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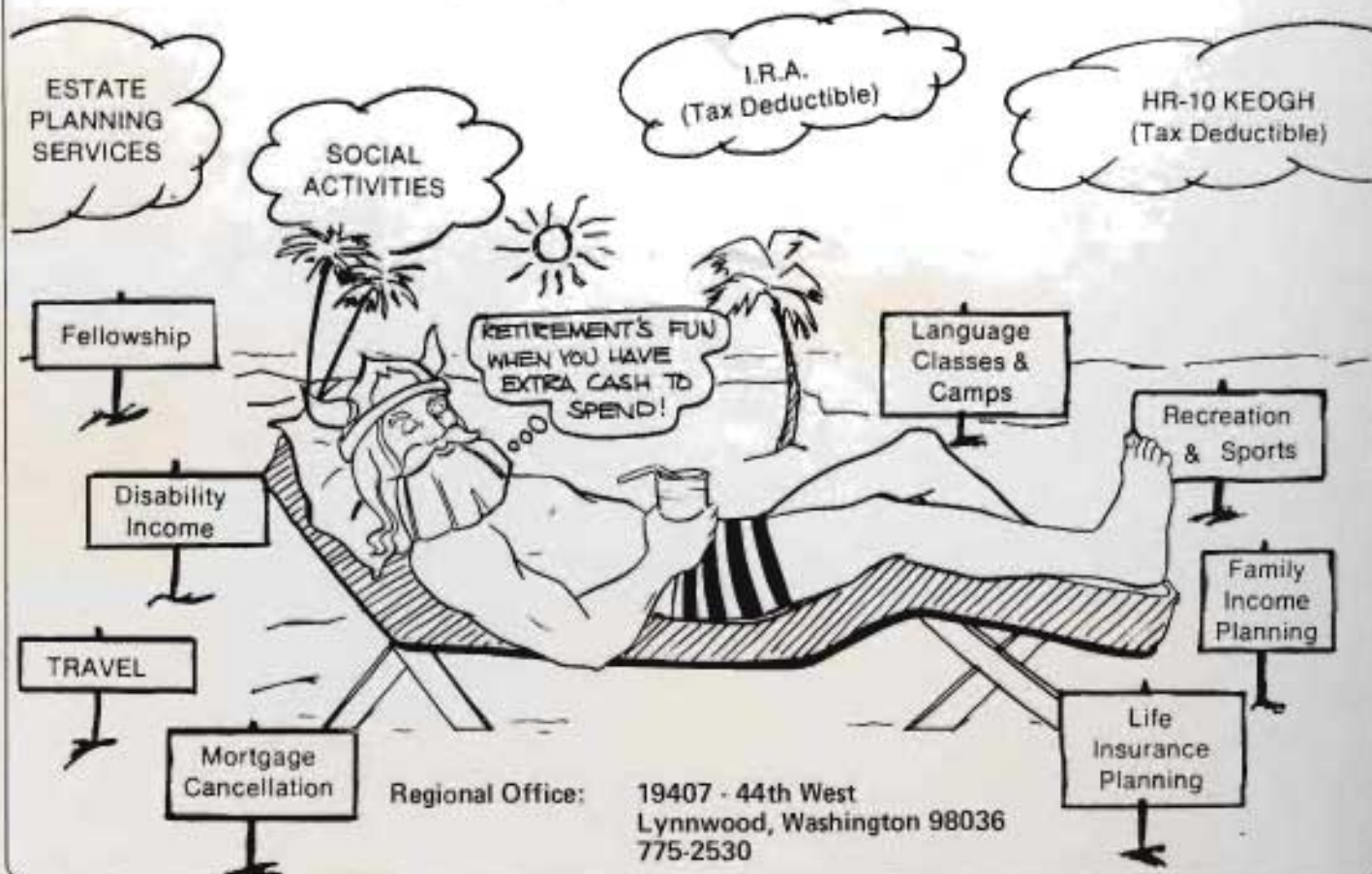
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Welcome to the Sixty-Eighth Sangerfest  
Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association  
Everett, Washington — 1977

### THE PRESIDENT'S GREETING



I wish to extend my warmest greetings to all singers both young and old on this our sixty-eighth Sangerfest.

May everyone, singers, wives and friends, enjoy the camaraderie of song and music. Everyone becomes revitalized at Sangerfest. The renewal of old friendships, the exhilaration of meeting new and younger singers who love to sing. This brings out an old saying: "You haven't lived fully until you have been to a Sangerfest."

In my new office, I have attempted to visit as many choruses as possible through this past year. Congratulations to our new chorus in Poulsbo. Congratulations to the tremendous enthusiasm of the new Salem Chorus.

On behalf of all our bother singers on the Pacific Coast, I wish to say to our Host Chorus here in Everett — Gratulerer Med Dagen. Happy 75th Anniversary and Maage Tak.

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## SCHEDULE

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#### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Registration — Headquarters, Convention Center.  
Registered guests will be escorted to Hospitality Room.

6:00 p.m. Flag raising ceremony — Headquarters.

7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception — Headquarters, Convention Center.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Registration — Convention Center.

10:00 a.m. Rehearsal — Civic Auditorium.

12:00 p.m. Ladies' Luncheon — Holiday Inn, Glacier Room.

12:00 p.m. Singers' Luncheon — Normanna #3 Sons of Norway, Everett, Wash.

8:00 p.m. Grand Concert — Civic Auditorium, 25th and Colby.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

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6:30 p.m. Banquet — Headquarters, Glacier Room.

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We also welcome you, one and all, to celebrate with us the Diamond Jubilee of the establishment of the Everett Chorus in 1902.

Med Sangerhilsen,  
Sivert Joramo, President  
Everett Norwegian Male Chorus  
Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association



Welcome to Everett!

May the Sangerfest spirit work its old magic on you.  
May it renew old friendships and start many new ones.  
May it fill your heart with fond memories of the 68th Sangerfest.

