



UNITED NORDIC FOLK DANCERS of AMERICA

ANNOUNCING OUR THIRD ANNUAL WAR BOND RAFFLE

CONVENTION A HUGE SUCCESS

It was a tired but happy crowd of Folk Dancers that stood in the entrance of Idrott's Cafe saying good night to one another. Some of them had over 400 miles to go before they were home. Some had 50 miles to go and some had just a few, but judging from the looks of all faces, the miles would be forgotten because of the memory of this enjoyable week-end.

The banquet started at approximately 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 12, 1944. Peter Olsen of the Twin Cities acted as Master of Ceremonies. Although he did not have much time to prepare for this, he really did a marvelous job.

As was in the hearts of all of us, Peter spoke of all our boys in the Service. He mentioned that this banquet would have been perfect but for their absence.

Peter Olsen called upon Linnea Osman, Minnie Reum, Hazel Nielsen, Pete Jacobsen, Ben Johnson, Sigurd Kvelland and Bob Broch to extend greetings from their respective clubs. The various clubs attending were called upon to stand up as a group. It was surprising to see such a good attendance. There were 14 people from the Twin Cities alone.

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This year as in the last two years, we are going to run a raffle with the profit being put aside for our boys in Service.

There will be a \$25.00 War Bond given as the First Prize. We will also have three Regional \$5.00 prizes.

Last year, a Kenosha party won the War Bond. The year before, Irene Wilson of Chicago won the Bond.

The prizes will be drawn at the regular business meeting of the Board on April 6, 1945.

The raffle books will contain 15 chances instead of 25 as in previous years.

Can we depend on you to help us out our 3rd Raffle over?

Will the out-of-town clubs please tear the stubs out of the books after they have all been sold, and draw for the Regional prize?

After the winner has been determined, replace the stubs and send them to Joseph Sommer, 1890 Sycamore Street, DesPlaines, Illinois.

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Three service-men just returning from overseas entered a restaurant and did not find a vacant table, but decided to sit at a table where an old spinster sat. They thought if they started talking amongst themselves, she would leave. The one soldier said "I feel very dirty, I haven't washed my hands in three weeks." The second soldier said, "That's nothing, I haven't had a bath in three months." The third soldier said, "I think I'm about the dirtiest of all, I haven't had a change of underwear in five months." The old spinster just went on eating, and finally looked up and said, "Will one of you stinkers please pass the salt!"

Another plea for the various clubs to please send us the correct address of the boys so that they will be sure to get the Herald. Several have been returned recently because of incorrect address. You can help the boys to receive their copies by sending in their correct address.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 7, 1944

The meeting was called to order by our Treasurer, Harold Thorsen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and there was one correction to be made. It was necessary to correct the report of the bank balance. The correction was made, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:	\$551.92	Bank Balance
	1.90	Cash
	\$553.82	
	\$182.45	Service Fund

Expenses for the month of September were \$6.80 for the printing of the Herald, and stamps.

Harold Thorsen presented the Plaque for the Board's approval. It was approved and will be unveiled at the Convention. The Convention will be held at Idrott's Cafe on November 12, 1944.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Harold Thorsen on November 4.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,
Evelyn Sommer, Rec. Secy.,

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Astrid Lineck at 9:30 P.M. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as read. The Treasurer reported no income and no expenses for the month of October.

A letter was received from Hazel Nielsen advising that 13 folk dancers from the Twin Cities would be coming to the Convention. The Secretary was instructed to write asking if they needed help in obtaining reservations and sleeping accommodations and also if they would like to get together with the Chicago dancers for Saturday evening, November 11.

The Corresponding Secretary was also instructed to write the auditors and substitute auditors asking them to be at the Convention meeting place at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, November 12.

It was decided that the program for Saturday evening would be dinner and possibly dancing at Aksel Nielsen's place on North Avenue.

The Plaque was inspected by the officers, all of whom were present. After some discussion, it was decided to change the letters "UNED" at the bottom of the plaque to "United Nordic Folkdancers of America" in smaller letters. It was agreed that the plaque was a mighty fine job. Since the cost of the plaque was left up to the Board, it was decided to send Mrs. Sannes two complimentary tickets and send her \$20.00 for her work.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Gertrude Nelson on December 1, 1944.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Nelson, Act. Secy.,

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 1, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Robert Broch, President, at 9:30 P.M.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income		Expenses	
Tickets	\$148.00	Idrott Cafe	
Dues & Herald	28.00	(75 dinners and tip)	\$126.23
	\$176.00	Orchestra	12.00
		Entertainment Expense	45.00
		Printing of tickets	2.50
		Painting of Plaque	20.00
			\$205.73

Robert Broch thanked Harold Thorsen for his part of the splendid work that was done on the Plaque. The Board received a letter from Mrs. Sannes who painted the Plaque in which she thanked us for our check for \$20.00. Another letter was received from Peter Olsen saying how much he enjoyed the Convention and that he would try and pay us a visit in February.

