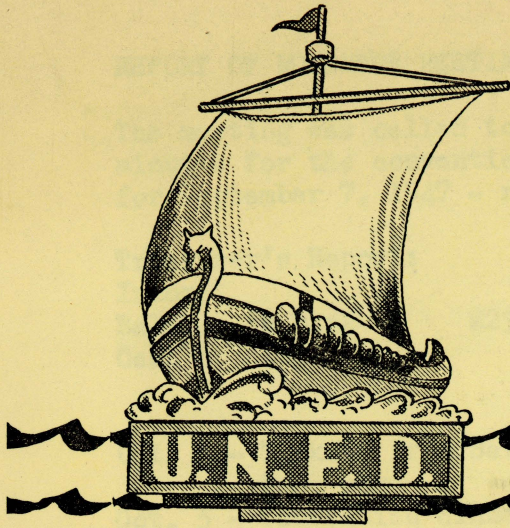
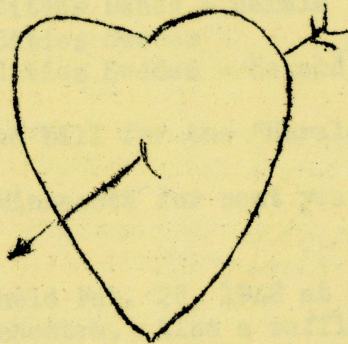


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FEBRUARY, 1948

REPORT OF NOVEMBER MEETING OF U.N.F.D. November 8, 1947

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 PM by our President. The minutes for the convention were read and accepted; also the minutes for September 7, 1947 - read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Income		
Balance in bank	\$236.66	
Cash on hand	3.99	
		Total \$240.65

Oct. 4 - Tickets from Sat. night	\$10.50
From bar	25.60
Oct. 5 - Convention dinner	87.50
Tickets for dance	8.25
The bar	81.10

Expenses:

Oct. 4 - Food & kitchen expense	7.98
Oct. 5 - Food & kitchen expense	90.41
Waitress	10.00
Flowers	6.63
Beer & pop &	36.60
Janitor service	
Orchestra	51.00
Liquor	85.90
Oct. 5 - Dues from Twin Cities Danes	2.00
Dues from Twin Cities Danes - Herald	2.00
Dues from Twin Cities Swedes	2.00
Dues from Twin Cities Swedes - Herald	2.00

Motion was made to pay the bill for the "Herald" to Dick Allard.

The invitation to go to Minnesota for next year's convention was also accepted.

Discussed a dance to be held Feb. 28, 1948 at the D. A. A. C. Music by Stanley Erickson's orchestra. Also a raffle, the prizes of which are a pen and pencil set, and a man or woman's watch. We are to have 4000 tickets made, 25 tickets in a book at 10¢ a chance.

Next month's meeting will be held Dec. 5 at Joe Sommer's home. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Pearson
Rec. Secy.

REPORT OF DECEMBER MEETING OF U.N.F.D. December 5, 1947

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 PM by our President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with the exception of the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report - \$32.77 bank balance.

A \$75 Bulova man or woman's wrist watch and an Eversharp pen and pencil set will be raffled off at our Leap Year Dance, February 28, at the D.A.A.C.

We could not get Stanley Erickson to play for the dance so we are going to try to get Oscar Jensen. Evelyn Scammer will be in charge of the refreshments. Going to print about 500 tickets for the dance at 68¢, plus 7¢ tax, total 75¢.

Received a letter from Toronto, Canada, from Miss Bernice Bromby. They would like to join the League. They also sent \$2 for membership, but since they cannot join the League until our 1948 convention, we will hold it until then and credit it to their 1949 dues.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Pearson
Rec. Secy.

REPORT OF JANUARY MEETING OF UNFD January 9, 1948

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 PM by our President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
Treasurer's report - Bank balance - \$178.20

Since we are not able to get Oscar Jensen to play for the dance, we are going to try to get Kenneth Olson.

Meeting adjourned at 11PM. Next meeting will be held at our President's home on February 6, 1948.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Pearson
Rec. Secy.

REPORT OF FEBRUARY MEETING OF UNFD February 6, 1948

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 PM by our President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:
Maintenance charge - \$ 2.00
Bank balance - 176.20

Everything is all set for the 28th of Feb., our Leap Year Dance. We were thinking about a picnic but will wait until after the dance to discuss it.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting at my home March 6, 1948
Respectfully submitted - Ruth Pearson.

