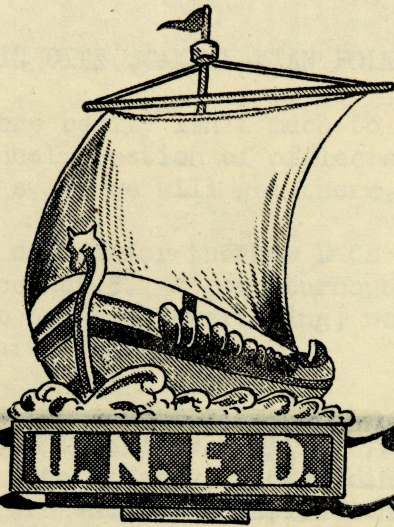


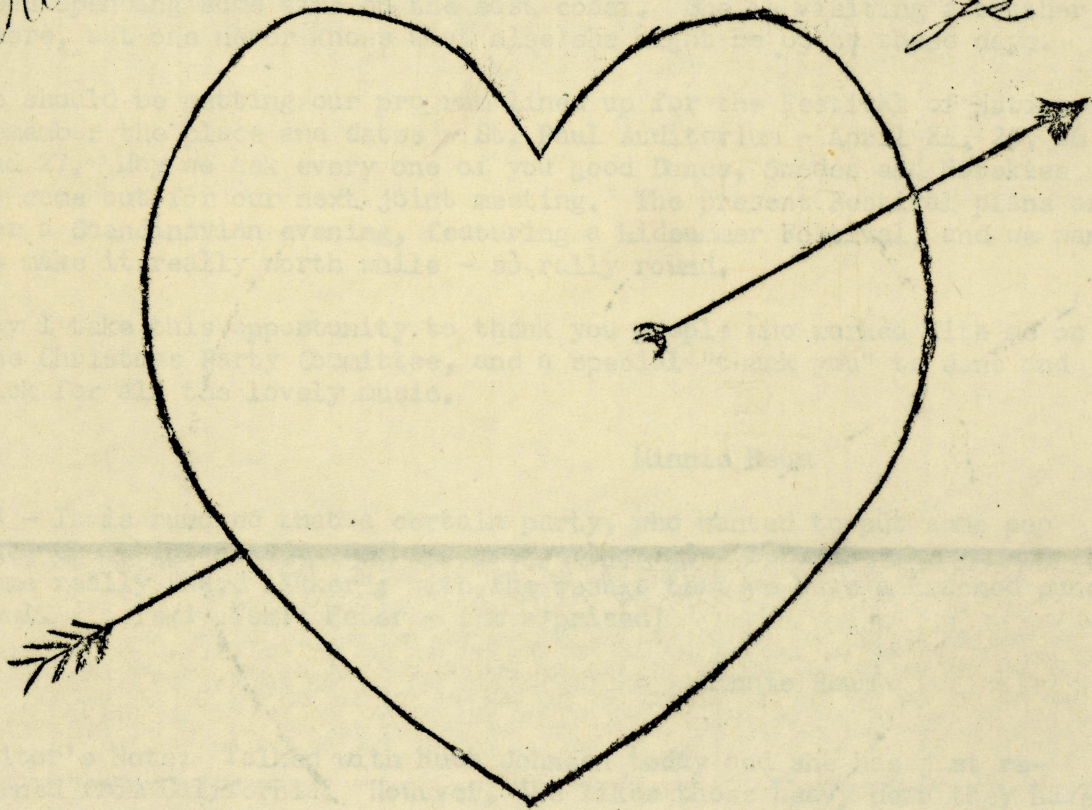
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UNITED NORDIC
FOLK DANCERS
of AMERICA

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Greetings



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TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS

There really isn't much to report for this winter. We haven't had our annual election of officers yet, but then we keep limping along on three legs, so we will get there, I hope.

We danced for the War Dads program at the Minneapolis Auditorium on December 5. A good turnout as far as the dancers were concerned but, due to poor advertising, we had a very slim audience. That was not our fault, however.

