



UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS of AMERICA

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

NOV. 8, 1942

3049 CICERO AVE - CHICAGO

SMORGASBORD

5:00 O'CLOCK

\$1.25 PER PERSON

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

BY

STANLEY ERICSON

AND HIS

ACCORDION

CONVENTION BANQUET AND DANCE

Lo and behold! Time has gone by and here we are at the end of our first decade of existence. Times have been good and times have been bad. Clubs have joined and very few have dropped out. Our League started with three clubs in Chicago and quickly expanded to take in Rockford, Kenosha, Minnesota, Michigan and last but not least, North Dakota.

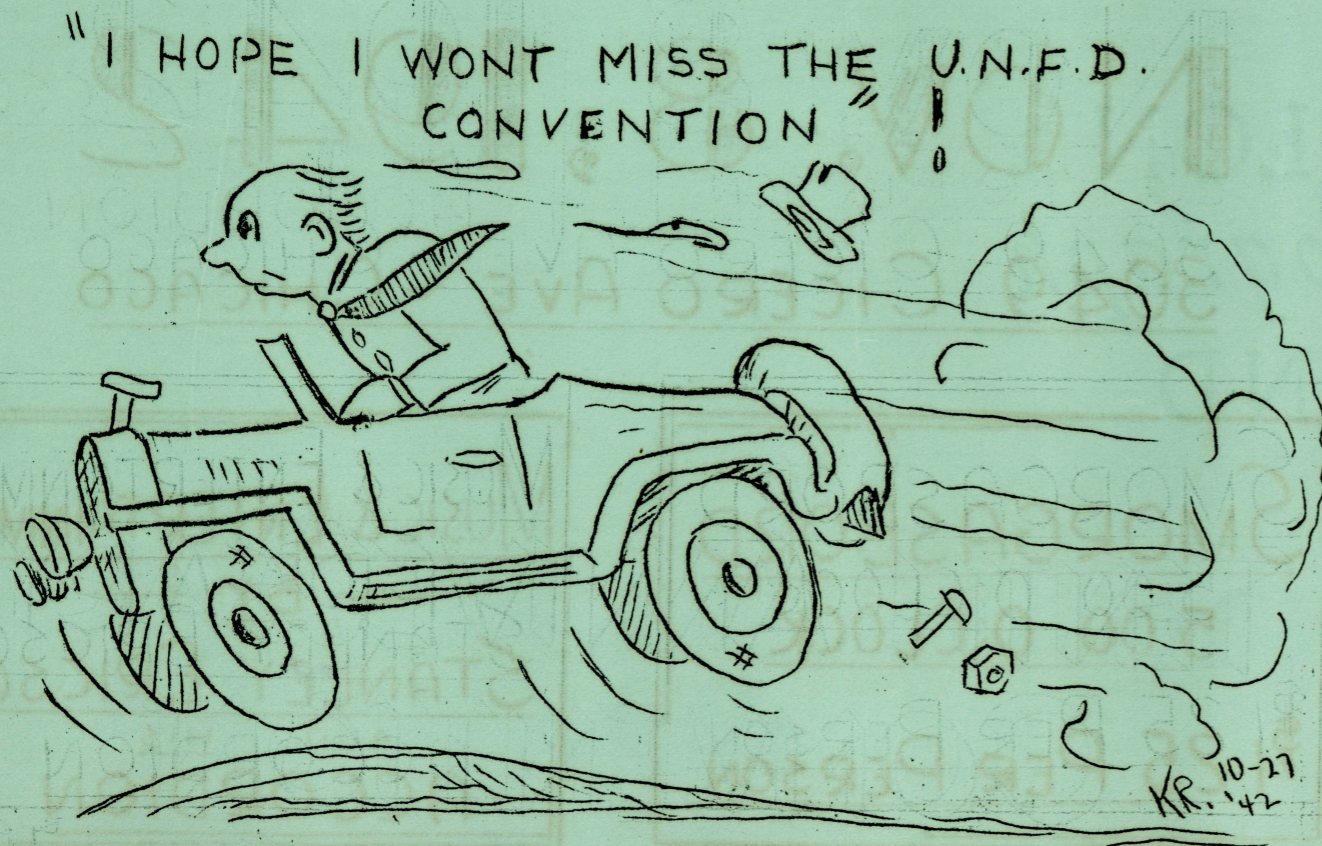
In times such as these, we should endeavor to keep such an extensive organization intact. With many of our members going into the Service, it is up to those left at home to keep things going until after the war.

