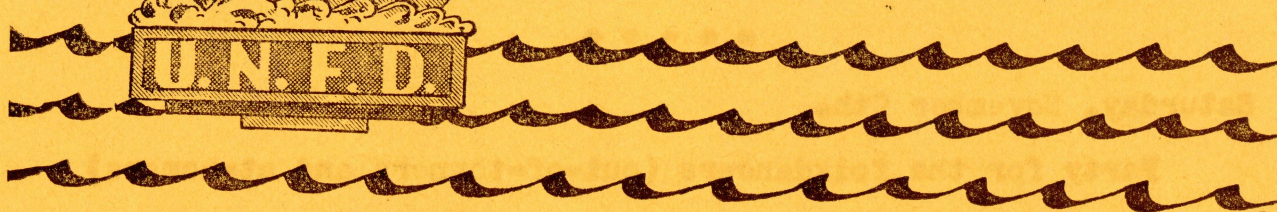


UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS of AMERICA



Folk Dance

EXHIBITION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1940

NORTHSIDE AUDITORIUM
3730 N. Clark Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Program at 7 P.M.

Dancing at 8:30 P.M.

Peterson Bros. Orchestra

Admission 40 cents

Under the auspices of

Folkdanslaget National



PROGRAM

for the

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS of AMERICA.

November 9th and 10th, 1940. - - - Chicago, Illinois.

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Saturday, November 9th.

Party for the folkdancers (out-of-towners and at-homers) at Danish-American Athletic Clubhouse, 1639 N. Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago. Phone: Armitage 9248.

Sunday, November 10th.

at the Northside Auditorium, 3730 N. Clark Street. Convention meeting opens at 1:30 P.M. (sharp and flat) Banquet at 4:30 P.M. Program starts at 7:00 P.M. Social Dancing at 8:30 P.M. Peterson Brothers Orchestra

We expect a reporter from LIFE magazine at this party.

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The convention is under the auspices of

Folkdanslaget National

President Ben Johnson

Secretary Gertrude Nelson
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Chicago, Illinois.

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C A L E N D A R

November 2, 1940. D.A.A.C. Halloween Dance at the Clubhouse, 1639 N. Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago.

D.A.A.C. Folkdancers in charge. All folkdancers are cordially invited.

November 9 & 10, 1940. U.N.F.D. Convention and Exhibition
Saturday night, November 9, at D.A.A.C. Clubhouse
Sunday, November 10, at Northside Auditorium.

November 30 &
December 1, 1940. D.A.A.C. Bazaar. Dancing and Refreshments. (Incidentally, this bazaar was postponed until after the U.N.F.D.'s. Convention so that the folkdancers would have only one engagement for the weekend of November 9th & 10th)

December 27, 1940. D.A.A.C. Christmas Party.

December 31, 1940. D.A.A.C. New Year's Party.

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

February 9, 1941. Folkdanslaget National Annual Banquet at Svithiod Singers Club.

March 8, 1941. Folkdanslaget National - Dance at Svithiod Singers Club.

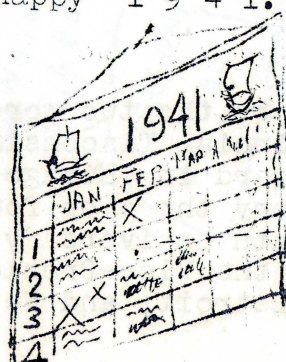
April 13, 1941. D.A.A.C. Annual Exhibition

April 27, 1941. D.A.A.C. Annual Banquet.

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We are making up a calendar for 1941, a real calendar to hang on the wall. This calendar will show all the important dates for the United Nordic Folk Dancers for the whole year, including the national holidays, American and Scandinavian. We would like to show also the most important dates for other Scandinavian Societies, such as the big meetings of the singers, the Ice Carnival in Minneapolis, etc.

This calendar shows all twelve months on one page, and you can fill in your own birthday, your summer vacation, the opening of the hunting season, and so forth. With this calendar, you will be organized for a happy 1941.



PLAY in WHOSE BACK YARD ???

During the past year there has been exchanged a series of "sorries", "too bads", and "regrettables" on account of that the Vice-President has not been able to attend the meetings of the executive board in Chicago, because he lives in Minneapolis. In all sincerity let it be said that at every meeting the rest of the executive board wished that John Akslen were there, too. However, since that cannot be, we might as well stop moaning about it.