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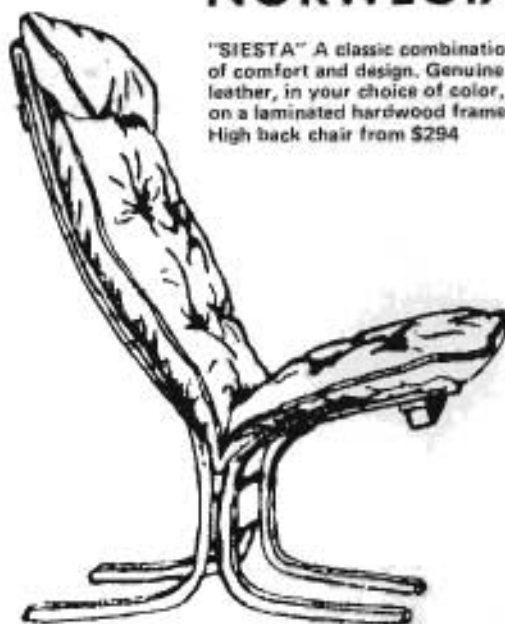
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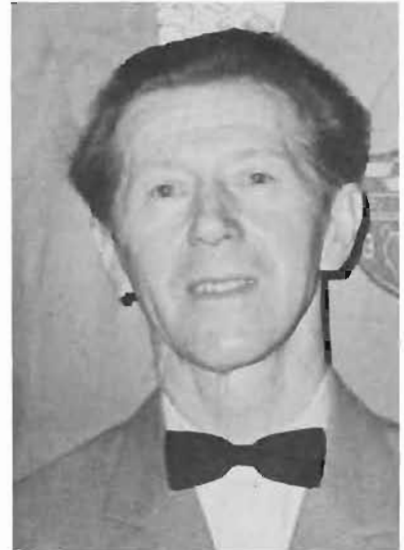
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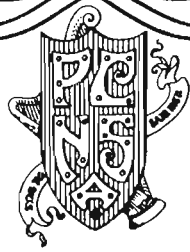
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This musical inheritance the Norsemen brought with them to America. In this, their new homeland, they have carried on the rich tradition and have contributed honorably to make America one of the greatest musical nations of the world.

Norwegian male choruses were first organized in the Midwest as early as 1866, and the first chorus on the Pacific Coast was organized in Portland, Oregon in 1886. By 1902 there were four other choruses, Tacoma, Seattle, Ballard and Everett.

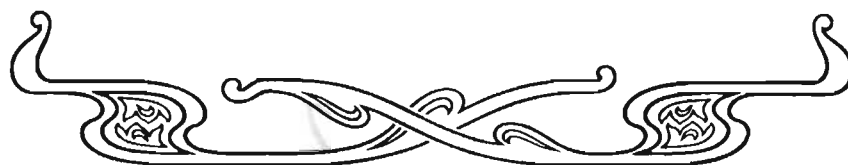
To further the culture of group singing on the West Coast, these choruses met in Seattle in 1902 and organized the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association. The first Sangerfest was held in Everett in 1903 with John Norman of Everett as President and Carlo Sperati as Director in Chief. Since then Sangerfests have been held nearly every year in various cities on the West Coast from Vancouver, B.C. to Los Angeles, California. In 1962 the first and only coast-to-coast Sangerfest was held in Salt Lake City, Utah and the Grand Concert in the Mormon Tabernacle was presented by the largest chorus ever assembled there, over 700 singers.

It shall be noted that last year a new chorus from Salem, Oregon was added to our Association, and this year we have the pleasure of welcoming another new chorus from Poulsbo, Washington.

In recent years there has been an influx of Non-Scandinavians into our choruses. This, we believe, strengthens our ranks and we welcome these brothers in song.

Hosting a Sangerfest is accomplished mainly through the goodwill and support of many friends and music lovers, and to them we are very grateful.

Since this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association as well as the Everett Norwegian Male Chorus, it is a fitting tribute and a great privilege for Everett to be host in this DIAMOND JUBILEE year.



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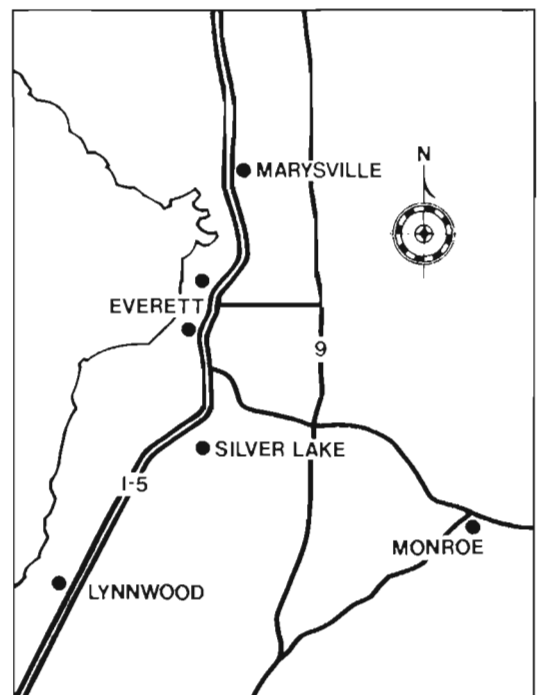


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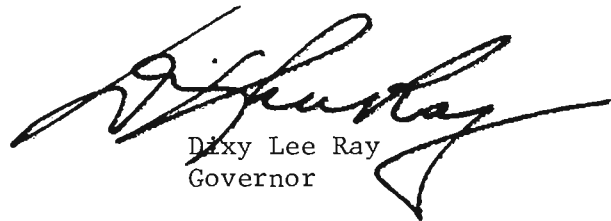
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A STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

