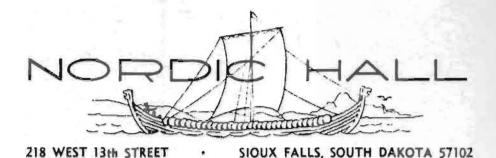
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I am sure the hospitality of citizens from our state will make for an excellent convention. The program's organizing committee has worked hard to make your stay pleasant and enjoyable. While you are in South Dakota, please take the time to take part in the many events this state holds for their visitors. South Dakotans are very proud of the many attractions our state offers.

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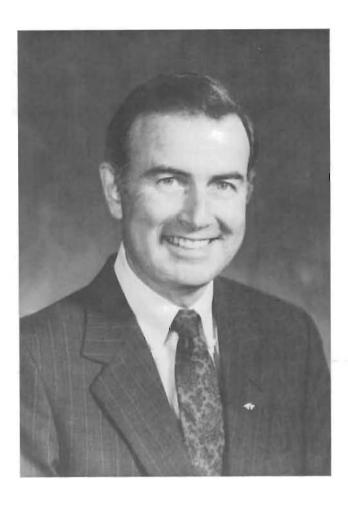
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REETINGS! Welcome to the Norwegian singers from all over the United States, including those from the Pacific coast and Norway. This is a special milestone in our history — as we celebrate 100 years of Norwegian sangerfests in America.

A highlight of this celebration is the dedication of this Centennial Sangerfest to Erling Stone who has lived 98 years of this history and has served the NSAA for the past 78 years.

The host committee from the Minnehaha Mandskor, the Norse Glee Club and the Grieg Male Chorus have worked diligently to make this event special.

Serving as your President has been a truly great honor for me. Enjoy Sioux Falls and the sangerfest and have a safe trip home.

Clarence Dybvig

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Throughout the years, the sangerfests have been hosted in many locations. It has always been the privilege of the singers and their guests to enjoy each place.

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1914	Chicago, IL
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1918 N	lo Sangerfest (war years)
1920	Duluth, MN
1922	Sioux Falls, SD
1924	St. Paul, MN

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1926	Chicago, IL
1928	Winnipeg, Canada
1930	Minneapolis, MN
1932	Madison, WI
1934	Fargo, ND
1936	Duluth, MN
1938	Sioux Falls, SD
1940	Rockford, IL
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1946	Minneapolis, MN
1948	Duluth, MN
1950	Chicago, IL
1952	Sioux City, IA
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We are proud to have you with us so we can personally honor and thank you for your dedicated service. Thank you for all you have done to promote Norwegian music and cultural heritage in the United States.

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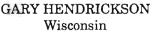