Surely, when electing an officer living 400 miles away, nobody expects this person to attend any monthly meetings in Chicago. And yet, the executive board always has been in Chicago, and we hope that it always will be; for in Chicago there are so many large groups of folk-dancers of different nationalities that the Scandinavian folkdancers here are in constant need of support from Scandinavian folkdancers from other States, in person and in costume, in order to keep on top; that is: to keep Nordic Folk Dancing on the high level where it belongs, to perform well, and enjoy the esteem and favor of the public.

The Chicago folk dancers have many good friends in other towns, we know that indeed. But it is important also that these officers of the League who are in Chicago have some elected person with whom to do business when the business is out of town.

It has been considered to divide the League's geographical territory into districts, and select a delegate in each district who would keep in contact with the executive board. When studying this proposition two facts were readily seen:

First - the territory was divided into districts long before there ever was any League. Neighboring towns and neighboring States naturally function together in some form of larger units.

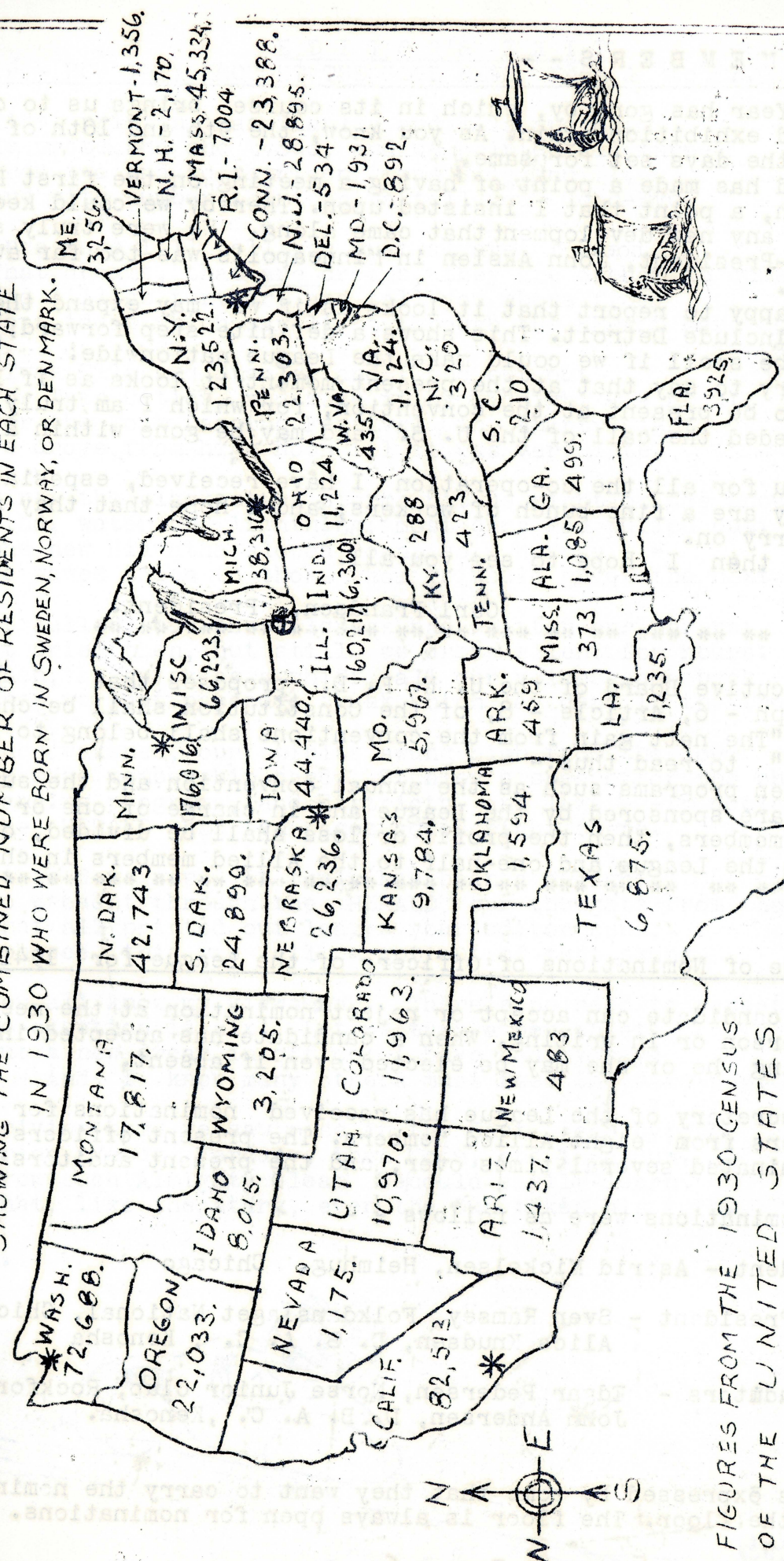
And Second - all these districts, or towns, or folk dancing clubs, must always be considered on an even footing. There must be a central administration someplace, as there is now in Chicago; and there must be people in all member clubs who will work with the executive board.

