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Friends:

Sorry your issue of the "Herald" is late this time. An infected finger due to a hangnail (the first I ever had, hang it all) and spring house-cleaning caused the delay. But I promise you here and now that your next issue will be on time and you can kick me right in my 'secretarial spread' if that isn't true.

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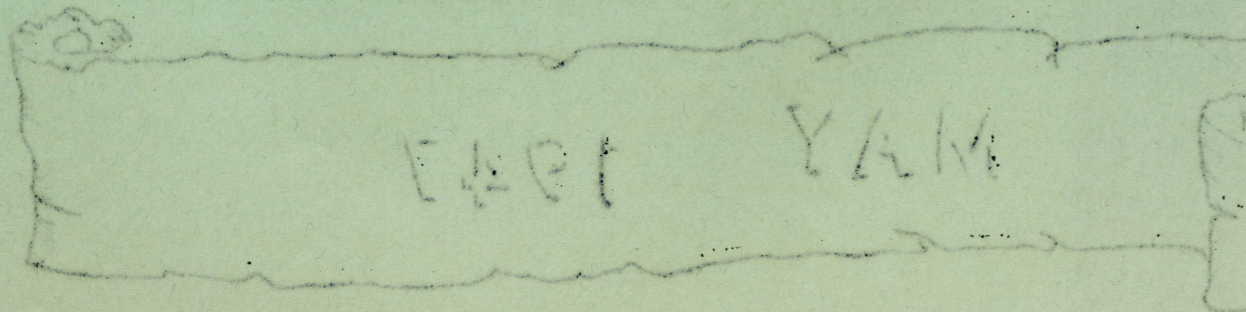
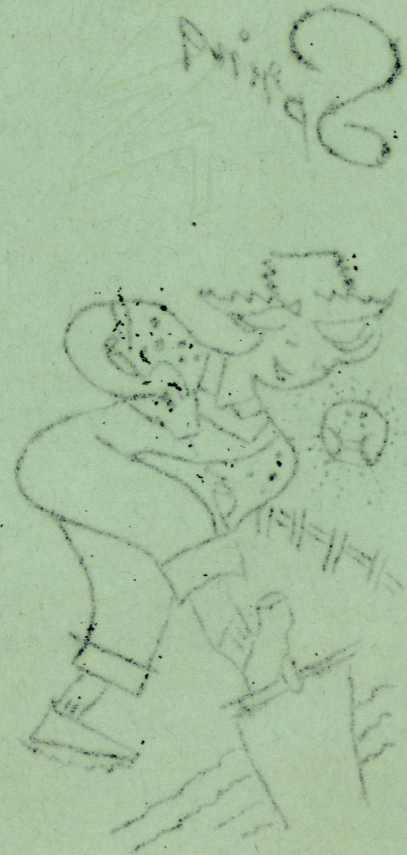
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The Twin City Swedes are in the process of getting a new Correspondent and I will let you know who it is in the next issue.

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TWIN CITY DANISH FOLKDANCERS ..

It is mighty nice to have Hazel back with us and she was able to take the trip with us when we went to Watertown, S. D. and danced a couple of the dances on the program. The engagement at Watertown was a community affair sponsored by a committee of City Recreation. Our expenses were paid by the Kiwanis. During the program, a collection was taken up and the money collected was to be used for children's welfare and recreation. After our exhibition, the audience was invited to participate and Peter Olsen instructed about 300 of them for approximately 2 hours.

In March, Peter flew to Oklahoma City to take part in a Recreation Laboratory, started by the Methodist Church and he had a grand time.

We are busy rehearsing for the Festival of Nations and have several new couples dancing with us. We are encouraging them to stay with us after the Festival.

More trouble for Hazel. She came home one night, perfectly sober, slipped on a piece of ice, fell and broke her right arm. Hazel had made plans for going to Denmark, leaving New York on April 24. She had to cancel her trip as her arm would not be out of cast for the leaving date. However, she transferred her reservation to May of 1948.

We were sorry to learn that fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allard of Chippewa Falls, Wis. (Dick's parents) about 6 weeks after their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They regret the loss of the old home but are anxiously awaiting the completion of a new bungalow which, they are told, should be ready for occupancy by the time cold weather rolls around again.

Pinch-hittingly Yours -

P.E.O.

The UNFD hereby officially tenders it's congratulations to Ella and Chris Arne on the arrival of a new daughter, Leonore, born March 19, 1947, weight 9-3/4 pounds. Best of luck to the new baby, and we think she has some pretty nice parents.

In a recent letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the UNFD, the League requests the names of the new officers for each individual club. Wish the correspondents would include that information in their offering for the next issue of the "Herald".

DANISH-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB -

Chicago

It seems such a short time ago I was thinking of what to write for the Herald, but when I think back - it is all of three months in which time plenty has been going on. Our main thought has been to give a good performance at our Annual Exhibition. Now that it is over (by the way - it was a good performance) we are winding up our season's activities with a banquet celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

In March a little "Revue" was given by the members of the club. It was made up of songs and skits about other members. Apparently they liked to hear the deep, dark secrets about themselves because a request has been made that the "Revue" be repeated soon.

In May the UNFD is sponsoring a dance in the D.A.A.C. Hall and everyone is going all-out to make it a success. Stanley Erickson of the Swedish group and his orchestra will be playing. Here's to a good time!

