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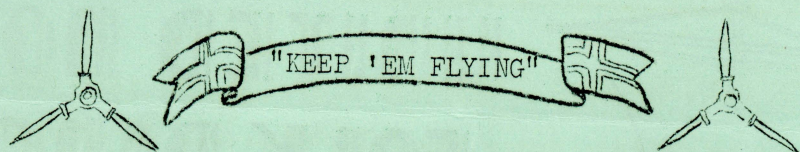
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Members of the United Nordic Folkdancers of America--

On the North American Continent we have a small Air Corp Training Camp consisting entirely of volunteers of one of our Scandinavian nationalities, namely the Norwegians in Canada. Their country is overrun by the Dictator; many of them have their folks there. They have felt a longing in their hearts to try to the utmost of their ability, until their last drop of blood stops flowing, to return their country to freedom.

They are asking for twenty-four training ships so that their purpose can be realized.

Here in the Scandinavian groups is your chance to help-- and at the same time bring us closer together-- Come to the dance sponsored by the Swedish Folkdanslaget National in Chicago, or buy tickets to the dance. The proceeds are all going to be donated to this wonderful cause.

So --- be seeing each and every one of you at the dance, and "Keep 'em flying"!!

Editor

"Norwegians, keep your flag flying!"

Reverence and respect for the flag should indeed be in our hearts.

The flag should grace every roof and pinnacle of the land.

The flag is the personification of Hope, the promise of Victory, the assurance of an earned and just Peace. All the things we are fighting for and fighting with.

TO YOU! we give these fighting machines so unfurl your glorious flag, NORWEGIANS!

"Keep It Flying"

NEWS FROM THE FOLKDANCE CLUBS

DANSLAGET NATIONAL

From Folkdanslaget in Chicago comes the following,..... The present war situation is certainly playing havoc with our club, as it undoubtedly is doing with all of the other clubs in our League. The first one to go was our then newest member (of only one month's standing) Ned Morningstar, who has been with Uncle Sam's Army since last June; the next one to go was George Carlson, who enlisted in the Naval Coast Guard a while back; the third one was Hilding Eklund who enlisted in the Navy. Although he isn't a member of the club (we've tried at different times to get him), it is interesting to note here that Ben Johnson's brother, Gus, has also enlisted in the Navy.

Our club is small, and with three gone, and others expecting to go, you can readily imagine the boys who may be left and we girls are going to have to grit our teeth (though the dentist says that's bad) and just carry on in spite of everything.

Have we told you that Ellen Carlson and Bob Meyer were married last June at the Swedish Club? They had a very lovely wedding to which the entire club was invited -- thanks, Ellen, it was very kind and thoughtful of you.

One of our former active members (now a passive member) was married recently, Delphi Wilson. Her husband is Bert Olson, who also enlisted in the Navy a while back. They were married on Palm Sunday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, followed by a reception at the Parish. Delphi is our first "War Bride".

Best of luck to both girls!

We have had a very active season. Our first skating party (at least for me, and you should see me try to stand up on the blades!) -- our annual progressive dinner, which progressed from noon until 'way late at night -- two dances at the Svithiod Singing Club, one of which was our "Night in Hawaii" and ironically enough was held the Saturday evening before the Pearl Harbor disaster.

We have had three new members this year -- Harriet Anderson, Virginia Berggren, and Bob Broch. They are all doing splendidly, thank you.

Here's hoping that all of the boys who are serving Uncle Sam will come back safe and just as sound in mind and body as when they left.

With best wishes to everybody,

Gertrude Nelson,
Secretary

"LET'S NOT GIVE UP THE SHIP"

As I write this review of the past, and straight forward view of the future, many thoughts go through my mind.

First of all, I am very proud to say that by the time this issue of the "Herald" reaches you, the "League" will be the owner of \$325.00 matured value of the new War Bonds. Although every one is doing this, and it is not new, not every corporation is investing 35% of its funds for such a worthy cause. We are all proud of this.

The last Annual Spring Dance of March, 1942 was a success, both socially and financially. There were many familiar faces, but there could have been more League members in attendance. Nevertheless, we are proud of this also.

There are several clubs that could have been more well-represented at some of our recent affairs. Many clubs are complaining of the loss of many of their male dancers. This is to be expected, and more and more as the months roll by. That is why I say at this point, let us not give up the ship, our Viking Ship, which is our League emblem. It was not just chance or an accident that this emblem was chosen. Let's keep it afloat! When our boys come back we want them to be able to step right back into their social life and continue folk dancing. The least we can do is keep it ready for them.

Not only that - I believe sincerely in the near future we can work out some plan to help our boys when they come home. This thought has not been discussed as yet; there are some angles that have yet to be figured on. But something will be done for them in some way. This takes money, so whenever the League sponsors an affair, let's all pitch in as much as possible.

This fall we have our Tenth Anniversary to celebrate. It will be held jointly by the three Scandinavian groups in Chicago. We hope to make it a long remembered affair.

Another thought in regard to male dancers - perhaps we can figure out dances in which two girls and one boy can dance as a unit, or in which girls can take boys' parts. However, or whatever, way you choose, let's keep our individual clubs together, because this will automatically keep the League together just as successfully as it has been in the past.

In closing, I would like to remind you:

"LET'S NOT GIVE UP THE SHIP"

Sincerely yours

Joseph Sommer
President, U.N.F.D.

NEWS FROM THE FOLKDANCE CLUBS (cont.)

NORRØNA LEIKARRING

It seems that with the war going on we are all so busy doing our little bit to help Uncle Sam win that we have very little time left for social doings, and it seems that people have other things to think about besides folk dancing, so consequently our engagements are few and far between, except requests for 'charity' dancing. If it is for a worth while cause, of course we go even though there is no money in it, but it seems with our boys leaving for Military service the way they do we will soon be pretty much up against it for partners. Guess we girls will have to couple up pretty soon, if we are to keep going.

