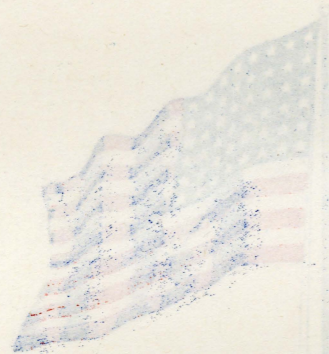


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If any of the addresses of these boys are incorrect, or if their ratings have changed, please notify Joseph Sommer, 3425 Drummond Place, Chicago, Illinois, at your earliest convenience.

1944 RAFFLE

It was decided at the January meeting that the League should sponsor another raffle similar to the one conducted last year.

Just to freshen your memory, last year the League cleared \$150.00 on the raffle. This was used to send gifts to the boys in service. There is still some money left from this raffle.

However, with 33 stars on our service flag, we will need a lot more money. As everyone knows, last year's raffle was fairly well represented. The honors for selling the most tickets went to Peter Jacobsen of the Kenosha Dance Team. With the aid of his team, he sold 565 tickets.

When you read the letters that the boys send in to thank us for the gifts, you will be convinced that your salesmanship was not in vain.

The raffle tickets will be distributed some time in February. The date of the drawing will be printed on the ticket. Last year a Kenosha man won second prize, so every one has a chance to win. The tickets will be bound in groups of 25. We sincerely hope each member will buy a booklet for himself besides selling some to his friends. Let us do even better this year than we did last year.

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INCOME

Dues	10.00
Convention 1942	103.45
Refund from Readers Digest	1.50
Refund from Carson Pirie Co.	3.20
Bond Raffle	186.00
Sale of "Herald"	8.00

TOTAL 697.72

EXPENSES

Convention 1942	\$107.61
Subscription for Look	2.10
Annual report to State (Charter)	1.00
Maintenance charge (Bank)	.50
Columbus Printing Co.	11.50
Carson Pirie Scott	32.00
# " "	44.80
Bonds and Stamps	23.75
"Herald"	9.00
Convention Tickets 1943	2.00

TOTAL 234.26

SERVICE FUND ~~77.15~~
TREASURY 386.31

TOTAL IN BANK 463.46

TREASURER - Harold C. Thorsen

Audited 7/2/43 and 11/5/43 by
Ellen V. Mayer
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Bonds at Maturity Value
1954 \$350.00

THE 1943 CONVENTION

We are sorry for those who missed the 1943 League Convention. It is understood, of course, that our service men weren't expected to be there. However, there was lots of room for some of the others.

It can be truthfully said that this was one of the nicest conventions we ever had. It definitely opened a new style of fellowship and entertainment for Folk Dancers.

The day started for us at about 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon. There weren't more than 20 members present at the business meeting. Nevertheless, quite a bit of business ~~xxxxx~~ was conducted. Most of the discussion concerned post-war League plans. There were four or five clubs represented. Fortunately all three nationalities were present. The election of officers was ably conducted by Christian Arne of the Danish American Athletic Club. For election results please refer to article on that subject included in this issue. The Business meeting adjourned at about 4:30 P.M. Some of us were slightly dry, so we decided to amble across the street for some refreshments. We got back over for the banquet in plenty of time(?) so that we could help seat the guests.

As you probably all know, the banquet and convention was held at Idrotts Cafe in Chicago. The dinner was served at about 5:15. Although it was a few minutes late it certainly was worth waiting for. We all had a heaping plateful of the finest tasting chicken we had for a long time. Of course there were all the usual trimmings such as vegetables, salad and dessert.

After the dishes were cleared, we began the entertainment. We were very fortunate to have Miss Marion Butler with us as an invited guest. She is a member of the Chicago Danish Dance Team. Many of us will remember her as the winner of the Piano Solo Contest in the Chicagoland Music Festival for 1942. Your correspondent has been to many various concerts but can truthfully say that Miss Butler's solo was one of the finest he has ever heard. Her selections were made to order for all of us. She played several Danish folk tunes as well as other classics. She could have had several more encores but our time schedule was running out, so we had to go on. The league is extremely fortunate to have her as a member.

