

Østerdalslaget Stevner

Year	Location	Dates	Status
1910	Fergus Falls, MN	18 Jun 1910	
1911	Minneapolis, MN	21-22 June, 1911	
1912	Fergus Falls, MN	17-18 June 1912	
1913	Fargo, ND	19-20 June, 1913	
1914	Minneapolis & Saint Paul, MN	16-17 May 1914	
1915	Fargo, ND	26-27 June 1915	
1916	Cumberland, WI	24-25 June 1916	
1917	Eau Claire, WI	14-15 June 1917	
1918	No Meeting / WWI		
1919	Minneapolis / Saint Paul, MN	27-29 June 1919	
1920	Superior, WI	28-29 June 1920	
1921	Spring Valley, WI & Detroit, MN & Minot, ND	SV: 16 & 17 May, 1921; Detroit: 18-19 June 1921; Minot: 24-26 June 1921	
1922	Alexandria, MN	1-2 July 1922	
1923	Fergus Falls, MN	15-17 June 1923	
1924	Cameron, WI	30 May -1 June 1924	
1925	Minneapolis and Saint Paul, MN	6-9 June 1925	
1926	Fargo, ND	11-13 June 1926	
1927	Fergus Falls, MN	26-27 June 1927	
1928	Spring Valley, WI & Winnipeg	SV: 15-17 June, 1928, Winnipeg: 7 July 1928	
1929	Stanley, WI	14-16 June 1929	
1930	Minneapolis, MN	10-12 June 1930	
1931	Fargo, ND	19-21 June 1931	
1932	Alexandria, MN	17-19 June 1932	
1933	Chicago, IL	22 June 1933	
1934	Fargo, ND	16-17 June 1934	
1935	Fergus Falls, MN	14-16 June 1935	
1936	Bemidji, MN	19-21 June 1936	
1937	Thief River Falls, MN	25-27 June 1937	
1938	Minneapolis, MN	17-19 June, 1938	
1939	Winger, MN	10-12 June 1939	
1940	Duluth, MN	28-30 June, 1940	
1941	Eau Claire, WI	27-29 June 1941	
1942	Winger, MN	26-28 June 1942	
1943	No Meeting / WWII		
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1946	Fergus Falls, MN	21-23 June 1946	
1947	Fargo, ND	13-15 June, 1947	
1948	Minneapolis, MN	25-27 June, 1948	
1949	Grand Forks, ND	24-26 June, 1949	
1950	Fergus Falls, MN	22-24 June 1950	
1951	Winger, MN	15-17 June 1951	
1952	Fargo, ND	27 (or 28)-29 June 1952	
1953	Minneapolis, MN	12-14 June 1953	Need Info
1954	Spring Valley, WI		Need Info
1955	Bemidji, MN	midten of Juli	Need Info
1956	Fergus Falls, MN	15-17 June, 1956	
1957	Fargo, ND	28-30 June, 1957	
1958	Duluth, MN	Dates not known	Need Info
1959	Winger, MN	19-20 June 1959	
1960	Fergus Falls, MN - 50 year jubilee	1-2 July, 1960	
1961	Was Stevne Held?		Need Info?
1962	Was Stevne Held?		Need Info?

I have searched the Bemidji and Fosston papers for the 1955 Stevne, the Duluth papers for the 1958 Stevne, and the 1953 Minneapolis papers for the 1953 Stevne - no luck.

I do not believe that the papers have been checked yet for the 1954 Stevne in Spring Valley, WI (My mistake in originally thinking it was Spring Valley, MN)

It may be worth looking in the Decorah Posten for some of the 1950s Stevner that I have not been able to locate information on. Those issues are not available at the MN Historical Society.

OSTERDALSLAG

Reunion of Former Residents of Osterdal Being Held Here— National Gathering.

The Osterdalslag, a reunion of the former residents of Osterdal, which lies along the Glommen river, the largest stream in Norway, is in progress here today. This is the first meeting and is called for the purpose of organizing a national society. Fully seventy five are present from Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and other states, besides a large number from this locality.

The visitors held a brief meeting Saturday morning to map out a program for the day. It was decided to visit the insane hospital immediately after noon, and at 3 o'clock, a business meeting is to be held for the purpose of perfecting an organization. A banquet is to be held this evening, followed by addresses by N. T. Moen, Senator Sageng, Rev. T. H. Eggen, editor of Lutherannen, of Minneapolis, Attorney Osberg of Valley City, N. D. and others.

Osterdølerne.

Lørdag var Osterdølernes Dag, og de kom i større Tal end nogen turde vente. Her var mødt frem, foruden de som bor i Byen og nær til, Osterdøler fra Michigan, Syd og Nord Dakota, og mange forskjellige Dele af Minnesota. Ved 10-Tiden samlede ca. et hundrede paa Hinken og ordnede Dagens Program. Indtil Kl. 2 Eftm. bestjæstige man sig med at møde gamle Bekjendte, fiske nye Bekjendtskaber og besøge Byen. Interessant var det, at høre Folk som ikke havde set hinanden paa 20-30 Aar mødes. Som et Exempel kan nævnes, at en fremragende Musikant, Mr. Holemo fra Ironwood, Mich., traf og gjenkjendte Mrs. Brand fra Dalton i hvis Bryllup han spillede for 35 Aar siden.