June Frosthalm

Are all of you folkdancers on your toes? Do you keep your eyes and ears open when it comes to helping the UNFD grow? The next time you hear of a folkdancing group - anywhere in the United States - let us know so we may contact it and perhaps add it to our League IT'S UP TO YOU!

June Frosthalm
Corresponding Sec'y
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TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS

First of all I want to take this opportunity to thank Minnie Reum for 'pinch-hitting' for me and sending in such a complete report both covering the activities of the Leikarring and the Joint Group, to the Herald for the January issue, and also want to thank all my many friends both in the Leikarring and the other two groups for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy when my dear mother passed away so suddenly on New Year's Day.

We finally had our election of new officers on February 11, having been postponed for various reasons for four months. Don't know whether it was because so many months had elapsed since the election should have been held and they thought it would not be fair to any new officers to be 'gypped' out of four months salary???? or just what the reason was, but the officers were all re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer, which was due to the fact that she is moving out to sunny California. Just in case you might

have forgotten who the officers are, here it is:

Walter Larson, President (Danish)
Ragnar Johnson, Vice President (Swedish)
Lena Dybdahl, Secretary (Norwegian)
Jean Olson, Treasurer (Swedish)
John Rudi, Marshall (Norwegian)

We are very busy at the present time, practicing for our program to be given at the St. Paul Auditorium on Friday evening, April 25th, during the Festival of Nations which is sponsored by the International Institute and will run from April 24 to April 27, inclusive. The Scandinavian program is to represent a Mid-Summer Night celebration with dancing and singing around a huge bon-fire, the prologue explaining that during the war the Norwegians and Danes were not allowed to build the traditional bon-fires on Mid-Summer Night, and that the Swedes built their fires all along the border and coast and the Danes and Norwegians sat and watched these fires and sang their songs. Now that the war is over, of course, each country can celebrate in the usual manner.

We were very happy to welcome Hazel Nielsen back with us, but it seems as though misfortune is right on Hazel's heels every minute as she fell down the first part of March and broke her arm so she is now laid up again. It really seems as though the trip she had planned on taking to Denmark on April 25 just was not to be. Surely hope when she gets her cast off and gets over this latest misfortune that everything will be coming along fine. Best wishes for a perfect recovery and future good luck, Hazel.

Lena Dybdahl
Secretary

NORRØNA LEIKARRING

Since the last issue of the 'Herald' we have been fortunate enough to have increased our membership by six couples who were formerly members of the Nansen Leikarring which might be classed as a "War Casualty" inasmuch as practically all of their young men had to enter Military Service which forced the club to disband for the duration. Our membership list has also gotten quite low due to various causes, and we were very happy to have the Nansen Leikarring members still interested in folk dancing, join forces with us and we want to extend a very hearty welcome to our new members. Our good friend, Peter Bendero, has also re-joined the Leikarring as an active member. He was always willing and very good about helping us out in a pinch, but it is so much better to have him really back as one of our active members. The Akslens have also returned from their trip to Norway and Hanna is back with us again. A Hearty Welcome to you ALL.

On March 21 we danced at a program given at the Franklin Creamery Hall for the Norway Chorus who are now getting ready for their tour in Norway, leaving on May 29th. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bergaas, Peter Bendero and Arnold Elverum from the Leikarring are going with the Chorus and we know they will have a wonderful trip. Good luck and a safe return to you all.

On April 5th four couples danced at the Odd Fellows Hall, at an entertainment sponsored by the First Nighters Dance Group, and from all reports made quite a hit.

We will dance at Norway Hall on April 20th at a party being given for Mr. and Mrs. Hammer. Mrs. Hammer was instrumental in organizing the Leikarring in 1925 for the Norse Centennial celebration, and we are happy to take part in this program.

Have also been asked to dance at the Singer's 17th of May program again this year and this is an event we are really looking forward to.

The Valdris Samband and the Millers are having their conventions in Minneapolis sometime in June and have made inquiries as to our charges for being on their programs, so we have perhaps a couple of engagements to look forward to during June.

Right now we are very busy practicing with the other two groups for our Scandinavian Night Program at the Festival of Nations in the St. Paul Auditorium which is to be given on April 25th.

Lena Dybdahl
Secretary

Official congratulations to "Tridy" and Chuck Lineck on the birth of a baby girl. Kristine Ann was born on December 27, 1946. Sorry we are so late with this news but it was not received in time for the last issue.

QUIPS 'N QUOTES

Feminine intuition gets the credit for male transparency.

A man is a wolf after all.

Kissing a girl nowadays leaves its mark on a man.

The good old days were those when Uncle Sam lived within his income - and without most of ours.

When a man gets too old to set a bad example, he starts giving good advice.

When a woman goes on a drastic diet, she has one or both of two objectives in mind-to retain her girlish figure, or her boyish husband.

Ad from Fremont, Neb., Tribune: "For Sale-Young dressed hens. Absolutely clean and ready for the rooster."

On April 23rd four couples danced at the Old Hollow Hall, at an
entertainment sponsored by the First Methodist Lancers Group, and from
all reports made quite a hit.

We will dance at Norway Hall on April 30th at a party being given
for Mr. and Mrs. Hester. Mrs. Hester was instrumental in organizing
the following in 1915 for the Norse Continental celebration, and we
are happy to take part in this program.

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The Valentin Band and the Millers are having their conventions in
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Lane Lydell
Secretary

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As the present, Mr. Johnson, for the Young Married Men, Ab-
solutely there and ready for the rooster.