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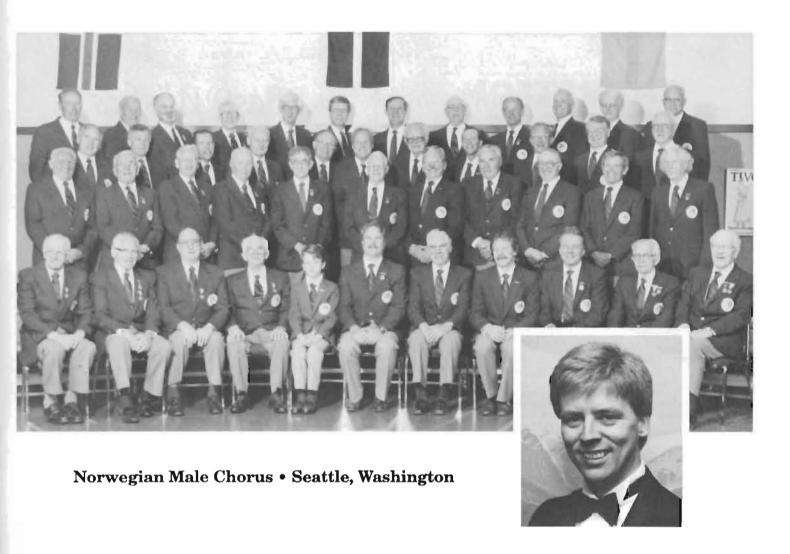
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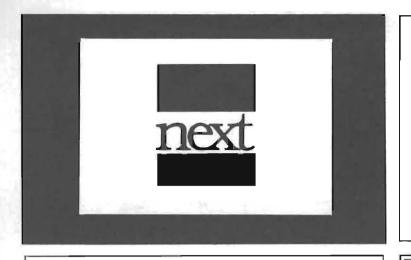
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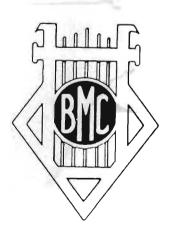
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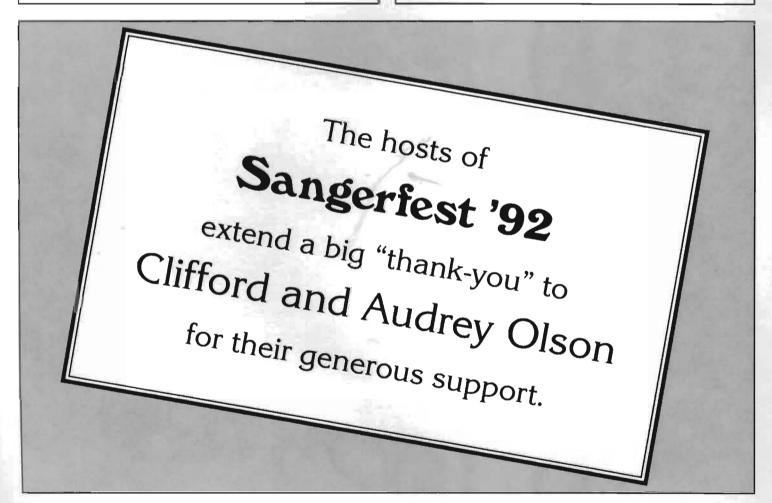
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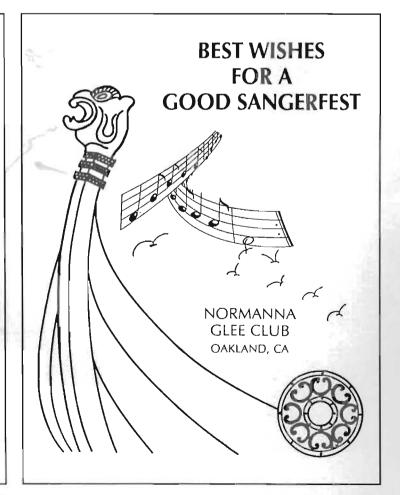
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Thursday, July 9th

9:00 a.m Noon	Registration — Velkommen Kaffe	Grand Rushmore Lobby
9:00 a.m 2 :00 p.m.	Vendors Set Up	Roosevelt Room
2:00 p.m.	Opening Session — Mass Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Rushmore
7:00 p.m.	Memorial Service	Grand Rushmore
7:30 p.m.	Parade of Choruses	Grand Rushmore
9:30 p.m.	Afterglow	Exhibit Hall

Friday, July 10th

8:30 a.m.	Registration	Grand Rushmore Lobby
8:30 a.m.	Directors Breakfast Meeting	Crystal Room
9:00 a.m.	Vendors Open	Roosevelt Room
10:00 a.m.	Veterans Brunch and Meeting	Howard Johnson
12:00 Noon	Ladies Luncheon	Grand Rushmore
2:00 p.m.	Mass Chorus Rehearsal	Sioux Falls Arena
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Blessing New King and Queen of Norway (video)	Amphitheatre II
7:00 p.m.	Grand Banquet, Awards and Dance	Exhibit Hall

Saturday, July 11th

9:00 a.m.	NSAA Business Meeting	Amphitheatre II
9:00 a.m.	Pacific Coast Singers Assoc. Business Meeting	Amphitheatre I
1:30 p.m.	Mass Chorus Rehearsal	Sioux Falls Arena
3:00 p.m.	Blessing New King and Queen of Norway (video)	Amphitheatre II
8:00 p.m.	Grand Concert	Sioux Falls Arena
	Afterglow	Exhibit Hall

Memorial Service July 9, 1992 — 7:00 P.M.

