw any money from that account. This is the Treasury of the league.
- (c) The net gain from the convention shall belong to the league.
- (d) Money to be paid out must first be appropriated by the convention or approved by the executive board.

Article #9

EMBLEM:

The emblem of the league shall be the Viking Ship with a flag attached. The flag shall designate the nationality of the dancing group rather than of the person.

Article #10

- (a) Allied Members shall be notified of proposal to change the constitution or by-laws three weeks before the convention, where such proposals will be voted upon.
- (b) It requires two-thirds majority of the vote cast to change or adopt any law.

Article #11

VOTING:

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- (a) Each member has one vote. When the Allied Members have had three weeks' notice of a proposal, then the members who are not able to attend the convention may vote by proxy on the proposals.
- (b) A proxy delegate must before the meeting opens, present and have registered ten membership cards besides his own. Then he may cast eleven votes in a grand vote. He can cast only one vote in a direct vote. Only the members present are counted in the roll call.

Article #12

DISSOLUTION:

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The league of the U.N.F.D. of America shall dissolve, if there are as few as three Allied Members, or as few as two nationalities for a period of two years. In this event the property of the league becomes the property of the remaining Allied Members.

BY - LAWS

Article #1

ANNUAL CONVENTION:

- (1) The American Flag, and the flags of Norway, Sweden and Denmark shall be displayed at the convention.
- (2) The Convention shall be opened by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner". (11-8-36)-date adoption

Article #2

LEAGUE TREASURY:

- (1) Net profit from the Annual Convention shall go into the treasury of the League. (11-17-35)
- (2) If the Annual Convention results in a loss of money, the league treasury shall pay that loss. (11-8-36)

Article #2 LEAGUE TREASURY Cont'd.  
(3) The sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) shall be collected into the league treasury before the net profit from the annual convention is used in any other manner. (11-8-36)

Article #3 DUES:  
(1) Each Allied Member shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) in dues for each Calendar Year. Dues are payable at the annual convention, in advance.

Article #4 BEER AND LIQUOR:  
(1) Beer and liquor may be served at any gathering of the league members.  
(2) The club, or the committee, in charge of a certain gathering of league members shall decide whether or not beer and liquor shall be served at the occasion. (11-8-36)

Article #5 NEWSPAPER:  
(1) The league shall publish a newspaper, which shall be called "THE UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS HERALD".  
(2) The editor of the HERALD is a member of the executive board.  
(3) The executive board may appropriate an unlimited amount for the printing and circulation of the HERALD".  
XX (4) Each Allied Member will receive ten copies of each edition of the HERALD without any special charge. (11-28-37)

X PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE "CONSTITUTION" OF THE U.N.F.D.  
Accepted 11-12-39

(1) Article 8, Para. b, shall be changed from: "in a savings account in a bank"  
to: "in a bank account".

(2) Article 11-b: The following definitions shall be added:  
"A grand vote is made up of proxy delegates voting eleven votes, and other members present voting one vote."  
to: "A direct vote is made up of each member present voting one vote."

(3) Article 12: The following correction shall be made: "three Allied members, or as few as two nationalities"  
to: "three Allied members of as few as two nationalities".

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- (4) The convention shall elect a marshall. He shall be an officer of the League, and his duties shall be to maintain order at the meetings, take care of flags and banners displayed.
- (5) Article 11-b: shall be changed from "ten membership cards" and eleven votes"  
to: "one to ten cards" and "not more than eleven votes"
- (6) A committee of three shall be elected to study the constitution and by-laws for the purpose of defining the duties of the officers, and to bring the constitution and by-laws of the League in line with parliamentary law.
- (6-b) This committee shall keep all league members informed of proposed changes, and shall present its findings for acceptance at the 1940 Convention.

XX PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS OF THE U.N.F.D.

- (1) The By-Laws of the League, as printed in the 7th Edition of "The Herald", page 6, shall be acknowledged as the By-laws of the League and all earlier By-laws shall be void.
- (2) Article 5-para. 4: shall be changed from: "each Allied member will receive ten copies of each edition of the "Herald".  
to: "Each Allied member shall receive five copies of each edition of the Herald".
- (2-b) Subscriptions for the Herald will be accepted from Allied Members as follows:  
Five copies of each issue, mailed together, will cost \$2.00 per year. Subscriptions will run for each calendar year.

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