On Sunday, November 8th at the Bjornson Male Chorus Hall at 3049 No. Cicero Avenue, we are going to have our annual convention. The meeting will begin at 1 o'clock at which time we will have our election of officers for the coming year.

At 5 o'clock, there will be a beautiful Smorgasbaard priced at \$1.25 per plate, after which we will dance and be entertained by Starley Erickson and his accordian.

Let's see how many will show up and get a good start for the beginning of the next ten years.

The Editor



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Tenth Anniversary

Congratulations are in order, and indeed, they will be well received. It just doesn't seem possible that ten years have slipped by. They were ten peculiar and yet wonderful years.

We started out in the midst of the worst depression this country and the world has ever known. This was in 1932 which was considered the very worst year of all time from a financial viewpoint. It seems that for our League, it did nothing but thoroughly cement our friendship and brotherhood. We move on into lighter years where work was a trifle easier to get and also for us to get new members. During this time, we had many wonderful conventions and picnics and enjoyed each others friendship. Then this awful war started and with it started a slowing down of League activities. This naturally has been a severe blow to all, but with it I believe, will give us a chance to further show our mettle.

We have already started to show our boys in service what we think of them by sending them cigarettes and magazine subscriptions. This is only the beginning. We intend to do more and I sincerely hope that the new officers will continue with the same viewpoint. When you read the letters of thanks from our boys in this Anniversary Issue, you will see that our efforts were not in vain. Above all, let us keep our Viking Ship afloat for our boys, for when they come home, after our Victory, I am sure they will be anxious to see us all together.

Let's not forget that the League owns \$350.00 in war bonds. This brings us up to the present day, so in closing, I say, "Let's come up to the Convention and have a good time" and lots of luck to you.

As ever,
Joe Sommer

NOTICE FOR ELECTION

If any clubs have members that they would care to nominate for officers, they can do so by sending a letter to Gertrude Nelson, 6213 No. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago by November 5th.

They must BE SURE that the nominee will be willing to accept the office if elected.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

NORRØNA LEIKARRINGEN, Minneapolis

After the vacation we have had this summer, suppose I should be all keyed up and rarin' to go, but evidently in-activity is not so good as my store of news is more depleted than ever and my mind seems to be a perfect blank. (No re-marks from the gallery please).

Since the news was sent in for the last issue of the 'Herald' we have not really been very active. We danced at Minnehaha Park on July 19th when the Norwegian National League had their big all day picnic, and then we also danced at Minnehaha on August 9th when the "Swedish Wings for Norway" Committee sponsored a very fine program in an effort to raise money for their "Wings for Norway" drive and which certainly turned out to be a great success. There were a few couples from each one of the Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dance groups, and we danced one Swedish, one Danish and one Norwegian dance, and then we had to dance "Veva Vadmel" as an encore. It surely was gratifying to see the willingness of the thousands of people gathered there to contribute so generously when we came around for their dona-tions for which we were very thankful and I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of all true Norwegians, both by birth and ancest-ry when I say that we are all truly grateful for all the hard work the "Wings for Norway" Committee and the Swedish people as a whole, have done to help their unfortunate neighbors in Norway in their great struggle against the ruthless invaders, which we know some day, in the not too distant future, will be rewarded with Victory.