Our annual Christmas party was held at Pillsbury House on Friday, January 3 in the evening. It was in a very homelike atmosphere that we sat down to a tasty chicken dinner and later enjoyed singing our Christmas carols and the distribution of gifts. There was only one big fly in the so-called ointment. Our good friend, Hazel Nielsen, could not be with us for the party. We are very happy to report that Hazel is a "civilian" again, having been released from Glen Lake on January 13; and we hope to see her at our next meeting. Welcome back, Hazel, and good health and the best of luck to you.

Our Treasurer, Ruth Johnson, is still in California and may decide to stay there for some time. Another traveler is Linnea Osman, who has been spending some time on the east coast. She is visiting a brother there, but one never knows what else she might be up to these days.

We should be getting our program lined up for the Festival of Nations-Remember the place and dates - St. Paul Auditorium - April 24, 25, 26 and 27. May we ask every one of you good Danes, Swedes and Norskies to come out for our next joint meeting. The present Festival plans are for a Scandinavian evening, featuring a Midsummer Festival, and we want to make it really worth while - so rally round.

May I take this opportunity to thank you people who worked with me on the Christmas Party Committee, and a special "thank you" to Jane and Dick for all the lovely music.

Minnie Reum

PS - It is rumored that a certain party, who wanted to put some pep into the above mentioned Christmas party, tried to spike the punch with some really "hard likker"; with the result that we have a cracked punch bowl. Tsk! Tsk! Peter - I'm s'prised!

Minnie Reum

Editor's Note: Talked with Ruth Johnson today and she has just returned from California. However, she likes those heavy dewes they have out there and will be returning to California in May to make it her permanent home. We will be sorry to lose her, but wish her the best of luck and happiness.

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DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

The DAAC has been very busy the last few months although it hasn't all revolved around the folkdancing. For those of you who bought chances from me on the trip to Denmark, I have sad news -- you didn't win it. The winner was a young girl, Berit Kjos, who is in Chicago on a visit from Norway. She is visiting her uncles and aunts at present, and instead of taking the ticket to Denmark (which she didn't need) she took the \$350 prize money. She intends buying things for the house her father is now building in Norway.

There has not been very much folkdancing in the club for a while, although now a group of the dancers have gotten together to practice for an appearance on February 22. We are still in need of a permanent instructor, but hope to have one very soon.

Our annual exhibition in Logan Square Masonic Temple will take place on April 13 at which time there will be given a good demonstration of gymnastics and folkdancing. On April 27, we hold our 25th Anniversary Party. That makes the DAAC only ten years older than the U.N.F.D. Here's hoping the two groups will still be going strong at least 25 years from now!

Fun in the snow, with skis and toboganing was the order of the day Sunday, December 5, when a group from the DAAC frlocked at Palos Park. In the party were Knud Rask, Bob Knudsen, Johnny Andrup, Betty Jensen, Bill Ozanne, Andy and June Frosthalm and their son, Drew. Knud, demonstrating his prowess on skis, took a spill to start off but, he says "all good skiers fall once in a while."

We are happy to sponsor the Danish Bymnastic Teams which are touring the world. They consist of 42 young amateur athletes, men and women, under the direction of Mr. Erik Flensted Jensen and Mrs. Lind-Borup. We hope they will be a success.

June Frosthalm

NORRONA LEIKARRING - Minneapolis

A belated but happy New Year to all the members of the UNFD. We Norwegians in Minneapolis have been taking it rather easy this past fall and so far this winter.

The annual election of officers was held October 21, with the following results: President - Sam Bergaas, Vice-President - Minnie Reum, Secretary - Lena Dybdahl, Treasurer - Pheobe Bergaas, Financial Secretary - Molfrid Langseth, Marshal - Chris Fets.

As for our dancing - it has been mostly for our own enjoyment as we have only appeared on one program with the Swedish and Danish groups. That was at the War Dads Program at the Minneapolis Auditorium on December 5.

NORRONA LEIKARRING (Cont)

We had to give up our old meeting place, Citizen's Club, last fall but were fortunate enough to get new quarters at Pillsbury Settlement House and we like it very much.

On December 27 we had our Christmas Party at the Andrews Hotel. The committee deserves credit for arranging a tasty dinner and a program both interesting and amusing. You folks who didn't attend really missed something when you didn't meet our quiz-master, Orville Prestholdt. This writer is still haunted by those searching eyes.