FOLKDANSLAGET NATIONAL - Chicago

You are now hearing from the SWEDES of Chicago - the most up and coming team from these parts. (Take heed you Norwegians and Danes) And speaking of Norwegians, there was an article in the last issue of the Herald where we were referred to as 'Fugitives from a smorgasbord' when challenged to a bowling match. Wellllllllllll - all I can say is any one who is afraid to come out and call us by name deserves exactly what they got. And, folks, I mean it was a terrible slaughter. In the first place there weren't even enough of the Norwegians to make up a bowling team so we, the SWEDES, had to loan them some of our members. Even after doing that and having a full ten on our own team, we had a cheering section of six more. The score, which I forget now, was unmentionable but I believe the turnout sufficiently refuted the results. But now getting back to us Swedes.

We had an election last November after the last Herald went to press and the results were as follows: Harold O. Henning - President and Leader; Robert Erickson - Vice President; Ellen Meyer - Secretary; Marie-Ann Palmer - Treasurer; Carl Tuveson - Member without a Function; Ben Johanson - Assistant Leader.

At our last meeting were the proud recipients of twelve new members: Kenneth Olson, Mildred Anderson, Barbara Olson, Margaret Gabrielson, Arlene Erickson, Des Strobel, Wilhelmina Davis, Ann Rosina Erickson, Kai and Dorothy Henrikson and Ivar Pearson; all of whom show deep and sincere interest in the team as a whole and when properly trained will carry on the tradition of the former members.

We, Folkdanslaget National, are celebrating our 25th Anniversary the 21st of February at the Svithiod Singers Club of Chicago, and are extending to everyone an invitation to join us there that evening in celebration. As you may have suspected, we are having the typical characteristic of the Swedes - SMORGASBORD, after which we as a dance team are going to give an exhibition. Following will be regular dancing to Stanley Erickson's orchestra.

We wish to extend our condolences to Sally and Hilding Eklund of Glencoe, members of our team, whose father passed away the latter part of October last year.

The future of the Swedes here in Chicago looks very bright and we hope to help the others along also. After our Banquet we are getting together with the Danes at the D.A.A.C. to do some combined dancing. There are several couples who show a definite interest but are without a leader at present. So perhaps with all our united efforts we will both emerge as two teams who will give those Minneapolis and St. Paul Scandinavians a show at the coming October convention (Editor's Note: Being Program Chairman for the coming convention, your offer of an exhibition is gratefully accepted and if you try to back out I'll klonk you right on the noggin!) We are really planning on coming up there "en masse" so you had better be waiting for us.

Folkdanslaget National Cont.

Oh, yes. We had a letter from Ned Morningstar, a former member, who is now teaching in Cambridge, Mass. and he thanks the League for his pen and pencil set. If and when he returns to our part of the country, he is going to re-join our ranks.

Our assistant leader, Mr. Ben Johanson, "Benny" to most of you, is now an expectant father. The event to take place some time in June if my source of information is correct. As for other additions, Marie-Ann and John Palmer had a little boy Kieth Harold a few months ago, and Stanley and Rosina Erickson also a little boy, Brian Leif, in December. So the extreme future of the Swedes also looks good, if you want to look that far ahead.

This about rounds out the news from us for this time and I hope to be able to accommodate the Herald with information a little more in advance the next time.

As Sgt. at Arms of the League, I wish to inform the Clubs that if they will get together lists of members desiring UNFD emblems, the Viking Ship with the Nationality Flag, and send them on to me, I will have some made up. As for the price, if I come armed with a large order, I'm sure I can do better than with a small one, but I should estimate somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2.50 Please let me know ASAP (as soon as possible).

Peter (Pete) Jacobsen was down from Kenosha last Friday and attended our League meeting. He was just bubbling over with information about his five and one-half month trip which took him to England, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, France and Switzerland. He has most of the trip recorded on film which we might persuade him to show to us some time in the future.

With this as a conclusion, I will say goodbye for now. I hope we see one another sometime this summer.

Yours very sincerely,

Harold O. Hemming

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Congratulations, Harold. You did a beautiful job on this report. I wish the rest of the Clubs would do as well.

Editor.

SECRETARIES OF THE CLUBS IN THE UNFD:

- Mrs. Alice Pedersen, 1639 No. Washtenaw, Chicago - D.A.A.C.
- Mrs. Robert (Ellen) Meyer, 614 No. Washtenaw, Chicago-Folkdanslaget National
- Miss Lorraine Berglen, 525 Glenwood Ave., Chicago - Leikarringen
- Miss Naomi Brankow, 6516 - 20th Ave., Kenosha, Wis - D.B.S.
- Mrs. Marvin Ramberg, Fargo, N.D. - Fargo-Moorhead Norw. Folkdancers

LEIKARRINGEN HEIMHUG - Chicago

Our club members all enjoyed a very nice Christmas this year. Santa Claus was very good to many of the members. We found this out when we got together for our regular meeting at Evie Sommer's house a few days after Christmas.