The last one of our boys to join the ranks of Uncle Sam's Army was our good member, Christ Feste, and he is now at Fort Sill, Okla. We had a nice little get-together for him at the home of Margaret and Einar Duvick, and we had a very nice time, but we are surely looking forward to the time when we can have a real Welcome Home celebration for all of our boys. Christ was one of our newest members but nevertheless one of our most willing and hardest workers, and we surely miss him.

The girls in the Leikarring have been busy ushering at some of the programs which have been given for raising money for Little Camp Norway at Toronto, and of course we are always glad to offer our services in any way for such a good cause. We are looking forward to ushering at the Minneapolis Armory on April 29th, when Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha will be guests in the city. We feel quite honored for this opportunity of helping to make this program a success.

We have been quite busy for the last couple of months getting ready for our part in the Festival of Nations program at the St. Paul Auditorium which is to be held May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and in which 32 Nationalities will be represented. The Norwegians have been asked to present a "Norsk Bonde brylløp" (broadcast on the Viking Program at three o'clock) so we are working on that right now, and trying to make a "Hardanger Erude Krone" as well as bridal dress. Our good member Minnie Reus has very kindly offered to make this and from what I have seen so far she is doing a wonderful job of it. We surely owe her a lot of thanks for spending her good time and money in making this crown. It requires plenty of hard work and time to make all the beaded work and other "dingle dangles" which go into it.

The Danes are going to have a "Fastelavnsgilde" Sunday afternoon.

Here is a bit of news which will interest a lot of the old timers: John and Hanna Akslen are the proud parents of a great big boy. He was born February 21st and weighed nearly
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8 pounds, so you see he was nearly as big as Hanna herself. The nurses at the hospital were kidding her and saying that if she would stay there a couple of weeks longer the boy would push her home in the go-cart. Hanna said just the other day that he had gained 5 pounds since he was born, so he will soon be in the junior leikarring. We, certainly all of us, are glad to hear that he is such a big boy and want to extend our heartiest congratulations to John and Hanna.

Best wishes

Lena C. Dybdahl
Secretary
Norrøna Leikarring

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NORNA LEIKARRING -- (Detroit, Michigan)

Our club has not been meeting for the last year. Due to the draft, working overtime, and some working evenings, we just couldn't seem to find a time when we could meet in a group, so we thought the best thing would be to discontinue our meetings indefinitely. It looks as though our director is going to be drafted shortly, and that, of course, puts everything off for the duration.

I am enclosing our dues for 1942, but I think you had better drop us after this year.

Thanking you again for your patience, and hoping the other groups can stay together,

Very sincerely

Solveig Sherstad
Secretary
Norna Leikarring

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NEW DANISH FOLK DANCE CLUB -- (Fargo-Moorhead)

A cordial welcome is extended to the newest member of the U.N.F.D. -- the Fargo-Moorhead club. Many good wishes and congratulations. May we hear from you?

Sincerely yours

Joe Sommers
President, U.N.F.D

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DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB

The D.A.A.C. presented its 20th Anniversary Gymnastic and Folk Dancing Exhibition April 19, at the Logan Square Masonic Temple, and the Anniversary Banquet on April 26, at the Danish American Athletic Club.

To say that both affairs were successful would be putting it mildly. Thirteen hundred people packed the Masonic Temple, and everyone was enthusiastic in their expressions of approval. Not less than seven gymnastic teams performed, ranging in age from seven to forty-five years, each and every member a credit to their instructors. One hundred folk dancers, including children, junior and senior teams, gave a splendid and colorful exhibition.

Assisting in the program was the Wright Junior College Choir under the very able direction of Mr. E. Bergstrasser. This talented group contributed a great deal to the success of the program.

The Exhibition closed with the presentation of D.A.A.C. service flag by George P. Jensen, president of the Chicago Denmark Committee, in honor of our boys in the armed forces.

The banquet, of course, was one of those festivities that everyone enjoys and gets a thrill in the preparation for it. It was the one day in the year when everyone tries to outdo the other, and sure enough, altho it was not compulsory, ninety per cent came in evening clothes. Compliments to our many beautiful ladies of the club.

The guest of honor was Consul-general Baumann and Mrs. George Rasmussen of the National Tea Company, and also contractor S. N. Nelson and many of our teachers. Your good friend and mine, Axel Nelson, did a splendid job as toastmaster of the evening. The highlight of the evening was the honoring of our founder, Mr. Laurits Madsen.

The annual celebration for our bowlers will take place May 17th. Two complimentary tickets have been presented to each bowler and a grand time is expected.

Again let me thank all those who helped make our Anniversary celebration a long remembered event, both the committees and our guests. If there are any of you who would like a copy of our Anniversary program booklet, there are still some available.

Sincerely yours

Anker W. Jensen
President, D.A.A.C.

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The League is anxious to prepare for our annual summer outing -- any suggestions or offers will be appreciated. And when you send in your letter, don't forget to include some news for the next issue of the Herald.

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ATTENTION!! REPORTERS!!

Another appeal to have your letters and news items in the editor's hands by July 10th. Let's make the next issue the biggest one yet. Don't forget to inform us of the events you have planned for the future.
(Editor)

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"Mighty Father, everlasting God, in whom we live and beyond whose care we cannot drift, we commit to Thee our soldiers, sailors and airmen, in all their places, unknown perhaps to us, but always known to Thee. Guide and prosper them by Thy Spirit's presence. Return them to us in victory, if that be Thy will. Make them worthy of their country, their cause and their God, and make us worthy of them. For Thy name's sake. Amen"

Prayer by Rotarian Henry Edmonds, D.D.
Birmingham, Alabama