Kl. 3 Eftm. holdtes Organisationsmøde. Senator Sageng, Rev. Th. Eggen og Paul A. Stortroen udnævntes til Konstitutionskomite. Over et hundrede tegnede sig som Medlemmer af „Laget“. Det Forslag som de andre „Lag“ har antaget, om en fælles 17de Mai-Fest i 1914 blev tilfæmt. Prof. Wollan bragte en Hilsen fra Trønderlaget. Som Bestyrelse valgtes: Formand, N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls; Vice-Formand, Rev. Th. Eggen, Minneapolis, Sekretær, Ole Hoiberg, Kathay, N. D.

Kl. 7 satte 140 Osterdøler sig ned til et Maaltid af norske Retter. Derefter blev et velordnet Program udført. Mr. Holemo og Miss Glorvigen underholdt med udmærket Instrumental Musik.

En Mandss-Sertette og Mrs. P. A. Stortroen opvarte med velklingende Sang. Rev. Th. Eggen talte meget interessant over „Osterdølernes Karakter“. Senator Sageng skildrede Osterdølernes Del i Amerikanske Politit med

sin vanlige Veltalenhed og Advokat Disberg og andre talte haade gemtyktigt og alvorligt om Osterdølerne i haade gammel og ny Historie. Kl. 11 bragtes det første Osterdøls-Stevne tilende under Følelsen af, at have haft et meget hyggeligt og vellykket Møde. Det næste Stevne holdes i Minneapolis.

Osterdølslagets Opsang.

(E. E. Løbeck.)

Nu vi Osterdøler samlet er til Lag
Mod vi altid have — og Magten,
Naar i gamle Da'r der blev et Rindbetag
Sik vi holde Grænssevagten.
Kom en Fiende for nær til Norges Land,
Lyste straks paa Storehjugets Vardens
Brand.

Var det saa til Slag

Sik vi paa med Brag —

Jo — vi kunde holde Takten.

Under Stenen hviler vore Fæders Ben,
Men vi eier store Minder.

I fra Røroskanten ned til Fredriksten
Bore Fæders Hjem vi finder.

Der de bygget, svalt og brød op Ur og
Li,

Stundom hilste de paa Bamphen i sit Hi.

Laget efter Elg

Over Stup og Svælg

Stod paa Ski fra Fjeldets Tinder.

Sprede har vi været her i dette Land,
Men nu reises Samlingsmærket

Og her mødes vi fra Sletter, Skog og
Strand

Korat lægge Haand paa Bærket.

Vi vil være fremst i Dagens store Strid,

Vi vil løfte os i Hvide med vor Tid;

Vi har Mod i Brytt

Til en Alvorsdyft

Hurra! Op med Samlingsmærket.

Stort Stevne.

Ofterdølerne, som holdt sit første Møde her sidste Juni havde sit andet Stevne i Minneapolis Onsdag og Torsdag sidste. Af Beretningerne om dette Stevne i de store engelske Dagblade, slutter vi, at Ofterdølerne var vel fremmødte og havde et nok saa interessant Møde.

Onsdag Eftermiddag brugtes til Forretningsmøde. Af Embedsmændenes Rapporter fremgik det, at Medlemsantallet var betydeligt forøget og Financerne i god Orden. Konstitution og Lovlove blev antaget og følgende blev valgt til Embedsmænd for kommende Aar:

Formand, R. T. Moen, Fergus Falls; Viceformand, Rev. E. H. Eggen, Minneapolis; Hon. E. E. Løbed, Alexandria; Rev. D. E. Nelson, Merrifield, Wis.; Sekretær og Kassierer, D. Høiberg, Kathryn, N. D. Samme Aften holdtes Banket i „Arc Auditorium“ hvor omkring 500 Ofterdøler spiste Fiskegrødt og Gammeloft, drak Kjøernes mælk og Kaffe og lyttede til et vel ordnet og interessant Program. Hølemo fra Michigan var der med sin „Tale“, et Mandstor gav tilbede flere af Nordens kjønneste Sange og en Ofterdølsjente høstede Bisulb med sit Pianospil. Past. E. H. Eggen var „Coastmaster“ og holdt Velkomsttalen, som blev svaret paa af Lagets Formand. Dernæst kom Hon. E. E. Løbed, som holdt den egentlige Fæsttale. Med eiendommelig Enthusiasm og Veltalenhed stildrede ham vort Folks Karakter og Historie og lagde særlig Vægt paa, hvor nyttigt det er, at den norskfælgdom lærer sine Fædres Sprog.

Prof. Behlen fra Stillwater, Formand for Valbris Samfund var tilstede og paa Opfordring holdt han en Tale paa „sjele“ Valbris som vakte megen Munterhed. Tilslut talte Pastor Osby.

Torsdag Formiddag var der atter Forretningsmøde. Laget tilfremte den pantsatte store 17de Mai Fæst, som skal holdes i Løvingsbyerne i 1914 og valgte R. T. Moen som Medlem af Fælles-Komite for at underhandle om Udgiøvelsen af et Fælles-Organ.