We regret to report that as far as we know, there were no diamonds passed out this last Christmas, but we still have hopes for a certain bachelor who we hear has "softened" up considerably.

A hearty welcome is hereby extended to our new member, Arnold Elverum, from St. Paul. He has been active in recreational work for some time and we hope that he will be happy in his association with our group.

The Akslen family are due home sometime next month, so we say "Welcome Home Friends".

All the members of our group as well as friends and acquaintances of our Secretary, Lena Dybdahl, want to extend our sympathy to her in the loss of her Mother, who passed away very suddenly on January 1, 1947.

We are considering a merger with another folk dancing group known as the Nansen Folk Dancers. As we draw near the time of the St. Paul Festival of Nations, and we need a large representation at that time, it would seem advisable to add these people to our group, but - more of this later.

If there have been omissions in this report, or additions in order, may I stand corrected in the next issue.

Pinch-hittingly yours -
Minnie Reum

TWIN CITY SWEDISH FOLK DANCERS

First of all, I want to wish all of the Nordic Folk Dancers a very Happy New Year from the Twin Cities Swedish Folk Dancers.

We have been very inactive this past month as our leader, Linnea Osman, has been in Baltimore visiting her brother over the holidays. I haven't heard from her but I can well imagine that she is having a good time. We hope to see her back in St. Paul around the middle of January.

Ruth Johnson, who I am pich-hitting for, is also expected back in St. Paul around the 15th of January. Ruth and her mother have been visiting her sister in Sacramento, California. She likes it very much and, unless she has changed her mind or if we can change her mind for her, Ruth wants to make Sacramento her home.

DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

The Club has been very busy the last few months although it hasn't all revolved around the folk dancing. For those of you who bought chances from us on the trip to Denmark, I have sad news - you didn't win it. The winner was a young girl, Betty Kjos, who is in Chicago on a visit from Norway. She is visiting her mother and uncle at present, and instead of taking the ticket to Denmark (which she didn't need) she took the \$250 prize money. She intends buying things for the house her father is now building in Norway.

There has not been very much folk dancing in the club for a while, although now a group of the dancers have gotten together to practice for an appearance on February 22. We are still in need of a permanent instructor, but hope to have one very soon.

Our annual exhibition in Logan Square inside Tropic will take place on April 13 at which time there will be given a good demonstration of gymnastics and folk dancing. On April 27, we hold our 25th Anniversary Party, and makes the Club only ten years older than the U.S.A. Here's hoping the two groups will still be going strong at least 25 years from now!

Fun in the snow, with skis and tobogganing was the order of the day Sunday, December 5, when a group from the Club flocked to Pikes Park. In the party were hand Jack, Bob Knudsen, Johnny Ahlberg, Betty Jensen, Bill Ostrom, Andy and June Prestholdt and their son, Frank. Knud, demonstrating his prowess on skis, took a spill to start off, but he says "all good skaters fall once in a while."

We are happy to sponsor the Danish Symphonic Tunes which are touring the world. They consist of 12 young and old artists, men and women, under the direction of Mr. Erik Flomsted Jensen and Mrs. Ingeborg. We hope they will be a success.

June Prestholdt

NORRONA LEIKARRING - Minneapolis

A pleasant but happy New Year to all the members of the NLD. We hope you in Minneapolis have been taking it rather easy this past fall and so far this winter.

The annual election of officers was held October 21, with the following results: President - Tom Bergness, Vice-President - Minnie Reum, Secretary - Lena Dybdahl, Treasurer - Theodor Bergness, Financial Secretary - Alfred Langseth, Marshal - Gust Jensen.

As for our dancing - it has been mostly for our own enjoyment as we have only appeared on one program with the Swedish and Danish groups. That was at the War Bonds program at the Minneapolis Auditorium on December 2.

TWIN CITY SWEDES (Cont)

Esther Biehler, Ruth's sister and also a former folk dancer, was blessed with a baby girl on December 15. Reports from California say that the baby has been named Jean Marie. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Biehler.

My memory fails me when I want to remember the dates of things past, so all I can tell you about our engagements is where and what. The Scandinavian group danced at the Minneapolis Auditorium for a benefit program, sponsored by the War Dads. The Swedish Dancers danced for the Grand Lodge members of the Vasa Lodge who visited the Twin Cities a short time ago. We danced on a rug and, of course, that made it very difficult. The junior dancers also performed.