Robert Broch asked if the three clubs in Chicago and the Kenosha Club couldn't try to meet once a month in order to learn all of the dances so that we could help each other out with partners when one of the clubs were asked to perform. Harold Thorsen suggested that it would be a good idea to make a social of it for the first time, and at that time, broach the subject and see what everybody thinks of it. The Chicago groups will try to obtain a hall for that occasion. Gertude Nelson was asked to send letters and get the opinion of everybody on this matter.

Robert Broch thanked all of the League members for their co-operation in making the Convention such a huge success.

The Raffle will be discussed at the January meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Astrid Lineck on Friday, January 5th.

There being no further business, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Sommer, Cor. Secy.,

Joe's Column

Leikarringen Heimhug is proud to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thorsen have been blessed with a darling baby boy. He was born on December 20, 1944. He will answer to the name of Gary (in about six months) - - - The trip home from Chicago for the Twin City dancers at Convention time was the scene of several amusing incidents. The train was so crowded that some of the passengers made their way to the baggage car. It must have been quite warm in there because one of the women passengers fainted. Can you guess who the gallant gentleman that helped to revive her was? It was none other than Pete Jacobsen of Kenosha. (Who knows but what it might be the beginning of a romance!)

On Saturday evening of the Convention, the entire Twin City group and about fifteen Chicagoans went out to Aksel Nielsen's Restaurant out on North Avenue. Peter Olsen, Pete Bendero and Rags Johnson had us all in stitches with their comical antics. The folks from the North had quite a bit of trouble getting accommodations but fortunately, everything turned out alright for the night. Gertrude Nelson assisted Peter Olsen in one of his handkerchief tricks. His trick failed for the moment but Gertie very quickly helped the little handkerchief doll to kick her leg high up as Peter wanted it to. Quick witted Gertie!

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NEWS FROM THE TWIN CITY
DANISH FOLKDANCERS

The month of December not only brought Santa Claus but also brought a new Secy. Treas. to the Twin City Danes. Mrs. Minnie Hoffman now holds that "honored" position and she has it with all our blessings. The job of reporting to the Herald has been left to yours truly and I shall try to do my best. More regular, so to speak, than heretofore.

A. L. Hoffman has been laid up for the past three weeks with a lame leg. We miss him at rehearsals but are happy that he can attend the Flittege Fingre. We hope it will not be long before he can return to work and take up his usual routine.

The 26th of December was the day of the Christmas party for the dancers and Flittege Fingre. Helga and Wallie Larson were our hosts. The evening was spent in visiting and the singing of Carols. Harry and Dick supplied piano and violin music. Gifts were exchanged and as usual, Helga served a "bounteous feast."

After a two weeks vacation, regular rehearsal begins again January 2nd.

Baby Kenneth McFeters made his debut to the folkdancers when he was brought by his mother, Merle, to our Christmas party. Although he preferred to sleep, we know he enjoyed himself. He and his mother are going to be hosts to the Flittege Fingre on January 7th at 5909 Park Avenue.

We, the Danes, hope that everyone had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year and that the year 1945 will see the return of all of our boys in the Service. Also, may the strength, interest and membership of the UNFD increase with each new day.

Hazel Nielsen, Reporter

NEWS FROM NORRØNA LEIKARRING

Time sure rolls around in a hurry. We do not realize it until we look at the calendar and see that it is time for another write-up for the Herald. Really do not know what to write about this time as there has not been much going on this fall, since the last issue of the Herald. We have had a few dance engagements this fall too, and also a couple of nibbles but when they heard we do not make a practice of dancing gratis unless it is for Hospitals, charitable organizations or where they are raising money for some really worth while cause, we heard nothing further. We did however, dance at a Christmas party given by the student nurses at the General Hospital on December 21st and we are also dancing on December 29th at the Olson Labor Temple at the Christmas party given by the Norwegian National League. Have also been asked to dance for the Eastern Star sometime after the New Year, but the date has not yet been decided.

We are having our annual Christmas party at the Citizens Club on Sunday, January 7th, beginning about 5 o'clock, having our supper and Santa Claus and what have you from then on. We have always had a very nice time and I for one am looking forward to it. Then the following Sunday, the Joint Scandinavian Folk Dancers are having a similar get together at the Citizens Club also and I am sure we will have a grand time there too. We had hoped that some of our boys in Service might have gotten home for these affairs but have heard nothing definite to that effect yet, although it would seem as though San Bergaas who has been across the pond for over thirty months and Don Strand who has been across for nearly two years, and who never had a furlough, to come home at all since he enlisted, really are due for a furlough, but presume Uncle Sam knows best and we will hope and pray that our boys will all be back with us before another Christmas rolls around.