These one-in-a-place representatives of the League should not feel that the only time they have a chance to speak up is at the annual convention. They should not feel that they are barred from taking any action because they are alone. They should not have the status of only a delegate with certain limited duties; they should act like ambassadors with full authority and full responsibility. Moreover, they are always in the best position to decide where any certain event belongs, whether the business should be given to the League or to their own local club. Everyone must remember that it is the dancing, getting danced - and danced well - that counts, not so much who does the dancing, and by far less who handles it.

We feel that such a position is best named by the two words: Vice-President. And we suggest that the States Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana contend themselves with the executive board in Chicago, and from there on we elect a Vice-President for every three or four States in which the League has any members. At our tenth anniversary in 1942 it should be our greatest delight to introduce the Vice-Presidents from Minneapolis, Omaha, Seattle, Los Angeles, Detroit, and New York.

MAP OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SHOWING THE COMBINED NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN EACH STATE IN 1930 WHO WERE BORN IN SWEDEN, NORWAY, OR DENMARK.



W E L L M E M B E R S - -

Another Year has gone by, which in its course brings us to our convention and exhibition again. As you know, the 9th and 10th of November are the days set for same.

The board has made a point of having a meeting on the first Friday of every month, a point that I insisted upon. Thereby we could keep at our fingertips any new development that came along. We were truly sorry that our Vice-President, John Akslen in Minneapolis was too far away to be with us.

We are happy to report that it looks as if we may expand the League as to include Detroit. This shows a definite step forward; would it not be swell if we could make the League nationwide!

I am sorry to say that at the present moment it looks as if I will not be able to be present at the convention, for which I am truly sorry; for I have heeded the call of the U. S. and may be gone within a few weeks.

Thank you for all the co-operation I have received, especially my board, they are a fine bunch of workers, and I hope that they may be able to carry on.

So until then I hope to see you all.

Carl Frandsen, President.

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The Executive Board of the U. N. F. D. proposes that Paragraph - 6, Article - 8, of the Constitution shall be changed from: "The nett gain from the conventions shall belong to the League." to read thus:-

"When programs such as the annual convention and the summer picnic are sponsored by the League and in charge of one or more Allied members, then the profit or loss shall be divided, one-half to the League and one-half to the Allied members in charge."

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Notice of Nominations of Officers of the League for 1941.

Each candidate can accept or reject nomination at the meeting, in person or in writing. When a candidate has accepted in writing he or she may be elected even if absent.

The Secretary of the League has received nominations for officers from eight Allied Members. The present officers were re-nominated several times over, and the present auditors likewise.

New nominations were as follows - -

President - Astrid Mickelsen, Heimhug, Chicago

Vice-President - Sven Ramsey, Folkdanslaget National, Chicago.
Alice Knudsen, D. B. A. C., Kenosha

For Auditors - Edgar Pedersen, Norse Junior Club, Rockford
John Andersen, D. B. A. C., Kenosha.

It was expressed by some that they want to carry the nomination from the floor. The floor is always open for nominations.

EDITOR'S EXIT
or - HOW THEY BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS from A to Z.

First printing was Stanley and Ella and me;
He wrote, and she typed, and we printed all three.
From two and to thirteen 'twas Ella and I,
And with number thirteen we tell you Good-Bye.

Once more I'll tell you what always I knew,
That dreams, that are dreams, they are dreamt to come true.
And I'll go further, and tell you where from
Most ideas which saw light through the HERALD have come.

'Twas Ella and Stanley and I who set out
For Twin Cities, and made it by Midnight - - about,
For the Folk Dancing Festival in thirty-eight,
We drove from high Noon til it was very late.

First the blackest of storms hit us right on the snout,
Wind, water and lightning; most cars had pulled out!
The new Hiawatha slowed down, so - Murray - -
We waded twice to those whom we would greet the next day.