We had our annual week-end party out to Handstad's summer home on Lotus Lake on August 8th and 9th and as usual, had a grant time. Three couples came in to town to dance at the above mentioned program, but we were very glad to help out on that affair. At this week-end party, we had a little special celebration on Saturday night inasmuch as Donald Strand had en-listed in the Navy and expected to leave at any moment. Best of luck Don. We also had the pleasure of seeing our good soldier boy Chris Feste who was home on furlough. Another one of our soldier boys, Oscar Johnson just missed our week-end party, so we all got together at the Secretary's house after the practice on August 13th so we could talk to our boys. They surely look fine and it was fun seeing them.

On August 17th we danced at Farmington, Minn. at the Dakota County Fair, and on August 24th, we danced at the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Snelling, repeating the same program which was given by the joint group at Minnehaha on August 9th.

On October 6th we are to dance at the Nathan Hale School in Minneapolis on a program sponsored by the Parent Teachers Ass'n. for the purpose of raising funds for the Norwegian Fighting Forces.

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On September 28th, we had our annual meeting and we had been invited again out to Akslen's lovely home, so we com-bined business with pleasure and after the meeting, Hanna served a very lovely lunch. The new officers are as follows:

President	Minnie Reum
Vice-President	Jennie Solstad
Secretary	Lena Dybdahl
Treasurer	Myrtle Tante
Finance-Sec'y.	Molfrid Langseth
Marshall	Sigurd Rudi
Instructor	Einar Duvick
Ass't. Instructor	Peter Bendero
Musician	Paul Paulson
Ass't. Musician	Phoebe Sanders
Auditors	Lillian Rudi & Phoebe Sanders

Sincerely,

Lena Dybdahl
Sec'y., Norrøna Leikarringen

LEIKARRINGEN "HEIMHUG"
Chicago

Evelyn Anderson and Sigurd Kvelland were married on July 18th. Mary and Oscar Jensen were their witnesses. Sig has now joined the Armed Forces and is stationed at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The best of luck to you, Evelyn and Sig.

Astrid Michelsen and Charles Lineck were married on August 23rd and had a beautiful church wedding. They were to be married on August 22nd, but Chuck was in a train wreck somewhere out in Nevada and was delayed, so the wedding had to be put off until the following day. After spending a week here with his wife, Chuck returned to the Marine Base at San Diego, but from recent reports, he has sailed from California, destination unknown. The best of luck to you, Trudie and Chuck.

Another good member of ours was inducted into service on October 24th, namely Edward Christiansen. Our best wishes go with you "Christie."

Little Janice Thorsen, daughter of Harold (Treasurer of the United Nordic Folk Dance League) and Lillian, celebra-ted her first birthday on August 7th.

We have been sending the boys from our club in service a leather fitted kit. We feel that this is the least we can do for them in appreciation for their services to the club.

