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THE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the four winners of our second annual Bond and Stamp raffle.

This year, the raffle was conducted so that each regional dance group would win at least a \$5.00 War Stamp prize. After the three regional winners were drawn, all of the 1510 tickets sold were placed together and after a thorough mixing, the grand prize winning name was drawn.

The executive board again wishes to thank all of the sellers and the participants in putting over this annual raffle. As this is just about our only source of income, we were glad that three-fourths of all the tickets printed were sold.

The sales were as follows:

Kenosha Dance Team	444
Twin Cities	350
Chicago Norwegians	341
Chicago Swedes	200
Chicago Danes	175
Total	1510

This brought in		\$151.00
Prizes distributed, \$15.00 in War Stamps and one War Bond	\$23.75	
Printing	11.50	45.25
Net profit to Service Fund		\$105.75
Last year's balance		77.15
Total Service Fund		\$182.90

Again, the officers of the League wish to thank all of you for helping us out.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 7, 1944

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 at the home of Astrid Lineck.

Joe Sommer read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: \$448.96 in the bank Of this, \$77.15
 2.00 in cash is for Service
 \$450.96 Total men's gifts.

A suggestion was made that we arrange for a big party for all our Service men when they all come home. It was decided that the mailing of gifts to the boys should be postponed for the time being. The action was taken because we don't know whether or not the boys are receiving the packages. It was also decided that we have a raffle in April to get money for the Service Men. Joe Sommer was appointed to get tickets printed. Price of chances to be 10¢ each, Prizes, one \$25.00 War Bond and \$5.00 in War Stamps.

The next executive board meeting will be at Ben Johnson's home. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Astrid Lineck

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 1944

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 P.M. on February 4, 1944 at Ben Johnson's home.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Astrid Lineck and were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: \$448.46 in the bank of which \$77.15 is for gifts for Service Men.

Joe Sommer read a letter that we had received from Sgt. Carl Nelson of Kenosha thanking us for the cigarettes we sent some time ago.

Joe Sommer passed our raffle tickets to the representatives of the clubs.

It was decided that we would send no more gifts to the Service-men because so few of the boys receive them, and concentrate on arranging a nice party for their homecoming.

Doris Jensen was appointed to get in touch with all the clubs about their dues and the payment for the "Herald". She was also asked to write to the clubs that we haven't heard from for some time.

Pete Jacobson suggested that we have a Service Flag or an Honor Roll Plaque made. We are all to get prices and decide on the matter at the next meeting.

Evelyn Sommer was appointed to buy herself a new book for the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. and the next meeting is to be held at Evelyn and Joe Sommer's home, 3425 Drummond Place on Saturday, March 4, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

Astrid Lineck

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 4, 1944

The President, Bob Broch, called the meeting to order at 9:30 P.M. The meeting was held at the home of Evelyn and Joe Sommer.

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

The treasurer gave his report. Expenses were as follows:

Raffle Tickets	\$11.50
Herald Expense	9.04
Typist	2.00
	<u>\$22.54</u>

The bank balance is \$420.92.

Evelyn Sommer, Recording Secretary, read some correspondence received from Minneapolis and the D.A.A.C. of Chicago.

Ben Johnson thanked the various clubs present for attending their 20th Anniversary Banquet.

Estimates on the Service Flag and Honor Roll Plaque is to be postponed until the April meeting.

Joe Sommer suggested that we send the Minneapolis Club \$2.50 as a guarantee prize to be drawn in Minneapolis or St. Paul and then send the raffle tickets down to Chicago to participate in the grand raffle, but after some discussion, Pete Jacobson made a motion that each regional group outside of Chicago get a \$5.00 prize and hold their own raffle for the \$5.00 and then send the raffle tickets to Chicago before April 7th. The grand raffle will be held at our next meeting in April as per schedule.

Pete Jacobson asked if we would be able to get at least four couples to put on an exhibition in Kenosha on May 13th. As we all know, Pete Jacobson belongs to the Danish Brotherhood of Kenosha and he believes they may donate their club house for this affair. If so, Pete will take care of the tickets. After some discussion as to whether or not this exhibition and dance would be successful, Pete said that he would look into the possibilities by discussing the subject with various people and clubs in Kenosha. He said that he would give us a definite answer at our next club meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Harold and Lillian Thorsen, 5152 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois on Friday, April 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Sommer,
Recording Secretary

THE LEAGUE'S POST WAR PLANNING

Every one is talking about post war planning, therefore, your editor thought it high time that we open up the subject insofar as the League is concerned.