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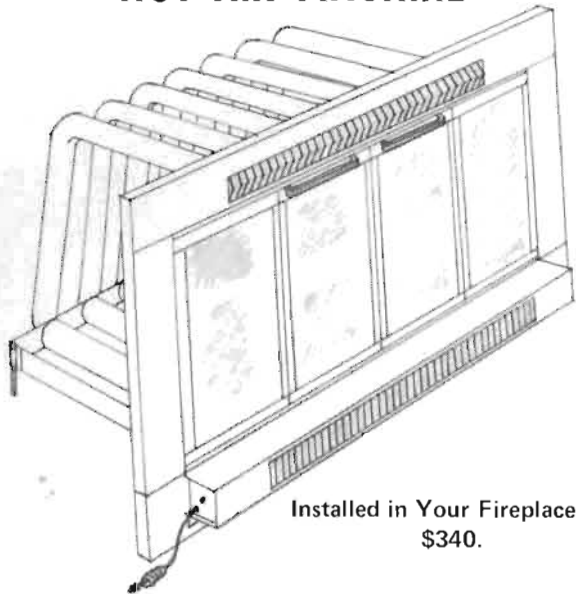
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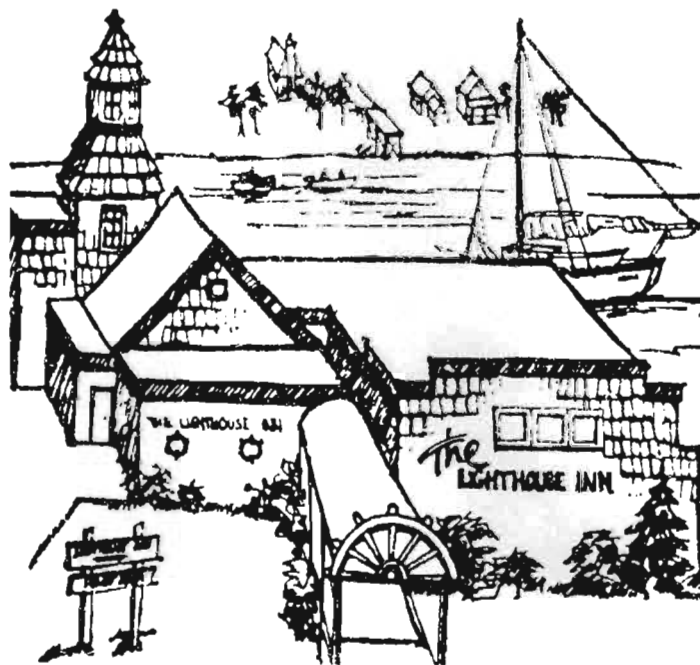
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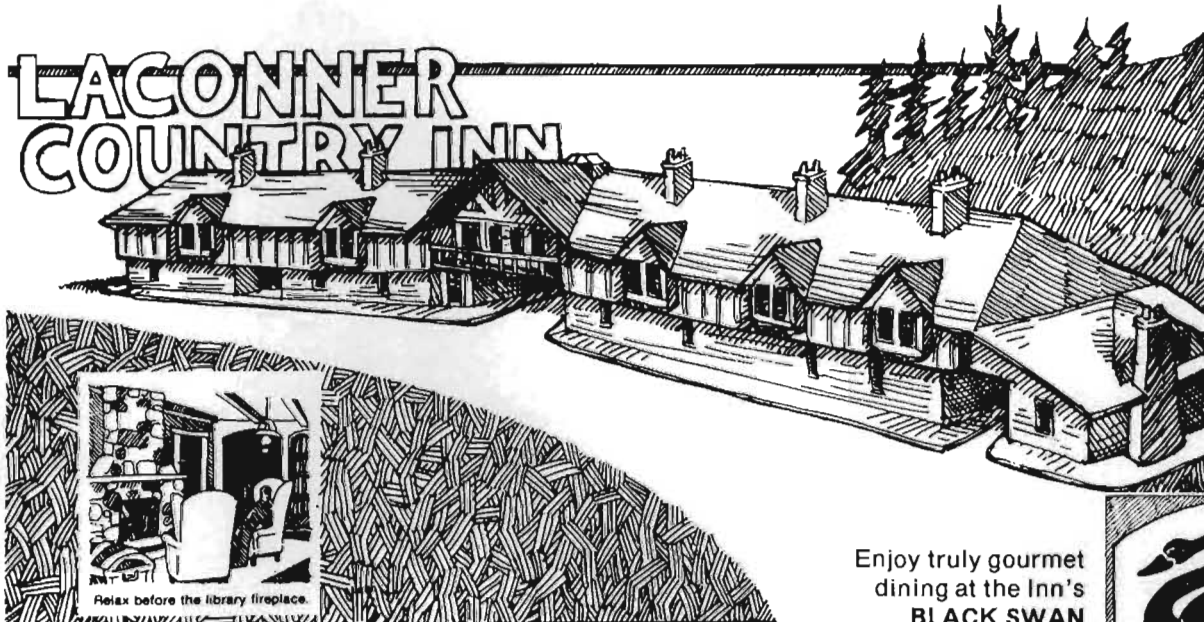
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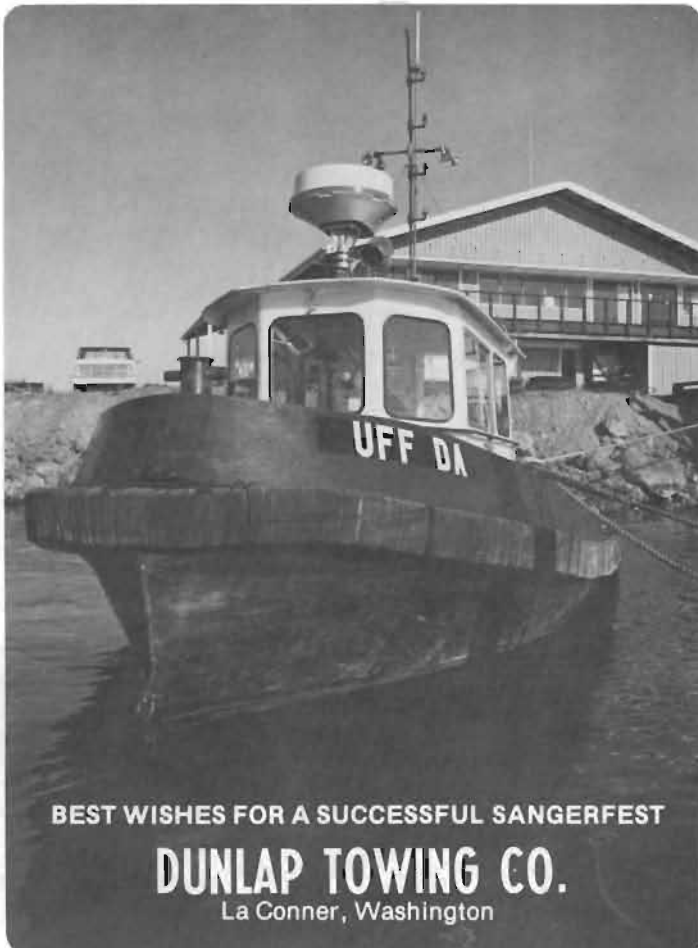