Next on the program was a "Danish Count". He entertained us in a perfect Danish American dialect ~~ix~~ with the subject "My impressions of America". It seemed that with each succeeding impression of certain parts of America the audience laughed heartier than before. After about 25 minutes of this, he changed his dialect to that of a midwesterner. In this role he made comical remarks of about 30 members of the League. Pete Jacobsen was in for quite a bit of ribbing as was John Palmer, yours truly and others. Our entertainer finally revealed his identity as none other than Axel Christiansen of the radio. Mr. Christiansen then played the piano for about 10 or 15 minutes. He could play popular music or classical with equal skill and gusto. His entertainment was warmly appreciated as was attested by such expert laughers as Mary Ann Palmer, John Palmer, Bob Brown and many others.

After the banquet we all danced to a very peppy two piece orchestra. Being a Sunday nite, we reluctantly started for home around 11:00 P.M. The unanimous thought was that we had an excellent day.

NORRONA LEIKARRING

Don't know just where to begin this story, but do not believe I have reported on the outcome of the election of officers of our group which was held in October this year. Well here it is:

President	Harold Sersland
Vice President	John Rudi
Secretary	Lena Dybdahl
Treasurer	Myrtle Tante (Mrs. Harry)
Finance-Secretary	Molfrid Laggseth
Marshall	Harry Tante
Instructor	Einar Duvick
Asst. Instructor	Hanna Akslen (Mrs. John)
Musician	Paul Paulson
Asst. Musician	Harold Lundgaard
Auditors	Reidun Lee and Jennie Solstad, (Mrs. Arne)
Delegate to the National League	- Karen Fauchaud.

I understand that in most places of employment, etc. the pension age is 20 years, although some is 30, but I am hoping that it is 20 years in the Leikarring, as if that is the case I will only have a couple more years to go until I can be retired, I hope.

We had quite a few engagements during the last summer and fall too considering the way the times are. We danced at the Dakota County Fair at Farmington again this year, on August 21st, and as Farmington is only about 50 miles from Minneapolis we were able to drive down there without too much hardship on account of the small gas ration. Had a very nice time. Then on August 29th we danced at Glenwood Park, for the CO-ops picnic. We also danced at the Minnesota State Fair on September 3rd, in connection with the Norwegian Exhibit of the United Nations Display. On December 11th we danced at the Coffman Memorial at the University Campus, at a Christmas party given by the Faculty Women's Club, and on December 15th we entertained for the Student Nurses of the General Hospital, at the Christmas party given at Dania Hall.

In between dancing engagements and other activities we have been very busy practicing for the play "Til Nytte or Eygge" which we presented at Norway Hall on December 5th, and which really was a big success, as we had an overflow crowd which we are thankful for, as there is really a lot of work in practising for a play and trying to put it over so that our public will not be disappointed. It is doubly hard now as four of our boys are in the Armed Forces so our membership is rather low, but we hope it will not be very long before they are all back with us again just as good as ever.

On December 19th we entertained with the other two groups, as the Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dancers, at the big Christmas Party which was sponsored by the Civilian Defense of Minneapolis. There were approximately 20 nationalities taking part in the program and exhibitions of Christmas goodies the same as was done last year. It is very interesting to say the least to go around to the various tables of the different Nations represented and see the many kinds of Christmas cookies and other goodies which they have. The service men all say they are not able to eat any dinner that evening after sampling the numerous kinds of cookies.

LETTERS FROM TWO BOYS IN THE SERVICE.