"En Sangers Bøn"	Host Chorus Singers
Memorial Address	Rev. James M. Florence
Roll Call of Departed Singers	Lafe Lunder
Flowers	
Tribute to the Departed	Ralph Iverson
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"	Minnehaha Mandskor

	In Memory + 1990 - 1	1992
Illinois	Bjornson Male Chorus	Paul Jacobsen Carl Lassen
	Normennenes Singing Society	Donald Berg Rolf "Bill" Halthen Torstein Myhre
Iowa	Nordic Male Chorus	Robert F. Lee
	Luren Singing Society	Jalmer Amundson Marion Loftsgard
Minnesota	Nordkap Male Chorus	Arnold Stordahl Walter Swanberg Sabel Anderson Bernard Kleven Martin Johan Olson
	Norwegian Glee Club	Stanley Boyer Leslie Velander Grant Walseth
New York	Brooklyn Norwegian Singing Society	Per Waatdahl
Oregon	The Eugene Norsemen	Arnold L. "Arnie" Severson
South Dakota	Minnehaha Mandskor	Arnold Frederickson
	Norse Glee Club	Carl M. Myhre
Wisconsin	Dane County Grieg Male Chorus	Thor Rogeberg Marvin Olson

Norwegian Singers Association of America

Parade of Choruses

Thursday, July 9, 1992 — 7:30 P.M.

Ramkota Inn Grand Rushmore Room — Sioux Falls, South Dakota

VETERANS CHORUS Let There Be Music		F. Williams	
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DANE COUNTY GRIEG MALE CHORU	S — Madison, Wisconsin		
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	Faye Fossum, Director	G. W. Collan	
NORDKAP MALE CHORUS — Minneap	oolis, Minnesota	arr J Saagard	
	fordon Olson, Director	arr. o. ocagaru	
PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS — COMBINED CHORUS Steve Jensen, Director — Jon Malmin, Associate Director			
BJORNSON MALE CHORUS — Chicago	n Illinois		
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Director-in-Chief

DAVID JUDISCH, Director-in-Chief of the Norwegian Singers Association of America since 1984, is a professor of music at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. He received his doctorate from the University of Iowa in voice teaching and performance. Twice an Iowa District winner in the NATS Artist Awards Competition, Judisch has performed with state and regional orchestras in both opera and oratorio roles. He has performed and studied in Graz, Austria, where he worked with such people as Eleanor Steber and Robert Evans. He has been a frequent adjudicator for state and national vocal competitions and was a recipient of an Outstanding Young Man in America award.



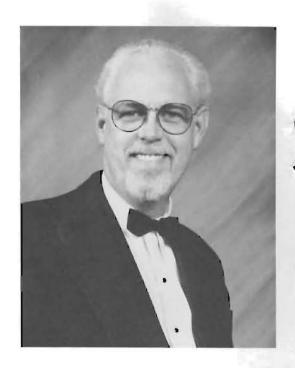


Accompanist

TERRY WALTER received her B. A. degree in music education from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD. As an accomplished musician and arranger, she has performed with the Sioux Falls Municipal Band and served as accompanist for Myron Floren. She is a pianist for First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls and is the band director for the Hills-Beaver Creek, Minnesota, schools.

Associate Director-in-Chief

LYLE KROON, Associate Director-in-Chief of the Norwegian Singers Association of America, is employed in the Behavioral Health Services of McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD. His music education began privately and concluded by his earning a B.S. degree in music education from Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa. Lyle has been actively involved in various community musical activities, including the organization of a multi-piano festival. He currently is director of the Norse Glee Club, director-in-chief of the Sioux Valley Singers, director of the Sioux Falls Elks Chorus, and director of music at First Reformed Church, Sioux Falls.