Secretary

NEWS FROM FOLKDANSLAGET

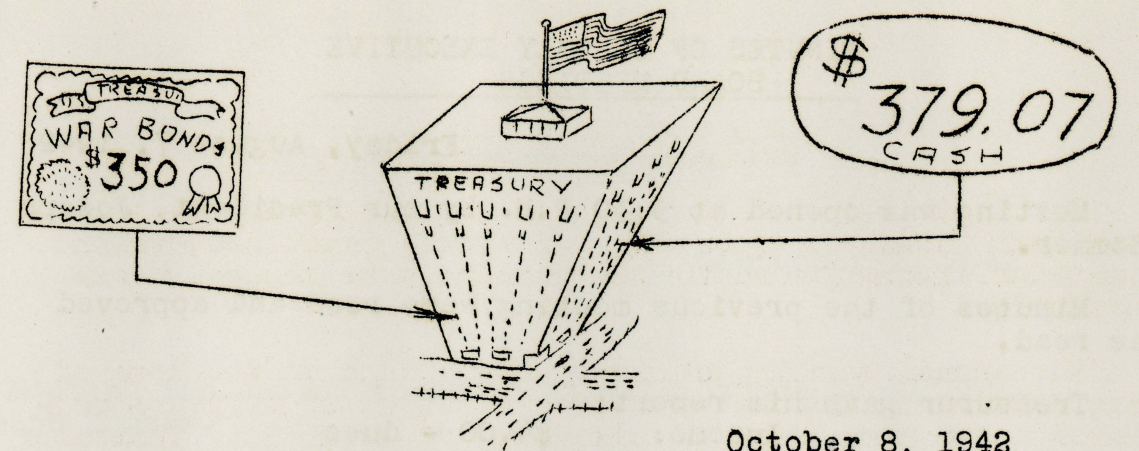
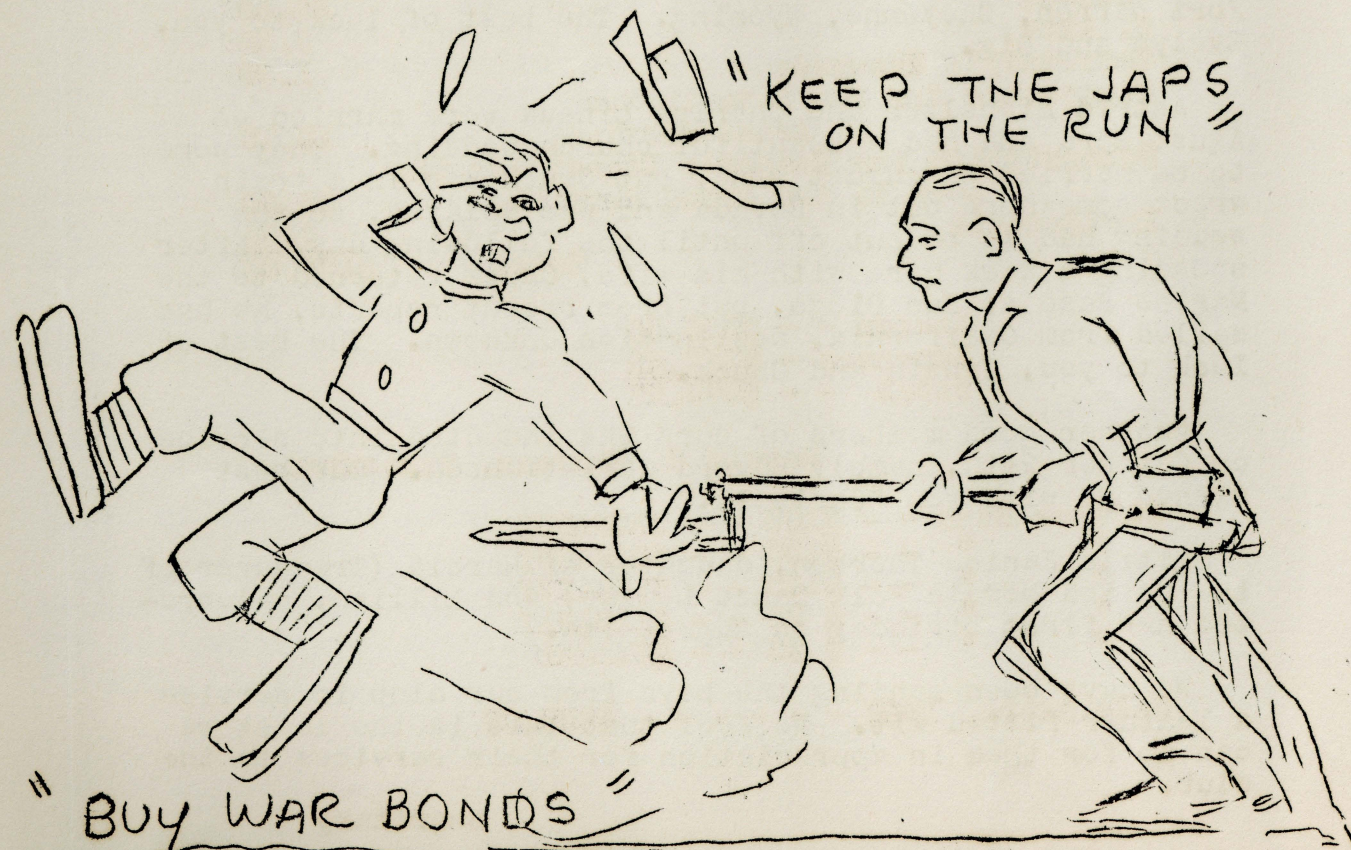
Our dance team has gotten back into the swing of things now that Autumn is upon us. Our weekly practices, which had been discontinued for the summer, were resumed a few weeks ago.

