



40th
Anniversary
MID-WEST DIVISION
AMERICAN UNION
of
SWEDISH SINGERS



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EDWARD J. JEFFRIES, JR.
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 27, 1940

The Mid-West Division
American Union of Swedish Singers

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure and privilege for me as mayor, and personally, to welcome the delegates to the Mid-West Division American Union of Swedish Singers.

We feel that Detroit has many attractions as a convention city, and hope that you will avail yourselves of our recreational and sight-seeing advantages.

It is my hope that your stay with us will be so enjoyable that you will wish to hold future meetings in our city.

My kind personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Edward J. Jeffries Jr.
Mayor

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HISTORY OF THE MID-WEST DIVISION

American Union of Swedish Singers

The American Union of Swedish Singers is an association of Swedish male choruses, organized to foster and promote interest in song and music, in general, and, particularly, in Swedish male chorus composition and singing. Through the medium of biennial singing festivals they have made these elements of Swedish culture known and appreciated throughout the entire United States.

The Union was organized on Thanksgiving Day, 1892, at a meeting held in Chicago. Nine choruses from New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Moline, and Rockford were represented. Magnus Olson, Chicago, was elected president and Charles K. Johansen, New York, secretary, with John R. Ortengren as the first director-in-chief. They arranged the first singing festival in connection with the Swedish Day at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Six hundred singers took part in the concerts and their numbers were received with great acclaim and enthusiasm.

At a convention held in New York in 1897 the American Union of Swedish Singers was divided into Eastern and Western Divisions, with each division holding biennial conventions and festivals, and meeting jointly in quadrennial festivals. The Western Division included Chicago and all territory west thereof. Frank Schelain of Rockford, Illinois, was elected president of the Western Division, and the first convention and festival of the Division followed in Rockford in 1900. Succeeding festivals were held in Minneapolis in 1903, Moline, Ill., in 1907, Duluth, Minn., in 1912, Omaha, Nebraska, in 1916, and Denver, Colorado, in 1922. At the Denver convention the Western Division was further divided into the Mid-West and North-West Divisions.

The Mid-West Division comprises the states of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, the northern part of Indiana, and the southern parts of Wisconsin and of Michigan. The first convention of the Mid-West division was held in Rockford, Ill., in 1928. At this occasion nineteen choruses were represented, and over 500 singers appeared on the program. Other conventions have been held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1931, St. Charles, Ill., in 1935, and Sioux City in 1937.

PRESIDENTS OF THE WESTERN AND MID-WEST DIVISIONS

Frank Schelain, Rockford, Ill., 1897-1900.
Axel Anderson, Minneapolis, 1900-1903.
G. L. Peterson, Moline, 1903-1907.
Charles F. Forsell, Duluth, 1907-1912.
Sam Simonson, Omaha, 1912-1916.
Charles A. Bundesen, Denver, 1916-1924.
N. A. Rumin, Denver, 1924-1926.
C. N. Carlstedt, Moline, 1926-1928.
Ernest Freden, Rockford, 1928-1935.
Edward E. Johnson, Chicago., 1935—.

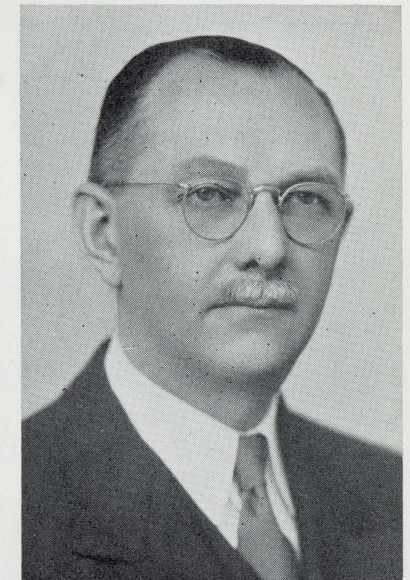
DIRECTORS-IN-CHIEF

John R. Ortengren, Chicago, 1900-1910.
Joel Mossberg, Chicago, 1910-1924.
Otto C. J. Carlson, Chicago, 1924-1928.
H. William Nordin, Chicago, 1928-1935.
Gustaf A. Ohlson, Rockford, 1935-1939.
Carl A. Norrbom, Sioux City, 1939—.

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 Gustaf Anderson
 Carl Berglund
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 And members of the local
 choruses and auxiliaries.

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 Eric Blomquist

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 DuNord Lodge

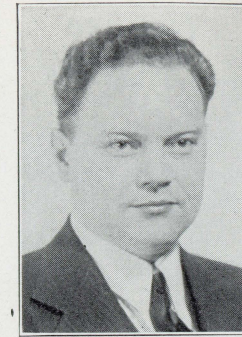
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 DuNord Lodge.