On October 13th we had a housewarming party on our good member Harold Sersland and family who bought a very nice new home. We had a very nice time and want to congratulate the Serslands on their lovely new home. Also want to congratulate Harry and Myrtle Tante, Sigurd and Lillian Rudi as well as Orville and Edna Prestholdt on their very lovely new homes. There seems to be quite a wave of prosperity among the members of the Leikarring, and certainly glad to see them all get ahead this way.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Chicago groups for the very nice time we all had while in Chicago for the Convention of the U.N.F.D. It was certainly nice seeing so many of the members of the U.N.F.D. and although the spirit is not the same with so many of our boys in the Service, it is encouraging to see so many trying to carry on until the boys come home.

Lena Dybdahl, Secy.,
Norrøna Leikarring

P.S. Happy New Year

CONVENTION A HUGE SUCCESS
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The Banquet moved on swiftly. Rags Johnson was called upon next. In our opinion, he stole the show completely. His shadowgraphs were simply astounding in their exactness to real life characters. He shadow-pictured rabbits, goats, elephants, a farmer folkdancer, and last but not least, his inimitable "Greta" the little old Swedish woman eating rye crisp. The folks wanted more of this wonderful entertainment but the time was passing swiftly.

Next came the unveiling of our Plaque. This Plaque as you all know, depicts a very graceful Viking Ship with full sail. In the sail are placed the names of all our boys in Service. The colors are exceptionally beautiful. The armor shields alongside the boat represent the flags and colors of the Scandinavian nations, it of course flying the American Flag. When the audience saw this Plaque for the first time, delightful oh's and ah's were emitted from every one present. The spotlight shining directly upon the Plaque brought out its exceptional beauty even more so. It was painted by Mrs. Ida Sannes, a suburban Chicagoan. Mrs. Sannes certainly put every bit of her wonderful art training to use on this painting. Harold Thorsen can also be thanked for his large part in procuring the Plaque for our League. The names of all of our service men stand out very nicely on the sail background. Edna furnished the name plates and we certainly owe her a lot of thanks for this.

Our next entertainment was the renown Kismet who performed his tricks of magic. Harold Thorsen had his head in a guillotine and it looked for a moment like he would lose it. He didn't, thank goodness although Ben Johnson lost his tie in another trick and had it duplicated by the magician. There were many other tricks presented. Kismet then related some of his experiences in his visits with the boys overseas.

After this, the floor was cleared for dancing. The musicians were lively and very very few people sat out dances.

Peter Olsen led us in several barn dances which all of us enjoyed very much.

We almost forgot to mention that the dinner itself was just as delicious as it was last year.

Can you see now why those many miles of travel to and from the Convention didn't seem so long?

J. Sommer

FOLKDANSLAGET BANQUET

The Swedish Folkdancers are giving their annual banquet on Saturday, March 3. As far as we know today, it will be held at Svithiod Singers Club in Chicago. However, we urge you to contact Ben Johnson or the other Sedish Dancers.

DANISH GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION

The D.A.A.C. of Chicago will hold their annual exhibition in early spring. Please contact Bob Broch for date and place.

NEWS FROM LEIKARRINGEN
"HELMHUG"

Our November meeting was held at the new home of Evelyn and Joe Sommer out in DesPlaines. They served a Smorgasbaard and it certainly was good. The boys adjourned to the basement and played poker, and the girls were upstairs and presented Lillian Thorsen with a blue bunting and a bottle holder for her little son that was born on December 20, 1944. His weight was 8lb. 3/4 ounces and they named the little bundle Gary Harold Thorsen.

Ev and Joe invite a guest to their home for the week-end, namely Mabel Johansen, and it was just after one of our big snow-falls. They ask her to bring her ski suit and ski boots with, and what does Joe do but say he has to go out and shovel snow and says the exercise would do her good. They've really got a lot of sidewalk there too, living on the corner.

Our December meeting was held shortly after the holidays at the home of Evelyn and Sigurd Kvelland in Villa Park. We had a grab bag and took snaps of the whole group and of the beautifully trimmed Christmas tree that they had. Each piece of tinsel was put on separately and it was beautiful. They served a delicious supper, and we also had Evelyn's famous three day biscuits. We completed the evening by playing poker for a while.

Oscar Jensen was home on leave in October, and upon returning, Mary and the baby accompanied him. They returned home for the Christmas holidays, but Mary and the baby are now at home and Oscar returned alone. He is stationed in Pennsylvania at the present time.

Some of the members got together on New Year's Eve out at the home of Ev and Sig and really had a hilarious time, especially Ole Berg. He made the most of it while the other boys got sleepy and laid down on the floor and sang old songs in a happy but sleepy mood.

Marion Moe is still out in California and is just recovering from a Tonsilectomy operation and is getting along fine. She is basking in the sun and acquiring a beautiful tan while we are wading around in slush.

Lorraine and Gordon Berglin celebrated their 1st Anniversary recently. Lorraine was active in the club before she went to New York and entered upon her career of dancing. Now that she has married, she and Gordon have attended the meetings and it's two new members for our club. We are always glad for new members.

Had a letter from Christy recently from somewhere in the Pacific, and he asked to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Same to you Christy, and may the year 1945 find you homeward bound. It is our prayer that all our boys may be home soon and that this will be a Victorious Happy Year.

Reporter