

## Active Spring All Over Eastern Division

Here we are in the East busy with final rehearsals, spring concerts, and the usual big decisions as to which tie to wear for the concert!

On April 24 the Verdandi Chorus put on a fine concert at the Scandinavian Athletic Club in Worcester. The Norwegian Glee Club of Boston joined the Chorus so that there was a large group of singers for Director Bob Cleasby. The singing went well, there was an appreciative audience, and a delicious "sill och potatis" dinner made for a fine day.

May 15, the Wennerberg Chorus of New Britain put on their annual concert before a packed church. Director George Fuchs led a chorus of 27. The highlight of the concert was Soloist Birgitta Akerblom who had the audience in the palm of her hand. Her concert selections and songs at the "kaffekalas" make us all look forward to the Eastern Division Convention in '84, when she will be the soloist in New Haven, June 27-30.



CARL-ERIK WESTBERG  
Eastern Division President

The Apollo Chorus is busy at work in New Haven on the '84 Convention. A recent tag sale raised several hundred dollars and provided entertainment, too. Parker Chapman brought back the bike that he wheeled home last year, never rode, so we sold it

again! Same for Sven Johnson and those slightly used Hitchcock chairs that he was going to fix up and have been standing in the bedroom for a year! These double sales don't hurt our profits one bit.

Apollo's concert was on May 22 and then the big anniversary concert for the North Star Singers in Bridgeport on June 11. It will be their fiftieth anniversary concert and Peter Harvey, tenor, well-known from the 1978 Convention, has been engaged as their soloist.

For the last several years Apollo has been hosting a weekend in Vermont during foliage season. The event will take place the weekend of September 24. If this appeals to you drop a line to me or to Parker Chapman and we'll put you on the mailing list.

Hope all you swingers (as in golf) gave a great summer!

Carl-Erik Westberg,  
President,  
Eastern Division.

## Five Veteran Singers Honored in Waukegan, Salt Lake City



Pete Andren and Oke Clauson, both in their fifty-first year as singers with the Swedish Glee Club of Waukegan, were guests of honor at a club reception Sunday, May 1. The program also included a mini-concert and greetings from AUSS President Dan Olch and Central Division President Pehr Bolling. L to r: Pehr Bolling, Pete, Oke and AUSS Honorary President Martin Ahlm. Pete is also a former club manager, while Oke continues to be responsible for the gorgeous flowers on the club's property. See story on page 2.



Three long-time members of Scandia Male Chorus, Salt Lake City, were presented with AUSS Certificates of Merit at the Chorus' Spring Concert, Friday, May 6. The three were Nils Sanders, last surviving charter member of the Chorus from 1926, Victor Johansen, a singer for 49 years and Svend E. Jensen, for many years the Chorus' able treasurer. L to r: AUSS Honorary Director-in-Chief R. Hulbert Keddington, Chorus President Oscar Johnson, Johansen and Jensen (Sanders wasn't present when the picture was taken). See story on page 8.

### Clearwater Starting May 2 For Central Division in '84

The Central Division has taken three more big steps on the path toward its 1984 Convention in Florida.

At a Conventoin Committee meeting May 5, with Division President Pehr O. Bolling in charge, the Holiday Inn Clearwater Beach Surfside was finalized as the Convention site. 1984 dates will be Wednesday, May 2 through Saturday, May 5.

This new Holiday Inn resort is right on Clearwater Beach overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. It has 428 guest rooms, and a grand ballroom of ample size for both the Grand Concert and the Banquet.

The Central Division has obtained a special room rate of \$62.00 per day for either double or single occupancy. In addition, the Convention Committee has set itself a target of a singer's registration fee not to exceed \$50.00.

Hub Ramberg, president of the Chicagoland Veterans, has taken on the



HUB RAMBERG  
Executive Vice Chairman,  
Central Division Convention Committee

chores of executive vice chairman for the Convention, at Bolling's request. The Chicagoland Veterans are spearheading Convention arrangements along with the Suncoast Veterans who reside in the Clearwater area.