I don't want anyone for a moment, to think that this subject can be covered in one article. Necessarily, it takes the viewpoint of all of us, individually and collectively. It is hoped that each Allied Dance Club will begin discussing this very important subject and although no conclusions are arrived at, the League would appreciate your written comments.

Among the many points of discussion will be, "How can we step up the interest in Folk Dancing so that it will match and even surpass that of three years ago?" Of course, with the boys back, that question will partly answer itself. Also the question of, "How can we interest more clubs to join up?" Then there is the forming of junior groups. This is also an important subject, for there is a definite need of new blood in the organization.

Your editor has a pet subject that he brings up at times. This subject is, advancing folk dancing on a still higher plane and also to take on Gymnastics. Gymnastics cover a big subject but the League is big enough to undertake this problem, (one man's opinion). Often, I have visioned gymnastic meets between the various teams and then to top the day off, we could have a folk dance exhibition.

Let us not forget that after this war, there is going to be a continued need for strong bodies and characters. There is no better way to mold bodies and character than competitive sports, gymnastics and dancing. I personally think it would be wonderful for us and our country if the Scandinavians of this country would be known as the strongest in body as well as in mind.

I fully recognize the fact that we have individual gymnastic groups associated with our League, but as far as I have seen or heard, it is just that, individual. This may all be a pipe dream on my part, but at least it sounds good to me.

At any rate, let us all think about these subjects and then please send us your comments. We want our boys to know that we are getting stronger than ever instead of weakening as so many of the organizations are doing.

I think that our treasury report alone shows that we are going strong and shows no indications of adversity.

Joseph Sommer,
Editor

A LITTLE NEWS CONTRIBUTION FROM "NORRØNA"

The months certainly roll by fast, as it does not seem to be that it is more than just a few weeks since I sent in the last 'bulletin' giving the happenings within the group since the last report, but guess it must be three months.

We had our annual Christmas party the 9th of January, a little late but guess that was really better as most of the usual rounds of private and lodge Christmas parties were over by that time, so all members could be present. We had a very nice time, starting with a Sunday night supper at six o'clock and then having a program consisting mostly of songs and recitations by the juniors. Of course, we had the traditional singing around the Christmas tree. Then after the program, Santa himself appeared with a big bag of gifts for everyone both young and old.

On March 16th, we danced at the Goffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota, taking part in a program sponsored by the Oslo Lodge of the Sons of Norway, for the soldiers who are taking the special Norwegian Language Classes at the University. This whole program was carried out in Norwegian and it certainly was interesting to hear how well these boys have mastered the language after only six weeks of study, especially inasmuch as none of them are of Norwegian descent. We surely enjoyed taking part in this program.

The only engagement we have ahead of us that we know about now is the one for the Norwegian singers on their 17th of May program to be held at the Floyd Olson Labor Temple on the 17th.

Our group, together with the Danish and Swedish groups, danced at the Veteran's Hospital on January 17th for the patients out there, and needless to say, we are always glad to present a program for these poor unfortunates, and the boys really seem to enjoy our dancing as our type of entertainment is quite different from the usual form of programs presented by other entertainers.

On February 12th, our three groups took part in a program at the Stem Hall of the Auditorium at St. Paul, at a Costume Ball sponsored by the International Institute, and we had a very nice evening as usual when the Institute gives a party.

On February 20th, the three groups got together for a social gathering which also began with a Sunday night supper (how we Scandinavians like to eat) and after the eats, our good friend Peter Olsen from the Danish Group, who had been appointed as a committee of one to take charge of the entertainment, really had us all going from one game to another so there was not a dull moment at any time during the evening, and everyone said "Why don't we get together like this more often." Now with summer coming on, hope we may have some outings together. Of course, with only two gallons of gas a week, we couldn't get very far but we could always take the street car to some picnic place. Howabout it folks?

The Joint Treasury is getting a little low on funds inasmuch as so many of our boys are working for Uncle Sam and we cannot have our summer Folk Dance Festivals, so we (the three groups) are planning on having a card party at the Citizen's Club in Minneapolis on Monday, April 24th, hoping in that way to make a few dollars which will help us meet our running expenses for the coming year.

Now just a few lines about our boys in the Norwegian group who are in the Service.

Chris Feste is now in Italy. By the way, congratulations are in order as he is now the proud papa of a nice big girl. She arrived on the 4th of January and he was fortunate enough to get

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NEWS FROM NORRØNA (continued)

his furlough extended a few days when he was home so that he could be on hand to greet the young lady when she came to town.