To get our members together is quite a problem now. Sigurd lives 65 miles out of Chicago; Oscar Jensen - 16 miles; Joe Sommer - 20 miles; Gordon Berglin on the north side; Ole Berg about 14 miles out. However, we do get together - that is the important thing.

We were all very sorry to learn that Ole Berg's mother passed away on Saturday, January 31.

Our Club is looking forward to the League's "Leap Year Dance" on February 28. We feel at home at the D.A.A.C. Club House.

Gordon Berglin was elected President of our Club for the year and Mabel Johansen was re-elected Treasurer. Lorraine Berglin was elected Secretary.

Joe Sommer

NORRØNA LEIKARRING -

February 10th the deadline for the news for the Herald is right around the corner, so here we go again.

First I suppose I better start out with the election of officers which was held on November 17 and which resulted in a few changes in the 'big paying positions'. However, the members are still trying to kid me or make me feel good (or bad) I don't know which, by insisting that no one else can fill the position of Secretary. Suppose I should feel highly honored, and go out and get myself a new hat. Guess I better do that anyway some of these days as Easter is on the way. Well, here are the results:

- President - Minnie Reum; Vice-President - Art Paulson; Secretary - Lena Dybdahl; Finance-Secretary - Molfrid Langseth; Treasurer - Reuben Anderson; Marshall - Earl Peterson; Instructor - Einar Duvik; Asst. Instructor - Hanna Akslen; Musician - Paul Paulson; Assistant Musician - Harold Lundgaard.

On December 20 we had our annual Christmas Party and this year we held it at the Andrews Hotel where we had a very fine dinner served to us and the committee had done a very fine job of decorating the tables, and also had arranged for a very interesting program having gotten a projector and asking all members to bring some old time pictures which were very much enlarged, and some of them really got a good laugh. Incidentally I don't think any of us realized that we had so many good looking "bathing beauties". Some of the pictures taken at week-end parties and outings we had years ago really brought back memories.

TWIN CITY DANISH FOLKDANCERS Cont.

a party) have decided to make it a Valentine Party and have a household linen shower for him and Helga in view of the fact that they are very hard hit because of the fire. Now we hope and know that Wallie will forgive us for spurring him on to increase the attendance to this party when he realizes that our intentions are good. The party is scheduled for February 10.

We have had some extremely cold weather here in this part of the state and are all waiting for the warm weather to make an appearance. Wallie and Helga expect work to begin on their home as soon as the weather moderates. So, for their sake, we hope our winter is soon over.

Whispers have been heard that Mr. Stork is hovering around!!!! More details later -- we hope.

Lauritz Jensen, one of our newer members, is leaving us for "sunny" California. While we wish him the best of luck in his new home, we do hope that before too long he will yearn for good old Minnesota and rejoin us. We have his solemn promise that he is to come to rehearsal the minute he steps off the train again in good old Mpls.

At the present time we are nine couples who rehearse regularly and we do hope to be able to add more names to our roll call before long.

I was ready to close when I remembered something I forgot to remember in the first place - geeps, it must be important but with all this remembering and forgetting - I can't think what it is. OH, YES * June 9 I leave New York for Copenhagen, via Scandinavian Airlines. This time I will get there if I have to bring broken bones with me.

Hazel Nielsen, Secy.

TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS

We are still meeting the second Tuesday of each month for a joint practice and meeting but whether it is due to the cold weather we have had or other reasons, the attendance has not been as good as we might hope. With the Convention coming up this fall certainly hope all members will feel their responsibility and take an active part in the joint meetings from now on.

A new organization called the Minnesota Federation of Folkdancers has been formed and each of the Scandinavian Folk Dance Groups, as well as about fifteen or more other nationalities have signed up; and the plan is to learn various dances from other countries as well as the American Square Dance, and then give exhibition dances in other cities and villages in the State. We practice the last Sunday of the month, and alternate between Minneapolis and St. Paul for the practice meetings and each time one group puts on an exhibition dance. On January 25 the Scandinavian Groups were asked to render the exhibition dance, and we danced "Veva Vadmel" as a joint dance. This was held at Stem Hall in the St. Paul Auditorium and it was a huge success, nearly 1300 participants and spectators being present. The next meeting is to be held at the Armory of the University on Feb. 29.

TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS Cont.

We have been asked to take part in the Folk Dance Festival sponsored by the North East Neighborhood House on April 15, 16 and 17 in Minneapolis and we have decided to help them make their Festival a success and will dance on Friday the 16th both jointly & individually.

On May 1 the International Institute Costume Ball will be held at Stem Hall of the Auditorium in St. Paul. This is a yearly affair and we are really looking forward to this evening of fun.

The Joint Group's Christmas party on January 4 at Pillsbury House was very much of a success. The Committee had arranged for a very grand Sunday night supper and the tables were beautifully decorated, and our members and friends really turned out in great numbers. After the supper, we had a very interesting program rendered by the children of our members and former members, and it would appear that we have quite a lot of talent within our own circle. Then, of course, the big moment came when the gifts were distributed. The balance of the evening was spent in social dancing or just reminiscing with some of the former members. All in all it was a very lovely party.

On our next Joint Meeting, February 10, we have planned to have a little so-called 'shower' on our President and wife, Wallie and Helga Larson. They had the misfortune of having their home burned last November and most of their belongings either burned or got so water-soaked that they are practically useless, so we decided that we would have a little party for them and bring them some small things that they will need when they start in housekeeping again after getting their place re-built. We have had a lot of fun planning this party and are wondering what Wallie will say when it dawns on him what we are up to as we really pulled a fast one on him and got him to appoint a committee for this party, thinking it was a party to try to create interest in the joint meetings. At our meeting in January the weather was very bad and there were only about eight couples present and Peter Olsen said something had to be done to try to get our members interested, and suggested that we have a social gathering at the next meeting and serve a little lunch, and make it a sort of Valentine Party. Wallie fell for the suggestion hook-line-and-sinker and appointed a committee to take care of the affair. (Of course, the rest of us knew what the deal was and really got quite a kick out of it)

Linnea Osman has been in Baltimore since Christmas visiting her brother?????? We are just wondering if it might possibly be someone else's brother as long as she is still out there and no one seems to know when she is coming back. How about it, Linnea?

Lena Dybdahl
Secretary

DON'T FORGET Time: October, 1948 Place: Minneapolis, Minn. Occasion: UNFD Convention DON'T FORGET

FOLKDANCE BOOKS OF INTEREST TO SCANDINAVIAN FOLKDANCERS-ENGLISH TEXT

Elizabeth Burchenal, Folkdances of Denmark - \$1.50
Elizabeth Burchenal, Folkdances & Singing Games - \$1.50
Elizabeth Burchenal, Folkdances of Finland - \$1.50

Nils Berquist, Swedish Folk Dances - Published by A. S. Barnes & Co.
New York

Folk Games, New and Old - Published by Campbell Folk School,
Brasstown, N. C. - 60¢

Treasures From Abroad, Kit-O - 25¢
Published by Cooperative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio

Folk Dances and Singing Games - in print - should be out by now
Published by World of Songs, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa

Swedish Text - Lekstugan - Gamle Svenska Folkdansar
Norwegian Text - Norske Folkdansar 2 Vol.
Published by Bonnier Publishing House, 531 Third Ave., New York.

Danish Text - Danske FolkeDanse, 3 music - 3 instruction
Egns Danse - 7 books from different districts in Denmark
Published by Vilhelm Hansen Musik Forlag, Copenhagen, Denmark.

The above list is submitted by Peter Olsen and was to have appeared
in the last issue of the Herald but we just didn't have the space for
it.

TWIN CITY SWEDISH FOLK DANCERS

Linnea Osman, our director, is on vacation, visiting her brother in
Baltimore. Se expect her back the latter part of February. Then we
shall become very busy practicing for the Annual Swedish Day Celebra-
tion. This year promises to be a big event as it is 100 years ago that
the Swedes first settled down in the Mississippi Valley. The doings
will be held at the Minn. State Fair Grounds in June. Dignitaries
from Sweden are expected.

Just before Christmas, our group danced for the Skiers Convention
at the Lowry Hotel.

All the folk dance groups have joined the Minnesota Federation of Folk-
dancers. I have attended the two festivals which have been given so
far and it is thrilling to see so many interested participants and
spectators.

Ruth Johnson, now a resident of California, was given a diamond on her
birthday, January 29, by Arlie Veis. She tells me that wedding bells
will be ringing in September. Congratulations, kids! Ruth is teaching
folk dancing in a church in Sacramento.

Congratulations and all our very best wishes to Chicago's Danslaget
National on their 25th Anniversary. May your next 25 years be even
more successful.

Lorraine Wallberg