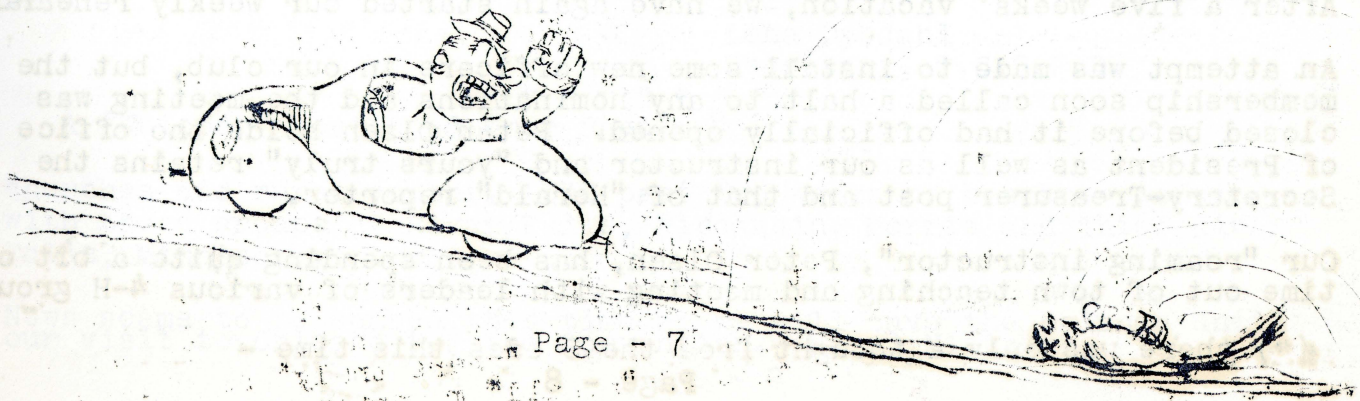
It lulled, but the wildness had smitten our powers;
It dried then, but still we drove silent for hours.
Then, as quick as a whiff, all our voices came back
When we just passed a skunk which lay dead in the track.

Once awakened, our spirits swung high from the low.
We made membership cards, Stanley's speech for the show,
Dancing programs, and districts, and laws - - I declare
The HERALD had ten pages added right there.

It is done now. It truly has been a delight
To present through the HERALD our thoughts from that night.
That all printed out leaves your editor sunk;
You see, this was all we got out of that skunk.

You all know my views now. There's no need to repeat.
Re-election is nix! Let us turn a new sheet!
Put a new dream in office; I have had my say!
- - And I know many others must feel the same way. - -

Driving home we saw rise in the East, one by one,
Orion, Venus, Mercury, then Noon, and then Sun.
From such Almighty Gleam we could easily learn
That, like the stars, even the Sun takes his turn.



A LITTLE NEWS FOR THE "HERALD" FROM THE "NORSKIES" IN MINNIESOOOTA.

Norrøna Leikarring held their annual meeting with election of officers on September 30th, which was the first meeting after a vacation since our Fourth Annual Folk Dance festival. We worked hard all through the summer getting ready for the festival, and also were very busy dancing so we felt we really deserved a vacation for a few weeks.

The election of officers was more or less of a joke, as there were no changes in any of the officers, and certainly the election was taken care of in a hurry. The old officers tried to shift the "burden" onto other shoulders but it did not work at all. Guess, we must all be too efficient. In case anyone is interested in knowing the officers' names here they are:

President	Orville Prestholdt
Vice President	Karen Fauchald
Secretary	Lena Dybdahl
Treasurer	Hanna Akslen (Mrs.)
Finance-Secty.	Lillian Rudi (Mrs.)
Marshall	Ole Kringstad
Instructor	Einar Duvik
Asst. Instr.	John Akslen
Muscians	Henning Hagen & Paul Paulson
Asst. Muscian	Sam Bergaas
Auditors	Minnie Reum and Hilda Kringstad (Mrs.)

On October 9th we danced at Norway Hall on a program sponsored by the Joint Committee of the Sons of Norway for benefit of Norwegian Relief. They had a full house and should have received a nice little sum for this worthy cause.

We are now working on a play entitled "Diktar-Dilla" which we are planning on presenting at Norway Hall on December 1st, and the profits of this play will be given entirely to the Norwegian Relief, and we hope we will have a full house so we can show a nice profit.

