

NORRØNA LEIKARRING

Today is July 10th, which I believe is the dead-line for the Reporter's news to be sent in, so I certainly better get busy and get something into the Herald for the next issue, which, by the way, is getting more "stream-lined" all the time. Hope our Chicago Kenosha and Des Plaines reporters will send in some news as I would like to have some real honest to goodness competition from some of the clubs outside of the Twin Cities for the trophy which was donated at the convention last year by our good friend, Christian Arne, to the "best" reporter. Let us have some news from out of the State as we would feel guilty about keeping the trophy in the Twin Cities for another year.

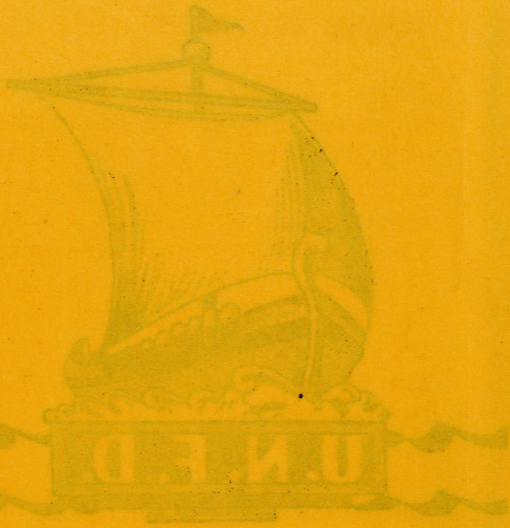
Since sending in the news for the April issue, we have had quite a number of engagements. We danced on April 29th at the Radisson Hotel at a banquet sponsored by the Sons of Norway in honor of the "Klang" Male chorus who came here from Norway. Also danced, along with the Danish group, at the University. The first part of that evening was taken up by a swimming and diving exhibition and the program was concluded with excerpts of the exhibitions put on by participants in the Festival of Nations.

On May 16th we danced at a "Syttende Mai" program sponsored by the Daughters of Norway Synneve Lodge in St. Paul at the Junior Pioneer Hall, and on the 17th we danced at the CIO Hall in Minneapolis at the annual 17th of May Fest sponsored by the United Norwegian Male Choruses of Minneapolis. At both of these affairs we danced to a record crowd and had a fine time.

On June 14 we danced at Sacred Heart, Minnesota for the Kongsberg-Nummedal's Laget' Convention and as usual when dancing for that organization, we had a very lovely time and the banquet served was as delicious as ever with all the real Norwegian delicacies such as Fløte Grøt, lefse, sandbakkelse, krum kake and rossettes, besides real Norwegian meat balls and all the rest of the foods which constitute a full dinner. Also danced at Norway Hall on June 28 for Valdris Samband and although I did not go to the banquet, from all reports I guess the Sacred Heart meal was duplicated by the "Valdrisser". Also danced at Norway Hall on June 17 in connection with the Daughters of Norway Convention 50th Golden Jubilee.

We have been asked to dance at the Lyngblomsten's home for the Aged on July 13 and are also going to dance at the Radisson Hotel at the Scandinavian Sisters Convention on July 19 and at Minnehaha Park on July 20 in connection with Norway Day celebration, which is also an annual event.

UNITED NORWEGIAN
FOLK DANCERS
OF AMERICA



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On May 19 we had a little farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bergaas, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Prestholdt, Arnold Elverum and Pete Bendero, who are lucky enough to take trips to Norway this year. Sam and Phoebe Bergaas and Arnold Elverum sailed on May 29 with the Minneapolis Norway Chorus and Pete Bendero, due to business engagements which had to be attended to before going, left New York by plane on June 13 and joined the Chorus June 15, just one week after their concert tour started. He will leave again by plane July 29 so we will soon see him and hear all about his flight across the Atlantic. The Prestholdts are leaving for Norway the latter part of July.

While speaking of all of our globe trotters, will say that Mr. and Mrs. Ole Kringstad and family have now returned after being in Norway since last October. They are all looking fine and it seems that they had a wonderful time, even though we understand that little Orlin, who is only about three years old, really kept them busy as he had ideas of his own about seeing the world and was lost both on the boat as well as in New York City. Think Ole really lost about ten year's growth for about half an hour while he was lost in New York. Of course, the little fellow talks only Norwegian, which the Irish policemen had a hard time understanding.

See that it was requested in the last issue of the Herald that the names of the new officers be given from each club. Believe I have given this before, as our election of officers is in the fall and we are due for a new election in September after our vacation, but will give the names anyway of the present officers:

- Sam Bergaas - President
- Minnie Reum - Vice President
- Lena Dybdahl - Secretary
- (Mrs.) Phoebe Bergaas - Treasurer
- (Mrs.) Hanna Axlen - Treasurer account Phoebe now in Norway.