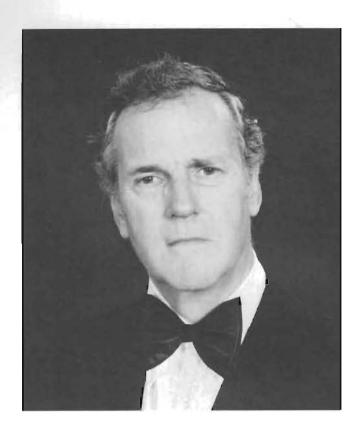
Norwegian Singers Association of America

Grand Concert Program

Saturday, July 11, 1992 — 8:00 P.M. Sioux Falls Arena — Sioux Falls, South Dakota

PART I

Norsk Faedrelandssang	R. Nordraak
The Star Spangled Banner	F. S. Key
Faedrelandssang	
Lord of Souls (The Singers' Prayer)	F. A. Reissiger
arranged by Knute Hansen	
Siguard Josalfar	Edvard Grieg
solo by Kenneth Michaels 1. Norronafolket 2. Kongekvadet	
Jeg lofter opp til Gud min sang	arr V Aamadt
America, The Beautiful	
arranged by Frederick Wick	minimum of ward
solo by Murial Eliason	
Ensemble of quartets from the choruses	
of the Norwegian Singers Association of America	
directed by Dr. David Judisch	
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PART II	
Opus 33 — Ved Rondarne and Eit Syn	Edvard Grieg
sung by Roy Samuelsen	
accompanied by the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra	
PART III	
God of Grace and God of Glory	J. Hughes
arranged by J. Harold Moyer	*** ~ .
Voices	W. Spies
narrated by Tom Sternberg	A D D
Mit Fagre Hjem	A. P. berggren
Vakra Sky	C A Brolon
Drinking Song from "The Student Prince"	S Rombora
arranged by M. Rapport	S. Iwinberg
Naar Fjordene Blaaner	A Paulsen
solo by Roy Samuelsen	
Jubilate, Amen!	H Kierulf
directed by Lyle Kroon	
PART IV	
Peer Gynt Suite	Edvard Grieg
South Dakota Symphony Orchestra	· ·
PART V	
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	Martin Luther
arranged by Frederick Wick	
Ride the Chariot	Negro Spiritual
solo by Kenneth Michaels	
Landkjending (Land Sighting)	Edvard Grieg
solo by Roy Samuelsen	
directed by Dr. David Judisch	



Guest Soloist

Roy Samuelsen

There are, in our contemporary musical field, some musicians who defy classification, mostly in the realm of singing. One of those versatile artists is Roy Samuelsen, who can be in turn a basso cantante, basso profundo or Heldenbaritone. When he came to America as a very young man, he impressed everyone as a beautiful lyric baritone. As such, he studied at Brigham Young University, singing mostly Mozart and Belcanto roles. Military service interrupted these studies, although he took advantage of excellent instruction by a fine private teacher in Wurzburg, Germany, where he was stationed. To this day he credits Mr. Joseph Heuler for his early vocal

training and his awakened interest in singing and music. After his discharge, Mr. Samuelsen returned to Utah, participating in the rich musical life in that state and benefitted greatly from regular coaching with Carl Fuerstner. After a summer at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, working with Lotte Lehmann and Maurice Abravanel, he enrolled for graduate studies at the famous Music School of Indiana University as a student of Paul Matthen.

By then Roy's voice had gained depth, range and power; as a consequence, some of his first operatic assignments at Indiana University were Scarp[ia in *Tosca*, the Dutchman, and Amfortas in *Parsifal* (at age 28). The next several years led to a variety of baritone roles such as Barber of Seville, Valentin, Rigoletto, Amonasro, and many others. Later, as the voice darkened naturally to a true bass baritone, he was also able to sing actual bass parts like Sarastro, Ramphis and Commendatore, while still keeping Amfortas and the Figaro-Count in his repertoire.