We also have another prospect for the Junior Keikarring. Our president Orville Prestholdt is the proud father of a big bouncing boy. I saw Edna, the equally proud mother, last night and she said she was sure he would be a folkdancer as he doesn't keep his feet still one minute. CONGRATULATIONS on your nice big boy, Orville and Edna.

Lena Dybdahl, Secretary
Norrøna Leikarring.

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A WHISPER FROM THE TWIN CITY DANISH FOLK DANCERS. (*)

After a five weeks' vacation, we have again started our weekly rehearsals.

An attempt was made to install some new officers in our club, but the membership soon called a halt to any nominations and the meeting was closed before it had officially opened. Peter Olsen holds the office of President as well as our instructor and "yours truly" retains the Secretary-Treasurer post and that of "Herald" reporter.

Our "roaming instructor", Peter Olsen, has been spending quite a bit of time out of town teaching and meeting with leaders of various 4-H groups

(*) there was only a thought from the Swedes this time -

THE TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS REPORTING

On October 8th, the Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dancers held their annual meeting with election of officers, but don't know whether the various offices in this organization are such hard offices to fill that the other members haven't got the required qualifications, or whether the present officers "just can't be beat", but anyway everyone of the officers were re-elected and not one cent was spent in campaigning.

Just in case you may have forgotten who the officers are, we'll list them below:

President	Peter Olsen	Danish
Vice President	Uno Larson	Swedish
Secretary	Lena Dybdahl	Norwegian
Treasurer	Roy Florin	Swedish
Marshall	Alfred Hoffman	Danish
Auditors	(Orville Prestholdt	Norwegian
	(Torkild Revnholdt	Danish
	(Linnea Osman	Swedish

Since the Fourth Annual Folk Dance Festival, we have been more or less quiet. Each group declared a vacation, and the annual meeting was the first meeting since that time. We did, however, have a get together at Big Marine Lake when Harry Bertelsen, the Danish violinist, invited all the members, their families and friends out to his home for a Sunday outing on September 8th. We had a wonderful time hiking, fishing, playing bingo and other games, and, of course, eating. The Danish group took full charge of the EATs, and the rest of us were just guests. The only complaint I heard of, after the big dinner, was that we had not been told there was Danish Apple Cake coming for dessert so that we could have saved a little space for it.

We were sorry there were not more of our out of town friends who came to Minneapolis for the folkdance festival, but, of course, it was impossible for anyone from Chicago or Rockford or Kenosha to come because of the U.N.F.D. summer picnic that was held on the same day. We will have to try to arrange our dates differently next year. There were a few folkdancers from Grand Forks and Fargo who attended, for which we were glad, as it is more interesting to have an affair of this kind if there are some out of towners on the scene. The weather was quite cold and, as it rained all night, we did not have as large a crowd as previous years, but the park board estimated about 7,000 or 8,000 people there.

In regard to the Fall Convention in Chicago, it appears at this time that there will not be more than perhaps 10 or 12 members from the Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dancers at the convention.

Lena Dybdahl
Secretary, T.C.S.F.D.

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churches and rural youths. The past two weeks he has been working with these groups at River Falls, Wisconsin, Morris and Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

News seems to be scarce this time so we will save the balance until our visit to Chicago for the Convention. Hazel Nielsen

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL PICNIC AT ROCKFORD.

Since this is my first venture with the organization and therefore not familiar with all the fine points of these annual outings or with the names of the various dance numbers, I hope I may be excused if I fall short on mentioning the names of the various dances executed in the exhibitions at Rockford this time.

I was unfortunately placed in the position of Master of Ceremonies since the one who was familiar with this part of the program was unavoidably sent on an errand to town and could not be back in time to open the program. I realized, after the program was over, where I fell short as Master of Ceremonies, but I couldn't for the life of me have done any different than I did while I faced the microphone. The dancers present, no doubt found much to be desired that I failed to bring out in my announcements, but they all took it most gracefully and went on with their part of the program like regular troupers. And now for the report.

To start with, I want to call attention to the fact that we went over all the points of this picnic with the Executive Board of the U.N.F.D. in early spring and at the close of that meeting I was selected as Chairman of the Picnic Committee. Due to my kind of employment, I was forced to stay out of town for several months and in order to keep things moving, another chairman was selected. When I finally was able to be back with the group, I found that for various reasons the picnic group had done nothing, especially, they had neglected to notify Bro. Arne, the Editor of the U.N.F.D. Journal as to where and when the picnic would be held. This made it impossible for the editor to let the various teams of the organization know until it was too late for them to make plans for the trip. As a result of this neglect, the Danish Brotherhood dance group of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and the Danish American Athletic dance group of Chicago, and the Chicago Leikarring Heimhug dance group were the only visiting teams present.