The annual meeting of our club was held at the home of Ben Johnson on October 4th. The election of officers produced a new crop with the exception of President, Treasurer and leader. Jimmie Robb, Harold Henning and Ben Johnson respectively, had done such fine jobs last year that they were retained. Guess we know good things when we see them.

The girls of Folkdanslaget are exercising their maternal instinct - well now by that I mean they are indulging in their desire to buy baby clothes. Marie Anne Palmer is the cause of it all. A shower was held for her at the home of Ellen Carlson Meyer the evening of October 8th. Looks as though John Palmer will have to devote his time to night howling instead of night owling from now on.

Now if our honorable editor and you numerous readers of our League paper will accept the humble efforts of a "cub" reporter (and I do mean cub) I will close with the hope that my contributions improve in quality if not in quantity.

Virginia B.



October 8, 1942

THE UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS
OF AMERICA

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	
Nov. 15, Carry over from 1941	\$342.25
Sale of pins,	34.50
Dues	16.00
Convention Income	118.65
March 28th, Dance	45.52
Total	<u>\$556.92</u>

Expenses	
Convention	\$103.18
"Herald"	28.66
C. Arne	9.55
Secretary's Expenses	1.50
Cigarettes for the boys in the Armed Service,	12.10
Subscription for Reader's Digest for the boys in the Armed Service,	15.00
Incidentals,	7.86
Total	<u>\$177.85</u>

Income - -	\$556.92
Expenses - -	<u>\$177.85</u>
Total - -	<u>\$379.07</u>

Harold C. Thorsen, Treasurer

Defense Bond - -	\$100	- -	C306425f
" " - -	\$100	- -	C306426f
" " - -	\$100	- -	C306427f
" " - -	\$ 25	- -	Q110151f
" " - -	\$ 25	- -	Q71103f

Sale price, 1942 - - - - - \$259.00

MINUTES OF MONTHLY EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETINGS

Friday, August 7, 1942

Meeting was opened at 9:30 P.M. by our President, Joseph Sommer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer gave his report:

Income: \$4.00 - dues

Expenses: .88 - Sec'y. Supplies

There is a balance in the bank of \$406.17.

Secretary read a letter from Peter Olson acknowledging our letter regarding our intention of sending something to the members in the Service and he suggested that we send them a subscription to some magazine or newspaper which is a very good idea. Secretary will acknowledge Peter Olson's letter.

As the next monthly meeting is scheduled to fall on the Friday before Labor Day it was decided to hold the meeting on Wednesday, September 2. This meeting will be held at Martha Wilson's home.

Secretary was instructed to remind the Clubs to send their lists of active members, indicating those in the Service, in by Saturday, August 29 so that we will have a complete list by the September meeting. It has been decided that after this year, each Club will send a new list of its active members to the Corr. Sec'y. in October of each year so that a correct list will be available at the Convention and for the new officers.