Hub has been active as a second bass and soloist, starting with the Svithiod Singing Club in 1929. In recent years, Hub has been singing with the Chicago Swedish Male Chorus. He has already assumed an active role in the Convention planning by sending out a reservation questionnaire to Central Division singers.

### Andren, Clauson Receive Waukegan 50-Year Honors

It had been almost four years since the Swedish Glee Club of Waukegan celebrated any singer's golden anniversary. (In 1979 we honored Eric Lindberg for 51 years, Eskil Janson and Axel Anderson for 50 years of singing.) And it will be a long, long time before we will have the occasion to honor another 50-year singer. So, on Sunday, May 1, we really celebrated with all the stops pulled! Pete Andren and Oke Clauson were delighted with the results, and all the guests were, too!

A warm and ebullient mood prevailed as MC Yngve Carlson rolled along with appropriate light touches, calling on many people to reminisce and present. The Chorus offered a mini-concert including some of the golden boys' favorite songs such as Klara stjärna and The Eagle, and then the singing group was augmented by several veteran singers from the Chicago area and Detroit as Sköna maj and other songs filled the air. Finally, Pete and Oke got their turn to speak, their hearts filled to the brim and overflowing with gratitude and warm feelings.

It was, indeed, an historic and *underbar* (wonderful) occasion!

A well-rehearsed Chorus presented

a sparkling program for our annual spring concert on April 17. Dr. Frank Mueller led the group, accompanied by Donna Fortney, in a variety of well-chosen numbers, including the plaintive Down in the Valley, the stirring Marching On, and the sprightly Happy Wanderer.

The full Chorus program was as follows:

- Let There Be Music (F. Williams)
- Ned i västersalar (Edw. During)
- Grandfather's Clock (Works-Parks)
- Hör oss, Svea (Wennerberg)
- I furuskogen (Peterson-Berger)
- You'll Never Walk Alone  
(Rogers-Hammerstein II)
- Marching On (Arr. by Frederick Wick)
- Morgon (Einar Eklöf)
- Down in the Valley (George Mead)
- Nu är det sommar (Arr. by Bror Nilsson)
- Happy Wanderer (Friedrich W. Moller)
- Sköna maj (L. Been)

Between the two halves of our program the never-to-be-forgotten Förgät-mig-*ej* Children's Club offered a delightful, charming presentation in both song and dance.

After the traditional Sköna maj was sung with gusto by the Chorus, the Förgät-mig-*ej* Children and the audience joined the Chorus in Hälsa dem där hemma.

A superb "Welcome, Sweet Spring-time" smörgåsbord completed a most enjoyable event.

Fred Fortney.

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### Meet Phil Anderson, AUSS Vice President

Phil Anderson, elected AUSS vice president in Seattle, joined the Orphei Drängar Male Chorus of Springfield, MA, in 1936 while still attending high school. He served in the armed forces from 1942 to 1945 and immediately rejoined the chorus upon discharge from the service.

He was married to the former Laurys Burzler of Forestville, CT, from August, 1943, until her sudden death in July, 1981. He is the father of three beautiful daughters and grandfather to six wonderful "young ones."

Phil was introduced to Annetta Wolfe of the Portland, OR, Scandia



PHILIP ANDERSON  
AUSS Vice President

Ladies Chorus at the 1982 Seattle Convention and this meeting led to their marriage February 19, 1983. Annetta is an enthusiastic supporter of the AUSS and all things Swedish.

Phil served as vice president of the Eastern Division, 1956-1960; president 1960-1964; AUSS financial secretary 1966-1970. He is also past secretary of the Eastern Division Veteran Singers as well as many offices of the Orphei Drängar Chorus. He is a retired carpenter, enjoying life and looking forward to attending many divisional and national AUSS conventions.

### Palmason Chorus President

Dr. Ed Palmason, Seattle physician and tenor soloist at the 1982 AUSS Convention, is president of the Icelandic Male Chorus which will tour Iceland June 14 through July 1. This



DR. ED PALMASON

is the first Icelandic Chorus from the United States to make this tour.