It didn't take long till the New York City Opera demanded his services in multiple roles like Mephistopheles (Faust), Galitsky (Prince Igor) and Scarpia (Tosca). He also starred in roles such as the Flying Dutchman, Boris Godounov, Hagen (Götterdämmrung), Manoah (Samson) and numerous others in productions throughout the country. Mr. Samuelsen's voice by now commands a range from low F to high A flat, sounding rich and brilliant throughout. He continues with guest appearances in Europe (Norwegian State Opera) and throughout America. His roles in the various categories and four languages now number 100, thirty-seven of them at the Indiana University Opera alone, including such major roles as King Mark, Wotan, Hans Sachs, Don Giovanni, and Balstrode (Peter Grimes). He has sung most of the standard oratorio bass roles and as a recitalist he specializes in Grieg and other Scandinavian masters along with the standard concert repertoire. With all this, Mr. Samuelsen, as Professor of Voice at Indiana University, has a busy teaching schedule including private lessons as well as graduate Pedagogy courses.



Guest Soloist

KENNETH MICHAELS resides in Schiller Park, Illinois, with his wife and family. He was born and raised in the Chicago area. Although he has had no formal voice training, the great operatic tenor Lauritz Melchoir referred to him as a natural heldonic tenor and offered him a scholarship to study at the San Francisco Opera. Through his association with the Scandinavian societies, Ken has performed as soloist at many concerts and oratories, including singing for Queen Margrethe and His Royal Highness the Prince of Denmark while they were on tour of Chicago. He has been a frequent soloist with the Norwegian Singers Association of America conventions, as well as with individual groups of the society.

Guest Soloist

MURIAL ELIASON is a graduate of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa, where she studied voice with Prof. Odvin Hagen and was a member of the Waldorf Choir. She is the accompanist for the Norse Glee Club of Sioux Falls, a position she has held for nine years. She is at times a featured soloist with the chorus and her husband, Glenn, is a baritone with the chorus. Murial is also an organist, teaches piano in her home, and works part time in the office of East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls where she and Glenn both sing in the choir. She does vocal work and playing for various organizations and churches. Murial and Glenn live on a farm northwest of Sioux Falls. They are the parents of a son, Carl, and a daughter, Ellen, both married. They have two grandsons.



South Dakota Symphony



The Story of Norwegian Choruses

By Dr. Ralph Iverson, Minnehaha Mandskor

A Creed of Honor

Let every man honor and love the land of his birth, the country of his ethnic background and the race from which he springs and keep their memory dear.

This creed characterized America's immigrants. Musical heritage of the lands from which our ancestry came are like mirrors reflecting the character of the people and their environment.

European Backgrounds

Male chorus singing had some of its beginnings in Norway. Students, craftsmen and merchants organized choruses in the mid 1800s. A number of strong directors developed a music literature which came from the folk songs of the time, and reflected the nature of nordic life and its environs.

American Choruses and Sangerfests Begin

As the migration to America from northern Europe increased greatly in the latter half of the 18th century, singing societies in the U.S. were first formed along the east and west coasts. This movement later followed the immigrants inland wherever large groups of Scandinavians settled. As individual choruses formed, these groups learned of each other. Song festivals (Sangerfests) were organized to provide for the preservation of the common ethnic heritage, and camaraderie among Scandinavian newcomers. The first Scandinavian Sangerfest was held in Philadelphia in 1887. A local male chorus was joined by a New York City chorus, Normennenes of Chicago, and two choirs from Norway. A National Scandinavian Singing Society was formed. By 1891, the number of Scandinavian choirs had increased so rapidly that when Minneapolis sponsored it's first biennial sangerfest in that year it attracted 51 choirs from New York to Seattle.

The Northwest Region Organizes an Association

Attending the 1891 Minneapolis festival was the Minnehaha Mandskor, which had been organized in Sioux Falls in 1890. This new choir was so impressed with the sangerfest that it invited midwestern centers of Scandinavian people to come to Sioux Falls to consider the formation of a regional association to supplement the national associations biennial sangerfests by sponsoring festivals on alternate years not scheduled by the national group. Sangerfests were too important, in their opinion, to hold them only biennially. Those groups meeting in Sioux Falls took action to form the Northwestern Scandinavian Singer's Association (NWSSA). It held its first sangerfest at Sioux Falls in 1892 with 10 choirs participating. In 1902, Sioux Falls again hosted the NWSSA biennial festival, by this time 30 societies attended, each having 15 to 30 regular members and several had an equal number of passive members. Six of the choirs were from South Dakota, five from Iowa, ten from Minnesota, two from Wisconsin, two from North Dakota, and four from Chicago.