Saturday, August 17, most of the visiting members arrived and spent the evening at Camp Hillcrest dancing to the strains of Lindquist and Soderstroms Orchestra. In spite of good newspaper publicity, the attendance at the Saturday night dance was small. We did not provide meals for the visitors because we were told by last year's committee that only a few took advantage of this feature that time, thereby causing an otherwise unnecessary deficit for them. Instead of that feature, we sold hot dogs, hamburgers and coffee which went pretty good. About 10:30 P.M. it started to rain and at midnight it poured so we had to close up. This threatening rain was no doubt the reason for the small attendance.

Sunday, we opened at 9:00 A.M., but few turned out until noon. Again the weather was threatening and cold enough to snow or hail, and again the attendance fell down terribly.

At 2:30 P.M., we opened the program for the afternoon and City Magistrate Alfred O. Ahlstrand, a man who can always be depended upon to give a good talk, gave the welcoming address. Since there was no other feature prepared for the program, The Danish Brotherhood Dance Group from Kenosha was called upon for their numbers, which they executed in grand style. The next dancers were the Danish Athletic Dance Group of Chicago who put on their dances and performed them exceptionally well. New Sweden Vasa Dance Group of Rockford came next, and Norse Junior Club last. All the teams did very well, and it was hard to judge who was best.

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HELP WANTED!!!

The League has a very much badly badly neglected SCRAP BOOK; and a few never-yet-been-borrowed books on Folk Dancing.

Will someone please kindly answer this ad and take care of this stuff from now on. We should have by now a nice fat scrap book with lots of clippings and snap shots; and we will have as soon as the present heap of things is put into order.

We should pick up the "sights" from all our big meetings; and we will get them as soon as we have a scrap book to show off at the party.

REPORTERS to the U. N. F. D. HERALD for the YEAR - 1941.

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President of the U.N.F.D. Carl C. Frandsen (accent on the "Frاند") (I had a little trouble with this but will try to remember in the future) gave a short talk on the organization and also made the gathering acquainted with the fact that Bro. Nielsen, holder of membership card #1, was present. Since Bro. Nielsen was navigating with a pair of crutches due to an injury to his foot, Bro. Frandsen was quick to point out that Nielsen had done it on purpose so he wouldn't have to participate in the exhibition. However, my candid opinion is that due to the cold weather Bro. Nielsen no doubt would have loved to participate rather than sit around and freeze.

Previous to the program, the various teams practiced upon numbers that some teams knew and others were unfamiliar with, and by the looks of things, this practice stood them in good stead. After the practice, a photographer took a group picture of all the dancers and showed them the proofs that same evening. There was something lax with this photographer since he left no name or address with the committee, so in case anyone would like to order a picture I wouldn't know where to procure them. If some of the visitors procured his address, if so, please send same to me. I don't believe he was a Rockford man.

When we consider everything, I must say that the two day outing was a success. Our deficit was slightly below \$5.00, whereas we were estimating it around \$10.00. If this Annual Picnic is to be held here again, we have learned our shortcomings and things will be done a little different. First of all, the Park must be rented a year in advance so that we can pick the date instead of having to take what and when we can get it. We are extremely sorry that we had to conflict with the Minneapolis group, but in view of the weather, perhaps it was for the best this time. Best wishes to you all and don't forget the convention at Chicago November 9th and 10th. As far as the Norse Junior Club and New Sweden Vasa is concerned, we will try to be there with bells on.

Edgar Pedersen, Treasurer
and Chairman
Annual Picnic Committee

FOLK DANSLAGET NATIONAL, Chicago.

Folkdanslaget held its annual meeting at the home of Marie-Ann and John Palmer on October 6th, 1940. The following officers were elected:

President - Ben Johnson
Vice President - Ellen Carlson
Secretary - Gertrude Nelson
Treasurer - James Robb (!??)
Ben Johnson was re-elected folk dance leader.

After the regular meeting was taken care of, the rest of the time was spent on the U. N. F. D. Convention plans. Of course EATS were also served, and colored movies were shown from the Palmers wedding and honeymoon.