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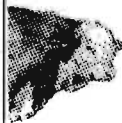
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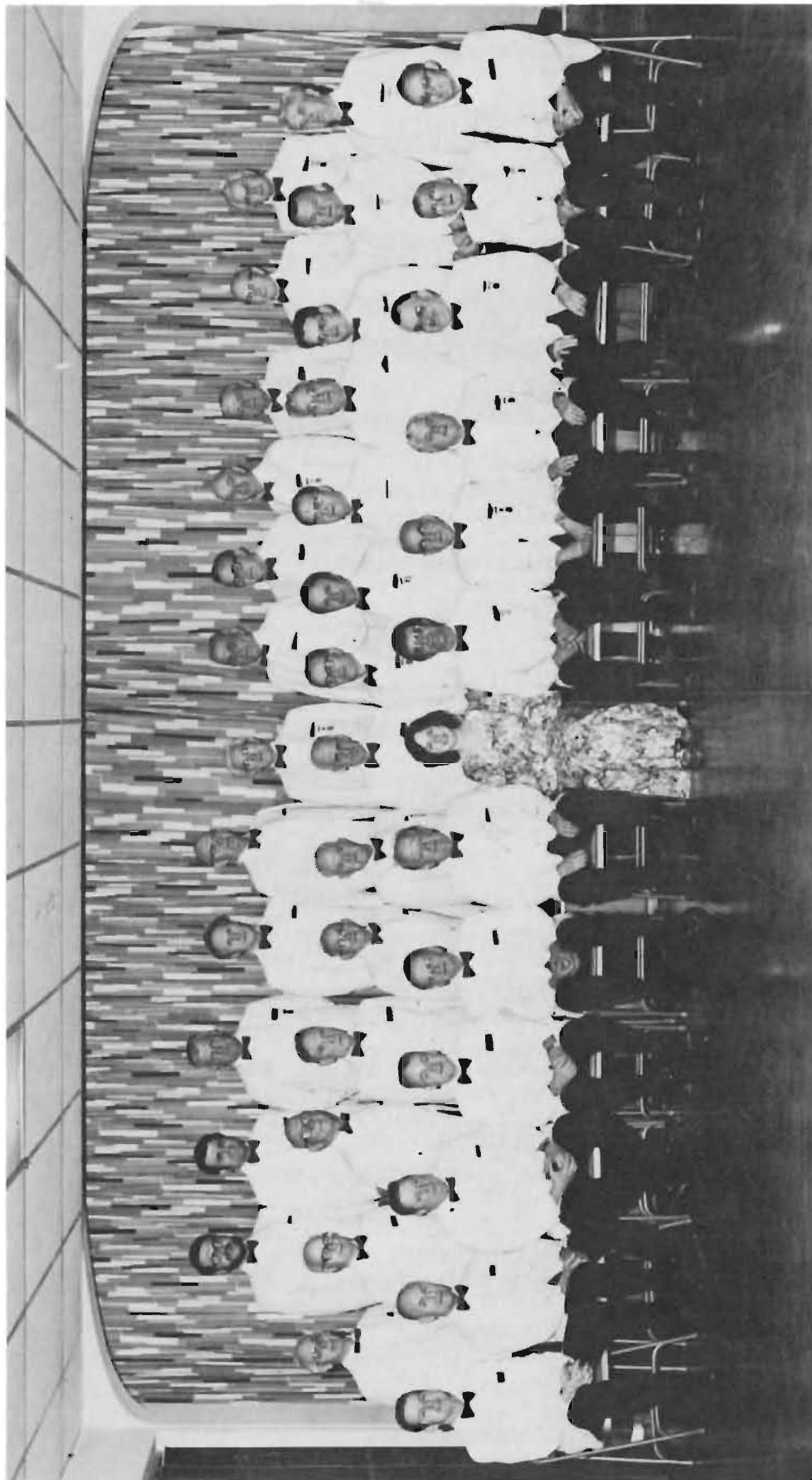
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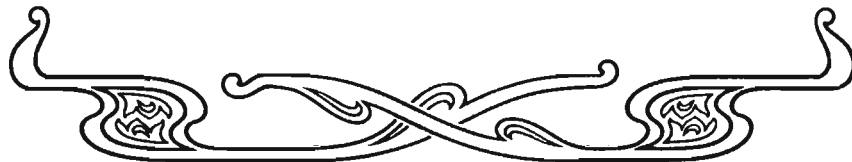