Pacific Coasts Early Beginnings

Portland was the first of the Pacific Coast cities to establish a Scandinavian male chorus in 1886, with Tacoma in 1888 and Seattle in 1889. These choirs plus others along the west coast formed the Pacific Coast Association in 1902, and held their first Sangerfest in 1903. Carlo Sperati, who later came to Luther College, was the first Director-in-Chief of the Pacific Coast Association. Gunnar Malmin served as Director-in-Chief from 1945 to 1980. On occasion, the West Coast Association choirs have joined the more easterly choirs in sangerfests, such as the one held in Salt Lake City, and when the Seattle chorus celebrated its centennial.

NSAA Formed in 1910

Although one of the purposes of the early choirs was to promote fellowship among all Scandinavian groups, the Swedish choruses left the National Scandinavian Singers Association in 1893 or 1899, and in 1907 the Danish choirs formed an independent society. These actions led the remaining choirs of the Scandinavian Singer's Association to reorganize the NWSSA at its sixth biennial sangerfest held at Sioux

Falls, South Dakota in 1910. Henceforth, it was to be named the *Norwegian Singer's Association of America* (NSAA). This society at one time included 38 affiliated choirs.

Wick Serves NSAA for Half a Century

Unusually capable directors have been the secret of success for NSAA choruses. For instance Professor Frederick Wick directed choirs for nearly a half century, and served as Director-in-Chief from 1920 to 1960. He also started Symphony Orchestras in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and in Sioux City, Iowa, he also assisted in organizing the Sioux Valley Singers Association. This giant was a brilliant composer who produced more than 1000 vocal and instrumental works.

Stone Serves NSAA for 78 Years

Another immigrant, Erling Stone, came to Canton, SD in 1914 and joined the Grieg Singing Society, then directed by Frederick Wick. Mr. Stone's interests and talents led him into the administrative aspects of chorus organization, the development of associations and the sponsorship of sangerfests. He has served the NSAA in a variety of capacities, including three tours of duty as Sanger Hilsen editor, the last tour lasting for 32 years. He is the elected Honorary President of the NSAA. In his various capacities in NSAA, Mr. Stone has gathered a great store of memorabilia. When he resigned as the Sanger Hilsen editor in 1990, he offered these materials to the Sioux Falls choirs on condition that they provide an adequate repository with a staff to catalog the materials. This would entail the funding of such services. The Augustana College Library's Center for Western Studies offered to serve as such a repository on condition that the costs of such services be assured. Mr. Stone also had been given two music libraries. One by Professor Wick, and the other by T.H. Hamann. The Sioux Falls choirs have accepted Mr. Stone's offer and have begun the task for fundraising to endow this repository.

NSAA Publications Media

The NSAA has used two primary means of keeping its membership informed about its activities and actions. At first it relied primarily on the Norwegian newspapers which were located in their service area. Since 1910, however, *Sanger Hilsen* has been the official bulletin for providing publicity. The Augustana College Center for Western Studies, now posses a complete file of *Sanger Hilsen* bulletins dating from 1910.

Regional Association Supplement National Association

After the National Scandinavian Singers Association disbanded, a need was soon felt for opportunities to attend sangerfests annually in some regions. The Sioux Valley Singers Association was organized in 1936 to produce such an opportunity for SD and northwestern Iowa. It now includes the two Sioux Falls choirs as well as those in Canton, SD and Sioux City Iowa. It has continued to be very active. The Red River Valley and the Midwest Associations were also organized and later disbanded. There is one group that is very active in spite of the age of the members, this is the Veteran's Chorus. At each Sangerfest, singers who have reached the age of 60 years and who have been NSAA members for a minimum of 10 years have 3 additional meetings to attend: a rehearsal of 2 or 3 songs; a breakfast for social and business purposes; a performance as a Veteran's Chorus on the 1st night of the festival.