Sam Bergaas is now in England as far as we know, and Don Strand is still in New Caledonia unless he has been moved very recently. Oscar Johnson has been in a hospital in Australia for quite some time and we have heard that it is possible that he will soon return to the U.S. but have not heard from him for quite a while. Hope if he returns to the U.S. that it is not because of any very serious illness or injury and that we will see him in Minneapolis.

This is all the news I can think of just at present so will ring off.

Sincerely,

Lena Dybdahl

Secy., Norrøna Leikarring

Joe's Column

This column was invented because of necessity. Outside of news from the Twin Cities, there is very little news forthcoming from the clubs, therefore, your editor will rattle off the news and views as he sees it.

April 15th, 1944 - - - As of April 12th, Oscar Jensen of the Chi-Norske's will be wearing the blue of Uncle Sam. Shades of tiny submarines (Let's hope not) but would be fit tho'. Lots of luck to you old pal. - - Also, Curt Rodland of the Chi-Norske's has been O.K.'d for limited service by the Great Uncle. - - Getting close to you, editor old boy. Oh well, then maybe you can expect some news from the Herald. (What kind of double talk is this?) - - The Kenosha Danes have practically no boys left but the indomitable Pete Jacobsen is trying hard to arrange an exhibition of folk dancing early this spring. Lots of courage here. - - John Palmer of the Chi-Swede's has been called by the Navy which makes me say there will be at least one ship equipped with fluorescent lights and a swell bar.---

Lena Dybdahl of the Twin City Norske's is by far one of the most outstanding news contributors in the entire league. Your editor surely could use a Lena in each club. Now, what a paper that would be. - - To all of you boys in the service, and of course the rest of us, a very Happy Easter. Let us hope it is the last one with our members scattered so far over the globe.

DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB EXHIBITION

THE DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB AGAIN WISHES TO REMIND ALL OF YOU ABOUT THEIR EXHIBITION OF GYMNASTICS AND FOLK DANCING ON ~~EXTREME~~ SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd AT 5:00 O'CLOCK SHARP. TICKETS ARE PRICED AT 85 CENTS IN ADVANCE AND AT THE DOOR \$1.10.

THERE WILL ALSO BE REFRESHMENTS AND EXCELLENT DANCE MUSIC.

LET'S ALL BE AT THE LOGAN SQUARE MASONIC TEMPLE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd FOR THE EXHIBITION.

"FOLKDANSLAGET" News

Harold Henning, past president and now a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army visited Chicago recently. Cuts just as handsome a figure in khaki as he did in his Swedish national costume. Wants to be remembered to all his friends in the League. George Carlson who was present at our last meeting and who is a Chief in the Coast Guard also wants to say hello to everyone. Hilding Eklund is now overseas and Jimmie Robb may be leaving the country soon. The best of everything to you both. Another male who will soon be donning the Navy Blues is John Palmer. Watch your step John or Curtis will be way ahead of you.

For all League members and friends who helped us celebrate our 20th Anniversary Banquet, we want to say thanks a lot. Ellen Meyer, President, had stage fright before she made her debut as M.C. but we think she did a grand job. We were also very proud of the fine young dancers who performed, and Marianne Palmer, Ellen Meyer, Virginia Carlson and others who have devoted their Sunday afternoons to the training of these youngsters. It probably won't be too long before our regular team members will be introducing their sons and daughters as members of Folkdanslaget National. (Hi there, Mrs. Carlson. Mrs. Fred C. in case of doubt.)

Dorothy B. hasn't been around for some time due to illness. We need our true and tried members, so hurry back Dottie.

Folkdanslaget managed to win one of the prizes in the War Bond raffle. Bob Broch went home five dollars richer. It was all fair and square but we didn't get a chance to count the number of raffle stubs bearing his name. Maybe he only came out even in the final analysis.

So much for the news for this issue.

Virginia Carlson
(H. Anderson by proxy)

"DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB" News

Knud Rask of the Ski Troops broke his leg while on maneuvers and is now in a hospital in Denver, Colorado and will be there until June or July. Paul Petersen is with the Engineers in England. Andy Frostholm is an Air Cadet and is stationed in Marietta, Ohio. Bob Knudsen was home on furlough in January.

The Danish American Athletic Club Bowling League consisting of 14 teams finished their bowling season April 10th and a banquet will be held at the club on ~~XXXX~~ April 15th.

Club Reporter