In regard to the Convention, nothing as yet has been definitely decided because we have not heard from the Clubs and are awaiting their opinion, however, we will either have a small party on Saturday night and a banquet on Sunday, or only a banquet on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Wilson (Signed)

Recording Secretary

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 2, 1942

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 by our President, Joseph Sommer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer gave his report of a balance of \$406.17. Report was accepted as read.

We received replies to our letters from only three clubs which are: Minneapolis Team, Norwegians in Chicago and Danslaget National from Chicago. A motion was made and seconded that all the boys who were active dancers at the time of their induction and who were reported by their club as of September 2, will receive a carton of cigarettes. Motion was carried. The three clubs named above are the ones who reported by September 2 and cigarettes are going forward to the boys in the Service from these clubs. A letter is also being sent to these boys advising them of the cigarettes coming and also telling them that they may either have a years subscription to the Readers' Digest or some other magazine equivalent to the price of the Readers' Digest. As soon as they advise what magazine they wish, their subscription will begin.

In regard to the Convention, it was suggested that we have it on a Sunday which would mean having the meeting as early in the afternoon as possible, then the banquet, and dancing for the rest of the evening. It was suggested that we have a Smorgasbord and that we try to get the Norwegian Bjornson Male Chorus Club. Definite plans will be decided at the October meeting.

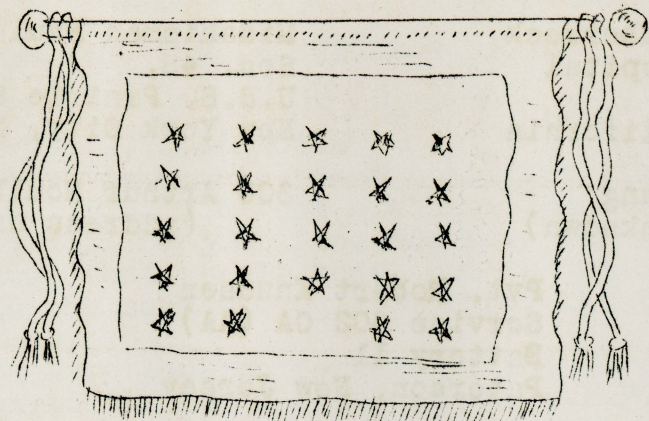
October meeting will be held at Bob Broch's home.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Wilson

Recording Secretary



HONOR ROLL
of
UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCE LEAGUE

CORP. Charles Lineck
Special Weapon's Battery
10th Marine, Camp Elliott
San Diego, California

Pvt. Rasmus L. Johnson
Flight C-31st T.S.S.
Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Sgt. Lawrence Knudsen
Quartermaster Detachment
Camp Chaffee
Fort Smith, Arkansas

S/Sgt. Helmer J. Darken
Supply Squad. 39th A.D. Gp.
San Bernardino, Calif.

Sgt. Raymond Ericksen
(Address unknown)

Pvt. Sigurd Kvelland
Co. N.O., 5th Q.M.T.R.
Fort Warren,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

2CMM Carl C. Frandsen
U.S. Crosby
% Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

1CF George Carlson
524 N. 15th Avenue
Duluth, Minnesota

Sgt. Einar Henriksen
"D" Battery, 18th C.A.
Fort Scott, California

C. Hilding Eklund, SK 30
Naval Pre-Flight Training Sch.
Iowa City, Iowa

1CF Kai Mortensen
S.S. Crosby
% Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

Corp. Sam Bergaas
Divn. Hq. Co., Ord. Sec.,
A.P.O. #1209, % Postmaster
New York City, New York

Sgt. Christ Pedersen
(Address unknown)

Pvt. Chris Foste
Battery B - 601 F.A. Bn.
Camp Carson, Colorado

Pvt. Ove Pedersen
(Address unknown)

Pvt. Oscar Johnson
Med. Dept., Co. A. Barrack 1
Medical Service School
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Sgt. Jack Rye
Public Relations Section
Air Forces Tech. School
720 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Robert Rasmussen
Sec. 1, Barracks 701-E
U.S.N.T.S.
Great Lakes, Illinois