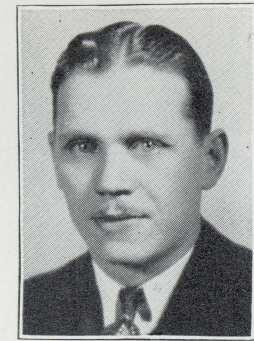
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Florence Nyquist
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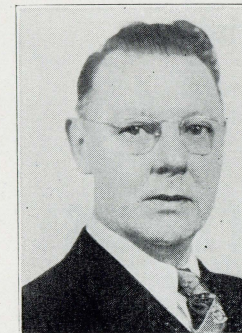
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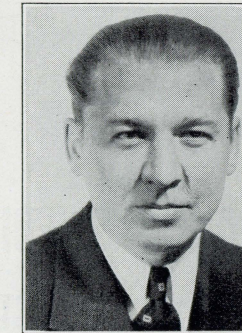
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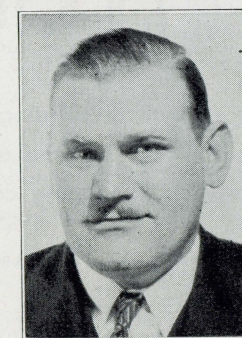
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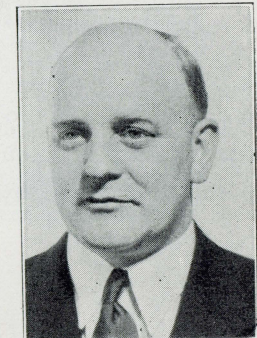
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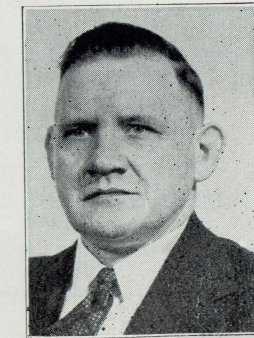
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1st Vice-President



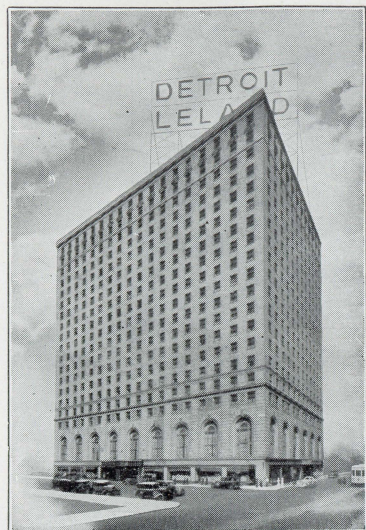
GUNNAR GUSTAFSON



ERNEST O. FREDEN



HARRY LASSEN



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General Manager

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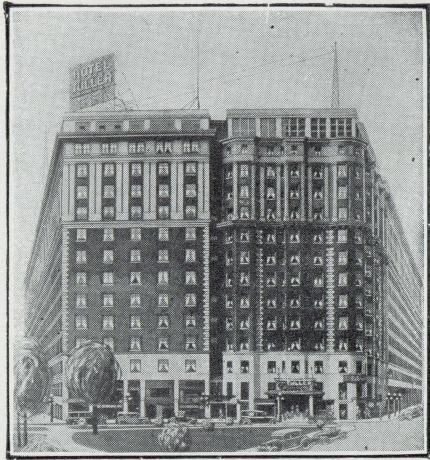
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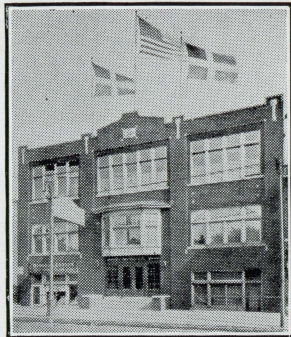
HARRY O'BRIEN, Manager



Thelma von Eisenhauer

Soprano Soloist

Courtesy of D. B. S. Hall



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GENERAL CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JUNE SIXTH

- 9:00 A.M. Registration at Headquarters.
12:15 P.M. Leave Headquarters for tour of Ford Factory and Greenfield Village.
5:00 P.M. Leave Greenfield Village and return to Headquarters.
8:30 P.M. Entertainment for singers and ladies at Headquarters.
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FRIDAY, JUNE SEVENTH

- 9:00 A.M. Registration at Headquarters.
9:30 A.M. Leave Headquarters for tour of Chrysler Corporation.
9:30 A.M. Breakfast for Ladies at the Stockholm Swedish Restaurant, 1014 E. Jefferson Ave.
12:30 P.M. Leave the Stockholm for visit to Greenfield Village.
1:00 P.M. Rehearsal for Grand Concert at Masonic Auditorium.
8:15 P.M. Grand Concert at Masonic Auditorium to be followed immediately by Festival Banquet in Fountain Ball-Room of Temple.
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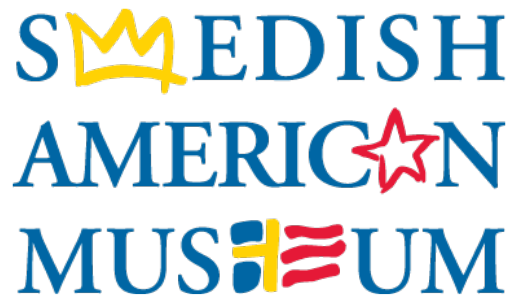
SATURDAY, JUNE EIGHTH

- 9:30 A.M. Veterans' Meeting at Headquarters.
10:00 A.M. Veterans' Sillfrukost (all veterans guests of the Committee).
1:00 P.M. Delegates meeting at Headquarters.
7:00 P.M. Individual Chorus Concert and Ball at Headquarters.
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SUNDAY, JUNE NINTH

- 10:00 A.M. Sight-Seeing tour of Detroit.
2:00 P.M. Farewell Party at Headquarters.
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Headquarters.....Danish Brotherhood Temple
1775 W. Forest Ave.
Masonic Auditorium.....Temple Ave. at Second Blvd.



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