The Icelandic singers were voted into the AUSS Western Division by its Board during the Seattle Convention, and since that time the Chorus has availed itself of the talents of Ernie Anderson, also of Svea Male Chorus, as its director.

### Rueben Gustafson Elected St. Paul Chorus President

On Tuesday evening, May 3, 1983, the St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus had its last practice of the season and also elected, or reelected, officers for the 1983-84 year:

- President, Rueben Gustafson
- Vice-president, Larry Peterson
- Recording Secretary, Stanley Palm
- Corresponding Secretary, Henry Swanson
- Treasurer, Leslie Erickson
- Financial Secretary, Norman Dreyer
- Librarians, Dan O'Donovan and Alf Oom

Following our contribution in Swedish song at the Salvation Army's Julotta service on Christmas Day (1982) in St. Paul, the Chorus had these commitments for singing the rest of the 1982-83 season:

Sunday morning, December 26, 1982 — morning worship service at Gethsemane Lutheran Church where the Chorus practices every Tuesday evening.

Sunday afternoon, January 2, 1983 — Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, where the Chorus sang for 20 minutes, on the hour, four times during the afternoon in continuation of the *Scandinavia Today* celebration throughout Minnesota and the nation.

Thursday evening, January 6 — YMCA Y's men's banquet at the Prom Center, St. Paul.

Saturday, February 19 — our annual

mini concert and meatball supper at Gethsemane Lutheran Church when First Tenor Knute Linder was honored for his uninterrupted 60 years of singing with the St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus. Special guests included AUSS President, Dan Olch, and Consul General of Sweden in Minneapolis, Karl-Erik H. Andersson. Our guest soloist was Judith Gotrich.

Sunday morning, February 27 — morning worship service at Christ the King Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake (a suburb of St. Paul).

Sunday morning, March 20 — morning worship service at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Oakdale (a suburb of St. Paul).

Sunday morning, April 19 — morning worship service at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Sunday afternoon, April 17 — Red Wing, Minnesota, where we joined forces with five other choruses from the Twin Cities and Red Wing areas for a mass chorus as well as individual chorus performances in commemoration of *Scandinavia Today*, celebration throughout the land — USA!

Sunday afternoon, April 24 — our annual spring concert, with refreshments, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Guest soloist was violinist Warren Hinze, accompanied by his wife on the piano. He also performed a few musical numbers on a carpenter's hand saw which was unusually interesting to see and hear.

Saturday evening, April 30 — we were one of 55 ethnic groups participating in the three-day Festival of Nations celebration at the St. Paul Civic Center. During the festival Chorus members and their wives worked in our booth where various Swedish morsels were sold.

Sunday, June 26 — our last commitment for the 1982-83 year will be participating with the American Swedish Institute Chorus at the annual Minneapolis Svenskarnas Dag celebration in Minnehaha Park.

On Saturday, July 9, our Chorus will be looking forward to gathering at Grant Johnson's (one of our Chorus member's) home for an afternoon of picnicing and recreation on Sunset Lake. We wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

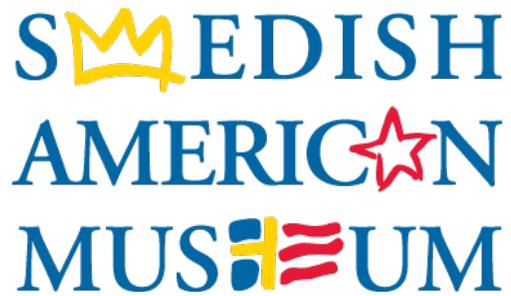
Henry I. Swanson.

### Bank on this Violinist

Warren R. Hinze, guest artist at the 103rd Anniversary Concert of the St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus, has made music a full-time avocation after retiring as president of First State Bank on St. Paul's Payne Avenue.

He not only plays the violin, but also produces melodies on the saw using a viola bow. He also has time to pursue a lifelong desire to build violins by hand. The St. Paul singers made obvious use of Hinze's talents as a violin performer on Fiolen min.

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