2CMM Eric Sloth
S.S. Crosby
% Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

OFFICERS OF THE

UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS OF AMERICA
DURING THE FIRST TEN YEARS

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
PRESIDENT	AKSEL NIELSEN	AKSEL NIELSEN	GEORGE HALL	GEORGE HALL	BILL DRAGLAND	STANLEY NIELSEN	STANLEY NELSON	CARL FRANDSEN	JOE SCHMER	JOE SCHMER	JOE SCHMER
VICE PRES	GEORGE HALL	ALFRED OLSON	ANKER JENSEN	ANKER JENSEN	STANLEY NELSON	EINAR KJELLQUIST	CARL FRANDSEN	JOHN AKSLEY	BEN JOHANSON	BEN JOHANSON	BEN JOHANSON
CORRE SPONDING SECRETARY	ARNE JENSEN	ARNE JENSEN	BILL DRAGLAND	BILL DRAGLAND	ELLER JENSEN	ELLER JENSEN	ELLER JENSEN	ASTRID MICHELSEN	ASTRID MICHELSEN	ASTRID MICHELSEN	GERTRUDE NELSON
RECORDING SECRETARY	HENRY RINDSON	BILL DRAGLAND	JACK OLSON	ELLER JENSEN	HELEN JENSEN	HELEN JENSEN	THELEN JENSEN	OSCAR JENSEN	OSCAR JENSEN	OSCAR JENSEN	ELISABETH CHRISTENSEN
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	SVEN RAMSEY	THORSEN			FLUR MARKER	OSCAR JENSEN	OSCAR JENSEN	BENNY JOHANSON	BENNY JOHANSON	PETER OLSEN	PETER OLSEN
TREASURER	JOHN LANGE LIND	GEORGE HALL	ALFRED OLSON	AKSEL NIELSEN	AKSEL NIELSEN	AKSEL NIELSEN	JOE SCHMER	JOE SCHMER	HAROLD THORSEN	HAROLD THORSEN	HAROLD THORSEN
EDITOR						C. ARNE JENSEN	C. ARNE JENSEN	C. ARNE JENSEN	C. ARNE JENSEN	C. ARNE JENSEN	ROBERT BROCH
ASSOC. EDITOR						ELLER JENSEN	ELLER JENSEN	ELLER JENSEN	ELLER JENSEN	ELLER JENSEN	ROBERT BROCH
MARSHALL								ERIK AND THORSEN	JOHN POLLNER	JOHN POLLNER	JOHN POLLNER
SECTIONAL VICE PRES									THORSEN - VED. WORMSON (OETTEREN) LEVIN - FRISTEN - MINNEAPOLIS)	(KENTSH) OETTEREN MINNEAPOLIS)	(KENTSH) OETTEREN MINNEAPOLIS)
AUDITOR	BRNEY ERIKSON	MILDRED HANSEN	DORIS JOHANSON	V. TERBO	GOSTA LEVINE	ALFRED OLSON	CHARLES LINECK	CHARLES LINECK	CHARLES LINECK	CHARLES LINECK	JAMES RDOB
AUDITOR	FERDINAND SORENSEN	NIELSEN	EINAR TERBO	GOSTA LEVINE	GEORGE HALL	ALFRED OLSON	LAURITZ MRDSEN	BROREW FROSTHOLM	ANDREW FROSTHOLM	ANDREW FROSTHOLM	SVEN RAMSEY
AUDITOR		WINSTROM	AKSEL NIELSEN	C. OLSEN	CARL NYBERG	CARL FRANDSEN	JAMES ROBB	JAMES ROBB	JAMES ROBB	JAMES ROBB	ASTRID MIKELSEN

HONOR ROLL
(continued)

Pvt. Christ Waberzeck
U.S. Naval Hospital
Medical 9
San Diego, California

Midshipman Paul Jensen
Sec. 45,
U.S.S. Prairie State
New York City, New York

Pvt. Anthon Bang
(address unknown)

300 Arthur Houlberg
(address unknown)

Pvt. Robert Knudsen
Service 502 CA (AA)
Battery 11
Paterson, New Jersey

Following this list are letters received from our boys expressing their appreciation for gifts sent to them:

1. Camp Choffee, Ark.
Sept. 30, 1942.

Dear Gertrude:-

Enclosed is the card showing my preference of magazine as the Reader's Digest.