Establishment Dates for Current NSAA Choirs

Of the 38 choirs which at one time held membership in the NSAA, 12 remain active. It is of interest to note the dates of establishment for these 12 choirs. Six were established before 1900 in the years indicated: Brooklyn (1819); Luren (1868); Normennes (1870); Minnehaha Mandskor (1890); Sioux City (1891); Grieg of Canton SD (1893). Two were organized between 1901 and 1920: Nordkap (1909); Minneapolis Norwegian Glee Club (1912). Four were formed in the 1920's: Rockford (1923); Bjornson (1924); Dane County Grieg (1925); Sioux Falls Norse Glee Club (1928).

It is significant to note that no new choruses have been established since 1928 which are still active, a period of 64 years.

Historical Sidelights Cherished by Members
Some of the sidelights of our history which are cherished by the members include these:

1899	The Sioux Falls Argus-Leader of April 24 reports that one of the attractions of the Lake Madison Chautauqa programs for that summer would be concerts by the Minnehaha Mandskor on July 7 and 8.
1930	Another Sioux Falls <i>Argus-Leader</i> headline read "Minnehaha Mandskor turns Mohammedan as it Presents <i>David's Symphonic Ode.</i> ". 30 choirs and 1100 singers attend Minneapolis Sangerfest.
1932	Harmony (Rockford) Singers stay in tents at free campgrounds at Chicago Sangerfest.
1934	A special train made up in Chicago provided transportation for choruses located in Illinois, Iowa, and South Dakota to Fargo Sangerfest. The luggage cars contained more that suitcases.
1936	Duluth Sangerfest registers 1200 singers.
1938	Erling Stone assists in re-organizing Grieg Male Chorus of Canton, Orpheus Male Chorus of Baltic and organizes new choirs at Garretson, SD; Hills, MN; Crooks, SD; and Corson, SD. All of these join NSAA in 1938. 900 singers and full orchestra participate in 1938 Sioux Falls Sangerfest. Dancing in the streets continued until 3:00 am.
1939	Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA), Erling Stone, President, hosted Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha of Norway at a banquet at Sioux Falls, SD. 1600 attended. A few weeks later, the SVSA sponsored a concert in Sioux Falls by the Studenter Sangerforaning from the University of Oslo, Norway.
1942	No Sangerfest because of World War II.
1944	No Sangerfest because of World War II.
1946	Drop in membership drops Duluth's last Sangerfest.
1950	Lauritz Melchior sings at Chicago Sangerfest.
1952	Sangerfest held at the new coliseum in Sioux City.
1958	1000 Singers perform at Mt.Rushmore under the direction of Fredrick Wick at Rapid City Sangerfest.
1962	Pacific Coast choruses join NSAA Sangerfest at Mormon Tabernacle Concert in Salt Lake City, Utah. 800 Singers, a large orchestra and the pipe organ provide a superb concert.
1964	Worlds Fair in New York City was great. Decorah reported 350 singers in attendance.
1989	Seattle's Centennial Sangerfest attended by NSAA choirs.
1990	Norway sends large chorus to Madison. Orchestra from Juilliard School of Music also performs.
1992	Pacific Coast Choruses and Norway's finest participate in Centennial Sangerfest in Sioux Falls, SD Erling Stone honored for 78 years of service.



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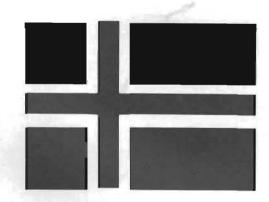
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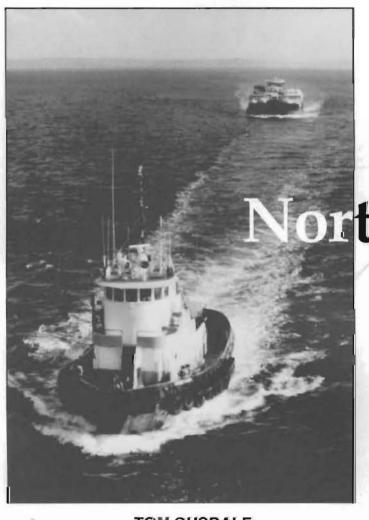