As the next election is in September, start your election campaign without delay, folks. Throw your hats in the ring.

Lena Dybdahl
Secretary.

TWIN CITY SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS

Since the Festival of Nations in St. Paul in April, the Twin City Scandinavian Folk Dancers have not done anything exciting, at least, not that I know of. We have not had any joint performances, although the dancing at the University on April 18 in connection with the swimming and diving exhibition was supposed to have been a joint program, but due to some previous engagement of the Swedish group, only the Norwegians and Danes participated.

We are now on vacation until the second Tuesday in September, when we will start our meetings again.

We are going out to the home of our President, Walter Larson, and have a picnic sometime the latter part of the summer, after most of the vacations are over and everyone is back to town again. Walter, by the way, lives quite a ways out (really out in the Country) and am sure we are all looking forward to going out there.

On July 4th, Linnea Osman was in an automobile accident while driving in Minneapolis, but fortunately she was not very badly injured. The paper stated she had a fractured wrist which, in her profession, would have been very bad; but she only received some bad bruises. Her brother from Baltimore, who was with her at the time, had some ribs fractured. Glad to hear that Linnea and her brother were not seriously injured.

Lena Dybdahl
Secretary

DANISH AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB - 25TH ANNIVERSARY 1922 - April - 1947

Our most heartfelt congratulations and most sincere best wishes go out to the Danish-American Athletic Club of Chicago which celebrated its 25th Anniversary in April of this year. Christian Arne, President, has sent me the booklet commemorating the event and it is truly a record of which the members can be justly proud. It's been a long struggle and I imagine there have been times when it seemed as if the progress were going in the wrong direction; but they have stood together as a unit and in so doing, have achieved many successes. The fact that they completely own their own building on Washtenaw Avenue is, to me, one of their crowning glories, and I know that, when the mortgage was presented at the banquet, the original members and early joiners must have been thinking about their years of careful planning in order to bring this about.

Here is the program as outlined in the Anniversary booklet.
Sounds like a wonderful program, and I'm sure it was.

- Welcome - Holger G. Nielsen
- Star Spangled Banner - The Assembly
- Toastmaster - William Rasmussen
- For Our Club - Christian Arne, President
- Guest Speaker - Christ Brix
- For the Ladies - Aksel Nielsen
- For the Past Presidents - Karl Sorensen
- Piano Solo - Marion Butler
- Songs - Danny Sorensen
- Presentation of Gold Pins
- Delivery of Mortgage from S. N. Nielsen to Wm. Rasmussen
- Der er et yndigt Land - The Assembly.

The June-July 1947 issue of Idraet carries an item on the UNFD picnic to be held on August 3. The tentative picnic site is Gages Lake. The D.A.A.C. also held a picnic at Cedar Lake, Ill. on July 20, but I understand it rained and the attendance was not as good as it could have been.

TWIN CITY DANISH FOLKDANCERS

It may be vacation time but we poor correspondents must unearth some kind of news which will make for cool reading.

Our club discontinued rehearsals for the summer months on June 17. Four weeks to go and we begin again for what we hope will be a bigger and better year than the one which has just ended.

On June 11th, four couples danced for the Hennepin County "4H" at Lake Independence. A very large and fine group was present for the event.

Helga and Wallie Larson were our hosts at a weiner roast at 8640 Emerson Ave. So., their new home, on June 14th in the evening. We had lots and lots of good things to eat. Wallie had built a huge log fire in the afternoon and by evening there was as beautiful a pile of coals as anyone could ever wish to see. Later on more logs were added and we sat around telling "stories" and did a little vocalizing.

June 28th was a sad day for we Danes because on that day we bade farewell to Dale and Merle McFeters. They have moved from Minneapolis to Bock, Minnesota where they have gone into the grocery and general store business. We are going to miss them very much and shall look forward to seeing them when they come to Minneapolis on visits. They have promised to take in some of our rehearsals. We wish them success in their new business venture and happiness in their new home.

July 2nd marked the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman. We had a little surprise party for them in their new home at 5329 - 5th St. N.E. A good time was enjoyed by all, except Dick and he had to work (and I don't mean playing the piano!) (Editor's Note: Gee whiz, Hazel, can I help it if I had to get my new drapes done - and thanks for the help). Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and may they enjoy many more years of wedded bliss.

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That's all for now. See "you all" at the convention in Chicago.

Hazel Nielsen
Secretary

BITS ABOUT 'EM - Editor

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Hazel M. Nelson
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