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HIL DIG, NORGE	Hail to thee, Norway.	FORWALD
"DANS!" ROPTEN FELEN	"Dance!" cried the fiddle.	HEISE
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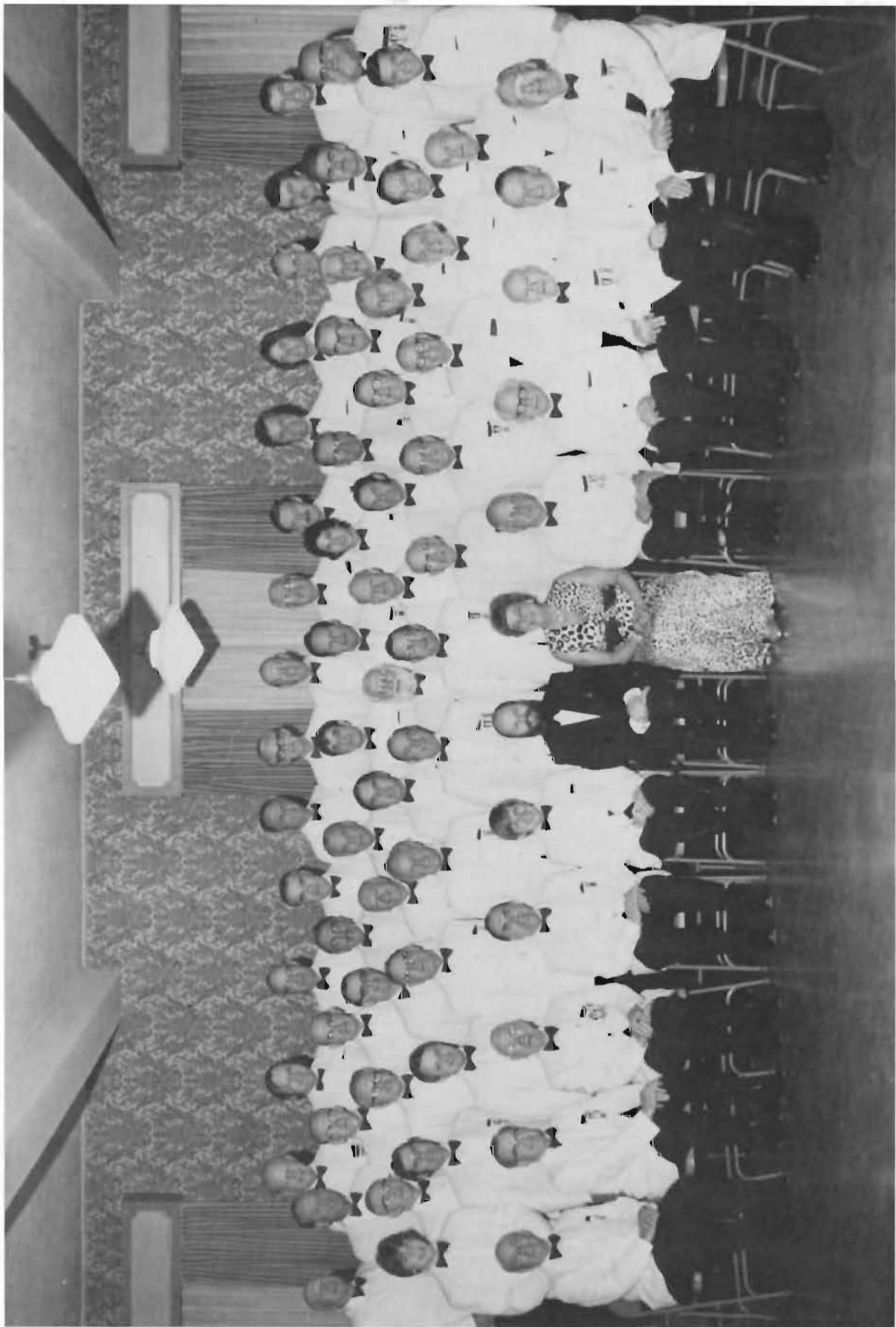
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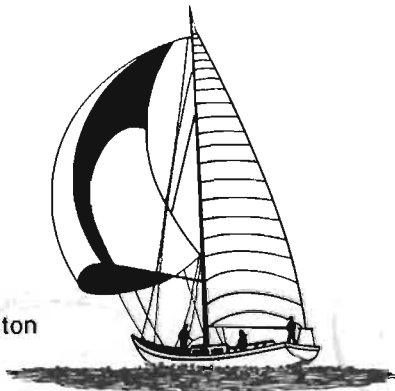
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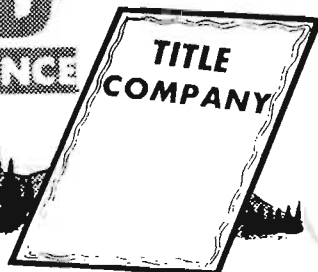