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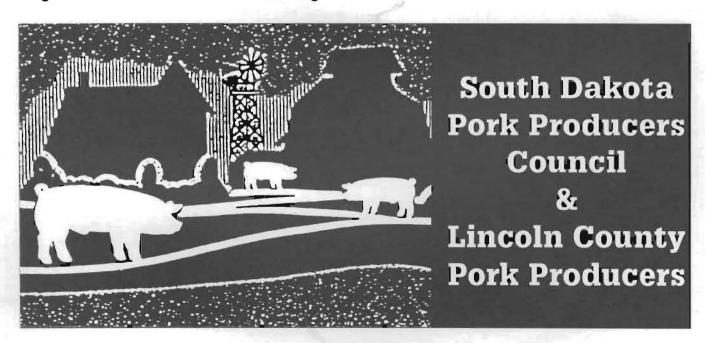
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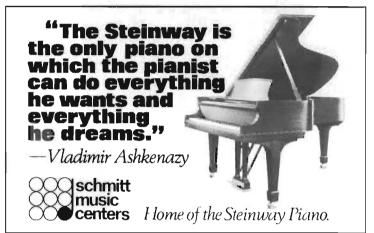
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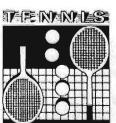
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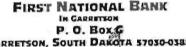
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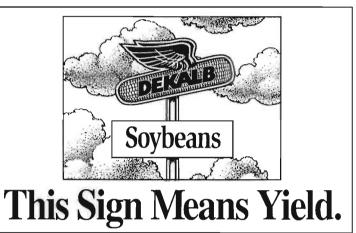
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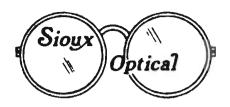
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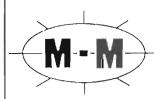
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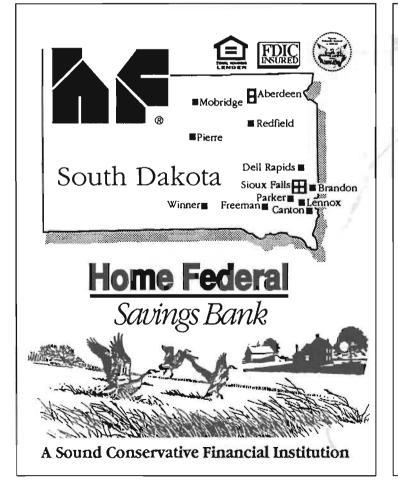
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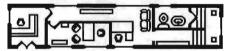
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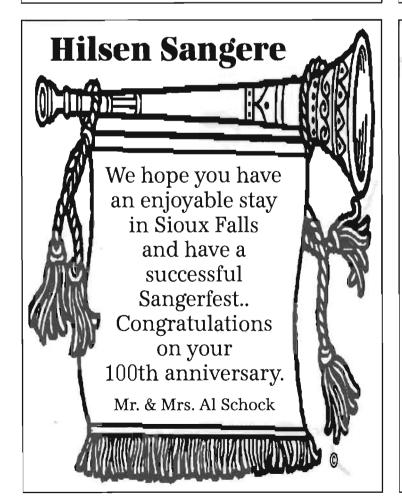
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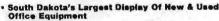


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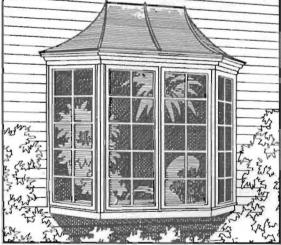
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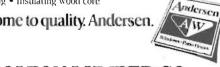
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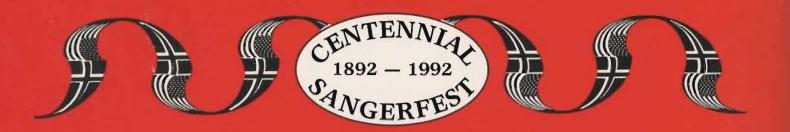


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