Dear Mr. Sommer, and other friends of the UNFD;

About a month or so ago, I had the very pleasant surprise of receiving a carton of Luck Strike cigarettes, containing a card from the UNFD. They came as an even greater surprise, because over here, we are not supposed to be able to receive anything which we have not specifically requested. They were addressed to me at Hq. Third Army (where I was previously on duty.), and I suppose that explains any unusual delay in transit, as well as the fact that they came to me without a request. Thank you very much! I surely appreciate the club's remembering me! There was no return address on the package, except for the name of the company which I do not recall, so I did not know to whom I could write to say, THANK YOU. I wrote to Hazel Neilson of the Twin City Danish Folk Dancers, and she sent me your address, which arrived here about the same time as did the first copy of the Herald I'd received in nearly two years. I'm certainly glad that both the gift and the Herald followed me way "down under" (in Australia), where I am, and have for the last several months been stationed with Hq. Sixth Army. It was mighty good to hear from so many of our friends through the Herald. Perhaps, one of these days, we will all be able to get together for a big picnic or banquet and reunion. I hope it will not be too long!

I noticed my old address, with Hq Third Army, listed in the Herald. No doubt, you have already noticed my new address above. Thanks for correcting your roster.

It was gratifying to notice that so many of the clubs are successfully carrying on, in spite of the "man Power" shortage. Some of us will probably be pretty 'rusty' when we get home, but believe me our enthusiasm will not have waned. If anything, it grows more ardent each week we are gone.

I can't give you any special news, but you wouldn't expect any from over here, because, anything of special interest would probably be contrary to censorship regulations, anyway. So I'll close for now, with a hearty greeting to all of you, and MANY THANKS for the carton of cigarettes and the Herald.

Sincerely,
Dale D. McFeeters

Friends,

I received the United Folk Dancers of America paper today Sept. 28. It had been forwarded from Miami Beach to Huntington West Virginia where I spent my 'pre-pre-flight' training days. From there it followed me to Nashville Tenn. where I was classified as a pilot in training. I spent one month in Miami Beach and four months at Huntington and one month at Nashville. Then I came here to Maxwell Field, Ala. for my final pre-flight training. I have just finished my two months here and am on my way to primary flying school at Douglas, Ga. I'll spend approximately nine weeks there and move on again to my basic training.

I was really pleased to receive my copy of the paper. It contained many address I wanted of friends I made in the days when
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On December 27th we had a little get-together in order to get a chance to really visit with our good member Christian Feste who is now home on a 24 day furlough. He has been up in the Aleutians and is now back in the good old U.S.A. in Camp Sill, Okla. We went around the Christmas tree and sang some of the old traditional 'Jule Sange' and really had a very nice time. Our regular Christmas party will be held on January 9th, but as he has to leave for camp again on January 4th, we got this little gathering together in a hurry so we could have a good visit with our Soldier Boy.

Sam Bergaas is now back in England after having spent over a year in North Africa and Sicily. We were in hopes that he might be on the way home for a furlough and that we might see him too for Christmas, but we have not seen him yet, so presume we will have to wait a little longer before welcoming him home. It is just two years ago this Christmas since he was home on a furlough.

Don Strand is still with the Seabeas somewhere in New Caledonia, or at least that is where he was about a month ago. He seems to like it quite well out there in the South Seas, as he says it is really a beautiful island.

Oscar Johnson, Jr., is in a Hospital in Australia, but do not know whether he has been in action or not. Hope he will be all right soon. Said he had a bum shoulder when we last heard from him, so hope it is not too serious.

Am afraid I have taken too much space entirely for our 'gang' and you better trim it down and take what you think is most important and interesting, as I certainly do not want to be so g hoggish as to take pages and pages in the Herald.

Best wishes for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all,
Sincerely,
Lena Dybdahl

JOHN ANDERSON'S LETTER cont.

I was dancing in the U.N.F.D.

I was sure glad to see the name of one Kenosha member still active. I would appreciate if you would say hello to him from me when and if you get the chance. I certainly wish you would say hello to all my friends still in the League.

I remember the many good times I had with the U.N.F.D. Bob Broch, if he remembers me, can tell you of most of these times. And those very things that were just 'fun' in days gone by (the dancing and gymnastics) are helping me immensely in this work that is all coordination and muscular control! I really like the work I am doing.