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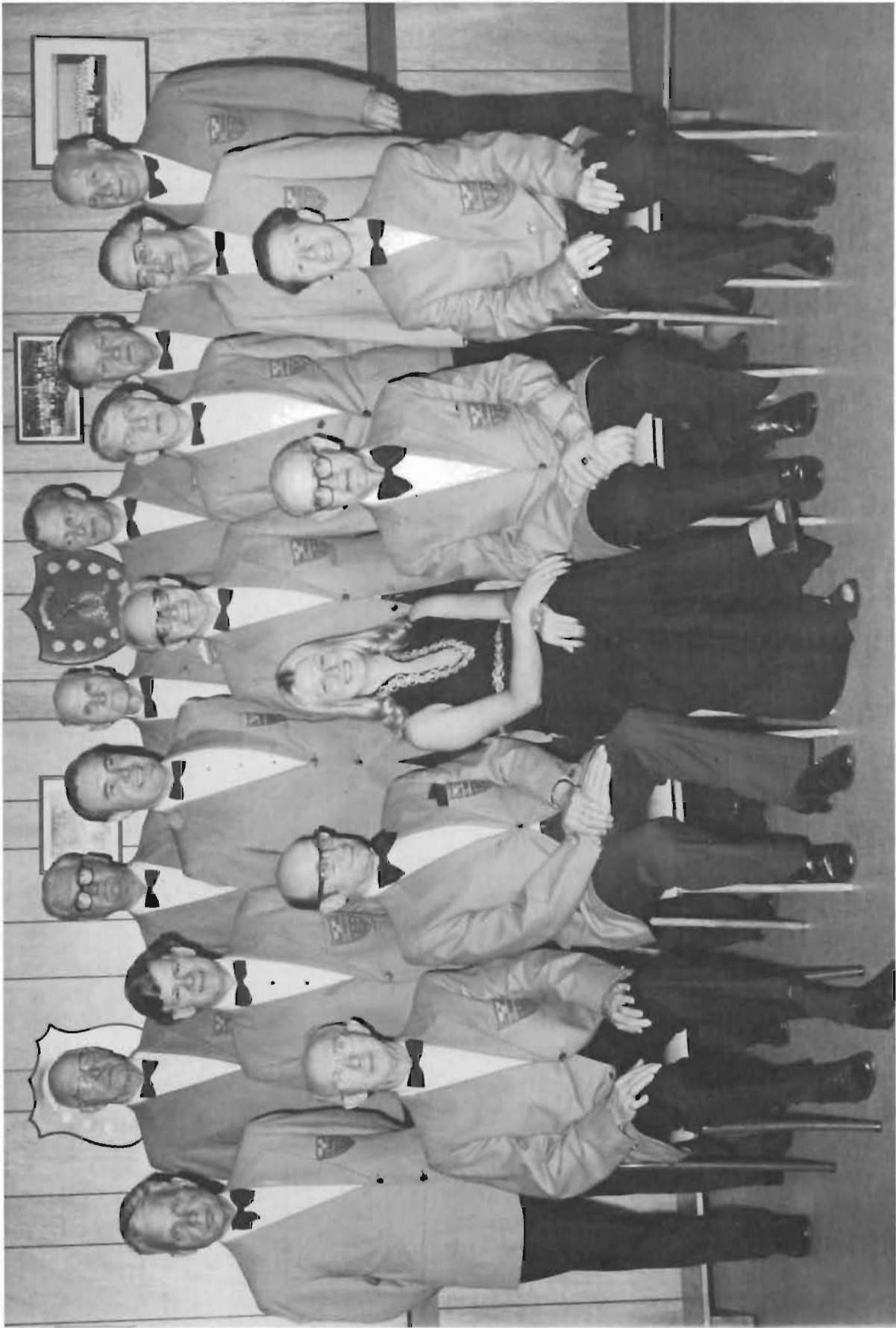
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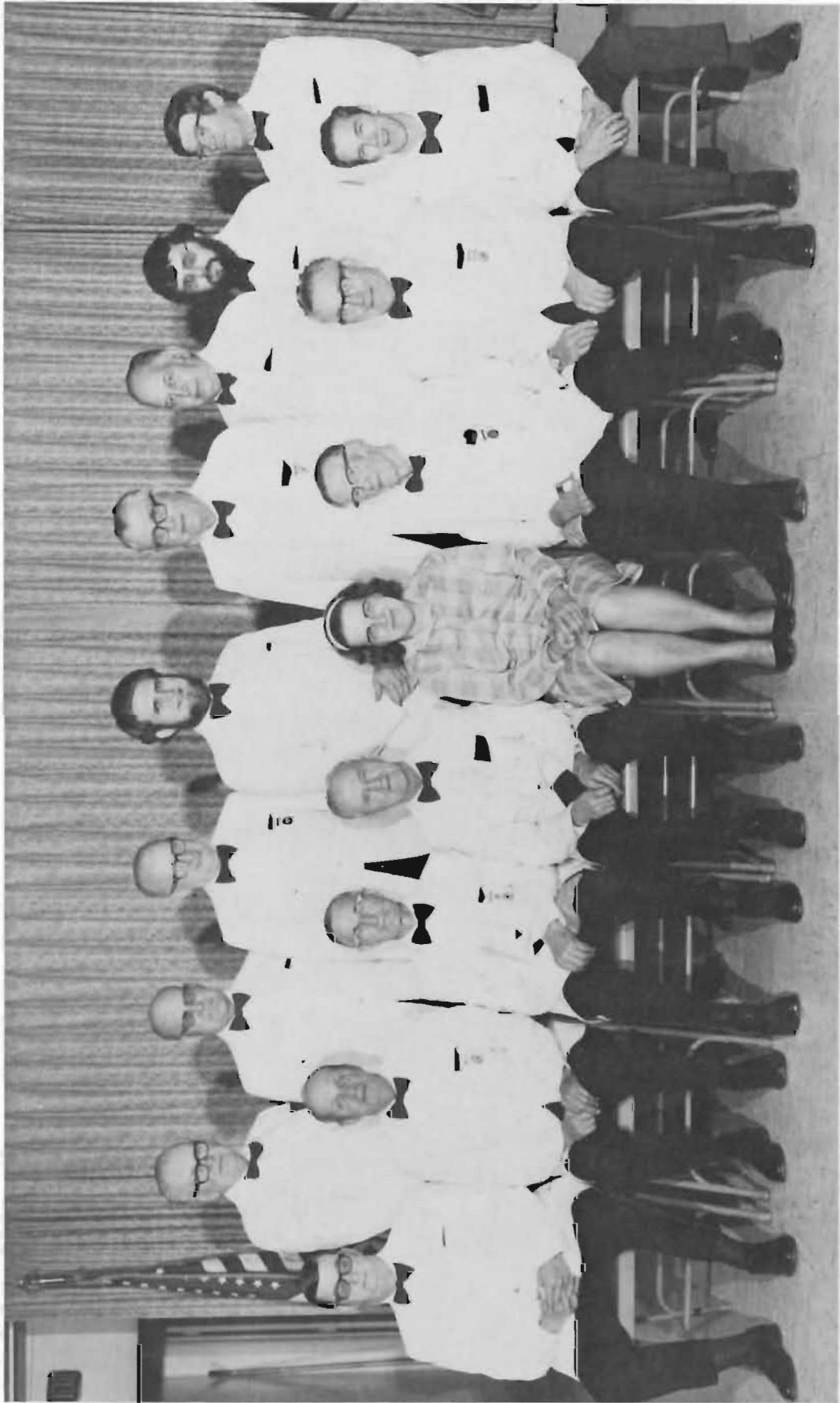
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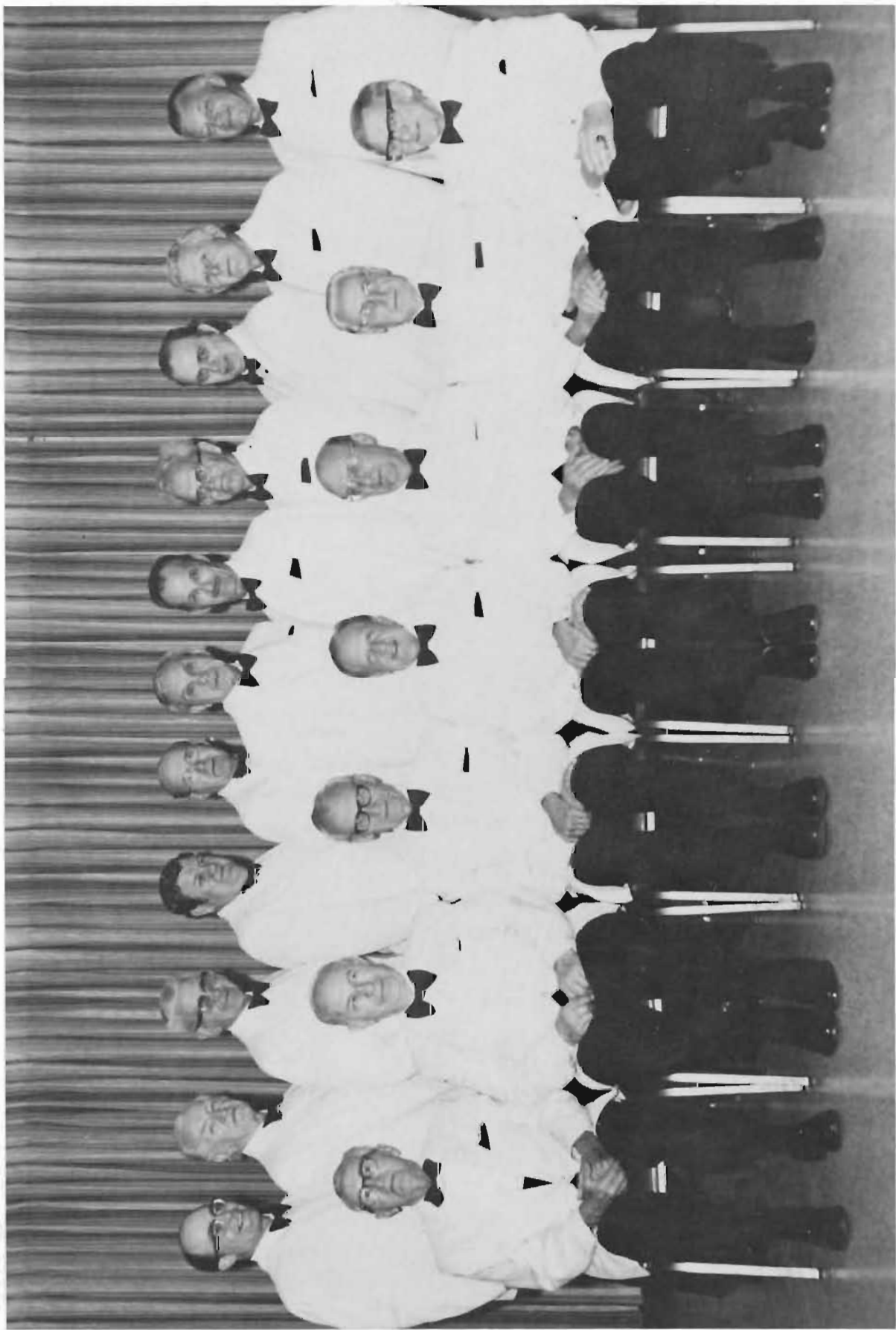