Wedding bells rang for our dancer, Erwin Johnson, on December 28. The new "Mrs." was the former Elisabeth Johnson. A reception was held at the home of the brides parents. Congratulations, folks.

Lorraine Wallberg

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE PRESIDENT -

I wish to extend a Happy New Year to all the folkdancers, with best wishes for progress and fun in all clubs. I truly feel honored by being elected president of the United Nordic Folk Dancers of America.

One of my first duties as president was a very pleasant one. I had the honor of presenting to all our servicemen their gift from the League, and from the letters and verbal thanks we received, I know that the boys really liked our little token of gratitude.

Now that all the boys are back, my one big hope is for all the clubs to get back in the swing of things in the year 1947 and really place folkdancing on the top of the list as the purpose of the United Nordic Folk Dancers shall be to cultivate and enjoy Nordic folk dancing.

Before closing, I wish to thank the Twin Cities for the wonderful time they gave us at the Convention. In fact, the whole time we were there, we enjoyed every minute of it.

Harold Thorsen
President

GREETINGS !!! I am out - Out - OUT!

Well, well, you say, and how long was it - your stretch, I mean. It was:

- 4 Months, 16 days and 20 hours
- 138 Days and 20 hours
- 3332 Hours
- 199,920 Minutes
- 11,992,200 Seconds

In any language it has been long enough. When I was notified that I could leave, they advised me it had all been a mistake, so sorry, to

forget all about it, etc. So here I am, hale and hearty. Oh no, "Sampson" has nothing on me! Everyone has been just simply wonderful and I do want you to know that I appreciate it more than words can express. Again, many thanks, your kindness will always be remembered.

Hazel Nielsen

TWIN CITY DANISH FOLKDANCERS

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lena Dybdahl in the death of her Mother which occurred recently.

We practice each & every week with the hope that someone will call upon us for an exhibition. So far not too much, but we have fun just the same.

Christmas has come and gone and we hope everyone has enjoyed the holiday season as much as we did. Our Christmas party this year was at Helen Rydberg's house, and a very lovely party it was. Dell Aanerud brought his recording machine and several recordings were made. Some of them were impromptu and others were singing recordings of old Danish Christmas carols. The finished product is very nice and we are happy to have them in our possession. Helen had a very lovely Christmas tree around which we exchanged our gifts. Later in the evening a very sumptuous smorgasbord was served. If you would like to know what to serve at a party, just ask Helen. She certainly has something on the finest caterers in the Twin Cities.

On January 24 we danced at the Lake Harriet Methodist Church at the invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Dale McFeters. This is, as many of you know, the church of Rev. Henry Lewis, who is a very good friend of the Twin City Scandinavian Folkdancers. All in all, it was a very lovely evening.

On January 25, the boys all went out to Helga and Wallie's new home to help Wallie get organized prior to moving in. In the evening the girls served a Pot Luck supper for the men at Dale & Merle's new home. That same evening when Villia and Thorkhild returned home they found that their Uncle had met with an accident, having fallen down a flight of stairs. He suffered a fracture of the nose and both wrists, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

On February 15 we are leaving, enmasse, for Watertown, S. D. for an exhibition in the evening of the 15th. We are staying over until the 16th. A "special" good time is planned and expected. Wallie and Dick, please behave this time, won't you? Just for this once!

Dick Allard spent the week-end of the 25th of January with his parents in Wisconsin. The event was the Golden Wedding Anniversary of his parents. On January 26th the family attended the 8 AM Mass at Notre Dame Church, during which Dick presided at the organ. The choir, incidently, is the same group Dick worked with for 5 years. A family dinner for 36 was served at 1 o'clock. Open house was held from 2 to 5 PM. Many lovely gifts and messages of congratulations were received. To Mr. and Mrs. William Allard, Dick's Mom and Pop, we extend our heartiest congratulations.

Hazel is back with us and we note that it is with some difficulty that she is trying to - shall we call it - dance.

anonymous

From the last sentence of the above, you know who wrote it. Needless to say, we are most grateful that Hazel is back - and I don't think that she has forgotten a single thing - Editor

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