By my failure in answering correspondence sooner, it would appear that I wasn't very appreciative of what you are doing for me, but let me assure you that isn't the case. I received your carton of cigarettes Sunday, (by the way, they were also my brand) and today is Wednesday and they are all gone except for one or two packs. Don't get me wrong, I didn't smoke all of them myself, but it being so close to the end of the month and pay-day - my many friends were out of that "filthy lucer" which buys them and so your little package made more than one soldier happy.

I have enjoyed my Army experience very much so far, (it will be one year next Saturday). I have an enjoyable job in the office of the Post Quartermaster and have been taking two classes a week in 1st year college harmony besides my weekly lesson on the pipe organ.

Please give my best regards to those of my group and those I have been fortunate enough to have made their acquaintance. Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,
LARRY KNUDSEN

2. Camp Carson, Colo.
Sept. 15, 1942.

Dear Gertrude:

I want to thank you for the letter that I received from the U.N.F.D. last week, for as you

LETTERS FROM SERVICEMEN (Cont.)

Letter No. 2, continued:

know there is nothing that a soldier likes better than mail, and I do not have the "Reader's Digest", so that will be just fine for me. The Army is not like home that we all know, but we got a big job to do, and the sooner we get it done, the better for all of us.

I am sure looking forward to the days when I can go back to the local club and the U.N.F.D. and have some of them good old times again.

Thanks to all of you.

Best wishes,

PVT. CHRIS FESTE
Btry. B, 60 1st, F.A.B.N.
Camp Carson, Colorado

3. Camp Elliott, Calif.
Sept. 10, 1942.

Dear Gertrude:-

My thanks to the U.N.F.D. for the nice letter and your gift of cigarettes and your contemplated gift of the Reader's Digest subscription will indeed be a welcome gift. I would also like to hear from my friends of the U.N.F.D.

Many thanks and my best wishes to you all,

CORP. CHARLES R. LINECK
Spec. Weap. Btry., 10th Marines
Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif.

4. U.S.C.G., Duluth, Minnesota.
Sept. 28, 1942.

Dear Gertrude:

Thank you very much for the letter and cigarettes, and I will enjoy receiving the Reader's Digest. There really isn't anything in this hick town to write about.

I hope the war is over soon so that all of us dancers will be together again.

GEORGE CARLSON
U.S.C.G., 524 N. 15th Ave, E.
Duluth, Minn.

5. U.S. Navy, Iowa City, Iowa
Sept. 29, 1942

Dear Gertrude:-

Thank you for the candy and I certainly will enjoy receiving the magazine. I am looking forward to dancing the Swedish hambos and schottisches once again.

CARL HILDING EKLUND,
D.K. 3rd Class, U.S.N.R.
Iowa City, Iowa

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 2, 1942

Meeting was called to order by our President, Joseph Sommer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer gave his report:

Expenses - \$12.10

Our balance now stands at \$394.07.

Corresponding Secretary read letters of thanks from our boys in the Service for the cigarettes sent them. They would all like to have the Readers' Digest, so Gertrude Nelson will take care of getting subscriptions for the boys.

Corresponding Secretary was asked to notify the auditors to audit the books for the Convention in November.

Definite plans were decided on for the Convention. It will be held on Sunday, November 8 at the Bjornson Male Chorus Club.

November monthly meeting will be held at Ben Johnson's home.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Wilson

Recording Secretary