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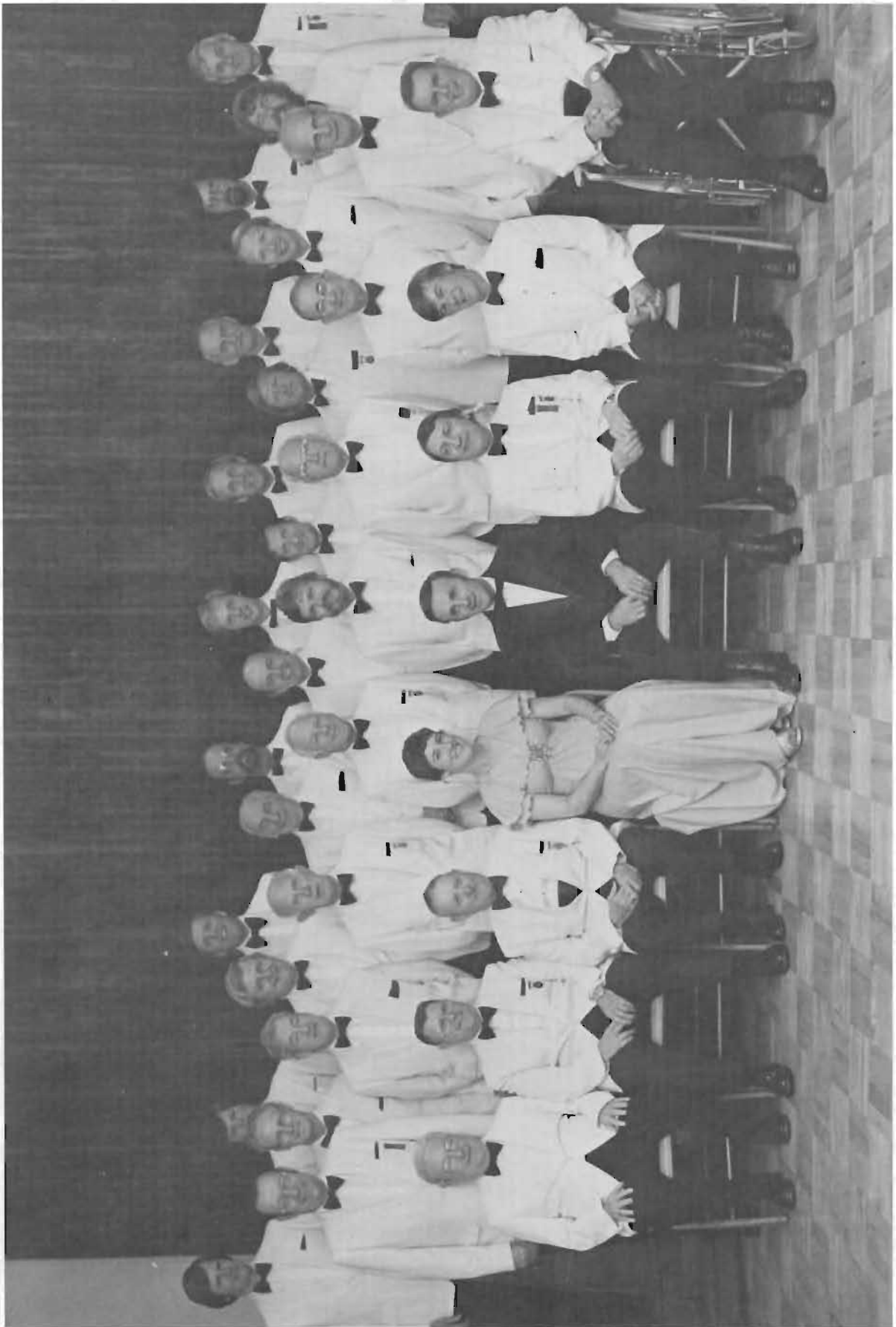
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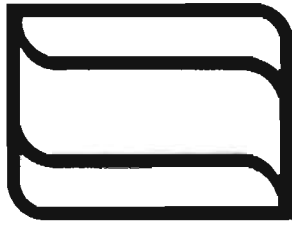
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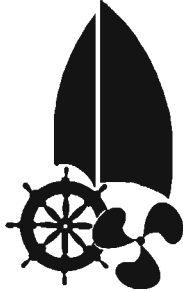
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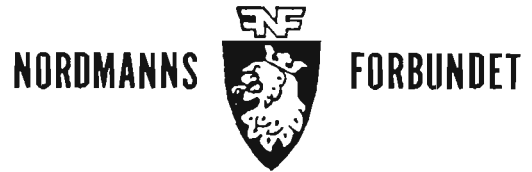