I sincerely hope that I will again receive a copy of the paper and perhaps sometime in the future again be active in the U.N.F.D.

Thanks again,

A/C John S. Anderson

Minutes of October Meeting

U. N. F. U.

The October meeting of the UNFD was held Friday evening, October 1, 1943, at the home of Harold Thorsen.

The minutes of the September meeting were not available, and therefore could not be read.

Notice had been received from the "Readers' Digest" that the subscriptions for our servicemen were expiring, and forms were received requesting the renewal of these subscriptions. The matter was discussed, and it was felt that unless subscriptions could be made for all of the boys, it should not be made for just a few. It was also reported that some of the boys were not receiving their copies. It was therefore moved, seconded, and passed that the subscriptions should not be renewed.

With regard to gifts for the boys in service, it was decided to wait until after the convention. Regarding Christmas remembrances to the boys, it was suggested that we wait until after Christmas.

Ben Johnson gave a report regarding progress made for the coming convention. Idrott will serve the food and let us have a room for the meeting. \$2.00 admission would include dinner and some entertainment. Full details haven't been worked out as yet. The meeting is to be called at 1:30 P.M., dinner at 5:00 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at the home of John Palmer. Bob Broch has offered the use of his home for the following meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Gertrude Nelson

A LOGUE OF COMING EVENTS

February 13, 1944

Foldanslaget National will hold their 20th Annual Smorgosbord and Dance on this day at Svithiod Singers Club. The Herald believes that the starting time will be about 4:30 P. M. Contact Ben Johnson for tickets, Edgewater 7745.

April 18, 1944

The D. A. A. C. is holding their annual Exhibition and Dance on this day at the Logan Square Masonic Temple. We also believe this event will start about 6:30 P. M. Contact Robert Broch, Albany 9163.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 1943

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 o'clock.

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

A letter was received from Dale Mc Footers thanking us for the carton of cigarettes which we sent him and also for the Herald.

Treasurer's report.

\$388.16	in the regular treasury
77.15	in Servicemen's Fund
<u>\$465.31</u>	TOTAL

The program for the Convention was discussed. It was decided that we would charge 50¢ for those who come only to the dance.

The next meeting will be held at Bob Broch's home.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

Astrid Lineck

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW LEAGUE OFFICERS * 1943-1944

The meeting was called to order by our new President Robert Broch at 9:30 P.M. No minutes of the previous meeting were available.

Treasurer's Report.

Expenses for League Convention	\$159.00
Income " " "	\$134.00

Our Financial Sec'y., Doris Jensen was to contact the nine clubs now belonging to the League for their dues money and their money for the Herald. It was decided that Joe Sommer, Gertrude Nelson and Harold Thorsen would go through their books and look up the names of these various clubs, as Doris Jensen lives in Kenosha, Wis. A meeting of these three members will take place as soon as possible.

The League will send the boys in Service their gifts after Christmas, because we feel that they receive so many at that time.

Joe Sommer will look up the By-Laws in the old League papers.

For the time being the Spring Dance was tabled.

The Swedish Danslaget National will have their 20th Annual Smorgosbord and Dance on the 13th of February, 1944 at Svithiod Singers Club.

D.A.A.C are holding their annual Exhibition and Dance on April 18, 1944, At Logan Square Maonic Temple.

The next meeting will be at Astrid Lineck's home. Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the activities of the various committees and sub-committees of the Board of Directors during the year 1954. The Board of Directors is composed of the following members: [illegible names].

The Board of Directors has met on the following dates: [illegible dates]. The Board has held a total of [illegible] meetings during the year. The Board has approved the following resolutions: [illegible resolutions].

The Board of Directors has also held the following special meetings: [illegible special meetings].

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1954. The Board of Directors has the honor to report to the shareholders on the activities of the Board during the year 1954. The Board has met on the following dates: [illegible dates].

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