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10.	San Francisco	1915
11.	Bellingham	1916
12.	Seattle	1917
13.	Portland	1918
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15.	Grays Harbor	1920
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18.	Edison-Bellingham	1923
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35.	Seattle	1944
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58.	Eugene	1967
59.	Everett	1968
60.	Santa Monica-Los Angeles	1969
61.	Seattle	1970
62.	Tacoma	1971
63.	San Francisco	1972
64.	Vancouver, B.C.	1973
65.	Oakland	1974
66.	Seattle	1975
67.	Eugene	1976
68.	Everett	1977

## THE EVERETT NORWEGIAN MALE CHORUS

by

*Thoralf Storwick*

Herewith I reveal to you, it was organized in nineteen two,  
the first Sangerfest held at Everett in nineteen three,  
Has had its ups and downs, in societies many rounds, though  
consistently has it functioned we'll agree.  
Charter members now all gone, from second and third generation  
are they drawn, besides anyone who has a yen for singing,  
Universal are music and song, a human bond that's very strong,  
new life to each male chorus is it bringing.

John Oyan was the man, who first directed clan, then  
Rudolph Møller came up from Seattle once a week,  
Next Henry Ringman took baton, with enthusiastic response,  
as post of directing chorus, did he seek.  
Ringman in stature rather small, he was truly loved by all,  
winning personality that would draw anyone's attention,  
Director in chief he became, on the Coast all knew his name,  
he was always one of the boys, I here will mention.

When Ringman passed away, our chorus felt dismay, leaving  
a vacancy not easy to replace,  
Erling Espedal next in line, as assistant doing fine,  
through his job, oft at practice hard to trace.  
It wasn't until, Arnold Lunnum filled the bill, as temporary  
director gave consent,  
As near as I can tell, for about a five year spell, when  
back to Seattle chorus Arnold went.

As of now we progress make, under director William Blake,  
a gentleman, and leader who knows his stuff,  
Each note must be correct, disharmony does he detect, no  
chance for anyone to pull a bluff.  
Espedal still next in line, continuously doing fine, our  
membership more than holds its own,  
The fellowship is supreme, it has always been our scheme,  
with good directors much progress has been shown.

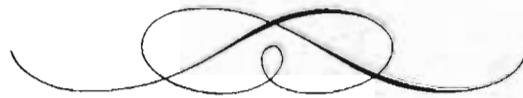
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