Paa Eftermiddag drog man i Flok og Følge til Minnehaha Park hvor Liden blev brugt til at beskue det poetiske Landskab og mange andre Seværdigheder saavel som at samtale om gammelt

OSTERDALSLAGET

Notable Reunion Opened in the City
Hall at 10:30 O'clock Monday
Morning

Address of Welcome by Mayor Nelson—Business Meeting and
Banquet This Afternoon

The annual "Stevne" of the Osterdalslaget, the reunion of the Norwegian Americans who came from Osterdalen, Norway, opened in this city Monday forenoon. The gathering is a national affair, and many delegates have come from long distances. Fully one hundred and fifty are in attendance in all, and this number would have been very largely increased but for the cold wet weather. The weather is the only unfavorable feature of the gathering, but it is going to interfere to some extent with the outside events planned.

The gathering convened in the city hall at 10:30 a. m. and was welcomed to the city by Mayor Nelson in a brief and appropriate address. The mayor informed them that he could not turn over the city's keys to the visitors as there had been four mayors during April—Anderson, McBride, Butler and himself, and some of the others had evidently kept the keys. Anyway, they had never been turned over to him, but he extended a hearty welcome, and assured the gathering of the good wishes of the entire city.

The secretary, Mr. O. Hoiberg, of Kathryn, N. D., made a fitting response, and the balance of the forenoon was spent in renewing old acquaintances.

This afternoon, the visitors are to be taken for an automobile ride about the city, and at 4 o'clock, the business session is to be held and officers are to be elected. This meeting takes place at the Park Region Luther college, and will be followed immediately by a banquet, tendered the guests and citizens generally. Norwegian dishes are to be served at the banquet, and toasts and music will follow.

The arrangements are in charge of P. A. Stortroen, M. T. Nelson, P. P. Bjerken, Oliver Olson, O. J. Hagen, T. O. Udbye, H. Koppang, and Peder Udbye, of Fergus Falls, and K. H. Brandvold, J. A. Stortroen and L. T. Nelson, of Dalton.

ENJOYABLE REUNION

Reunion of People From Osterdalen,
Norway, Proves a Most Enjoyable
Event.

Automobile Ride, Banquet, Music,
Speeches, and a Picnic Constitute the Program.

The Osterdalslaget, the reunion of the people who came originally from Osterdalen, Norway, will come to a close in this city this afternoon.

The business session of the gathering was held at the Park Region Luther college Monday afternoon, followed by a banquet at 6:30 p. m. A splendid meal had been prepared, including a large number of favorite dishes of Norway, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. About 200 sat down to the well laden tables.

A recess was then taken until 8 p. m. when a program of speeches and music was enjoyed, including an address by Hon. E. E. Lobeck, of Alexandria.

Tuesday forenoon, another business meeting was held, at which various affairs of interest to the society were discussed, and dinner was served at the college at noon.

A picnic was enjoyed on the river banks near the college in the afternoon and a visit to the state hospital and a tour of inspection of its various wards will be the closing feature of the afternoon.

The officers elected are:

President, N. T. Moen, city.

Vice president, Rev. Th. Eggum, Minneapolis

Second vice president, Hon. E. E. Lobeck, Alexandria.

Third vice president, K.H. Brandvold, Dalton.

Secretary and treasurer, O. Hoiberg, Kathryn, N. D.

The place for holding the next reunion has not yet been determined, and will be left to the officers. It will be either in Minneapolis, Fargo or Fergus Falls and there is a strong sentiment in favor of again meeting in this city.

The automobile drive about the city Monday afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed. About fourteen automobiles were on hand, and the ride added much to the pleasure of the reunion.

Osterdølernes tredje Stevne.

Allerede i Slutningen af sidste Uge begyndte Osterdølerne at komme til Byen forat bivaane Osterdølsklaget's tredje Stevne og ved Søndags Eftermiddag var mellem 60 og 70 Osterdøler ankomne langvejs fra. Mandagsmorgen var Antallet forøget saaat ved Stevnets Begyndelse i City Hall, var der omkring 125 staute „Døler“ samlet, der mødte hinanden med kraftige Haandtryk og et hjærteligt „Tak for Gist“.

Det gjør en amerikansk Morffe godt at se disse ældre norffødte, som kommer til disse Stevner møde hinanden igjen efter kanske mange, mange Aars Adskillelse siden de forlod sin Hjembygd i det Høie Nord. Efter at have hilst hinanden „velmødt“, blev Stevnet kaldt tilorden ved Afhyngelsen af „Ja vi elsker dette Landet, som det stiger frem.“

Lagets Formand bød „Dølerne“ velkommen til Stevne og introducerede Byens norffe Mayor, der i Byens Navn bød Laget velkommen og lovede at gjøre alt der stod i hans Magt forat de Besøgende kunde faa en hyggelig Tid under sit Ophold her.

Mayor Nelsons Tale høstede stærkt Bifald og alle Tilstedeværende følte at Fergus Falls er ikke bare den skønneste By i den skønne Park Region, men de amerikanske Osterdølernes skønneste og bedste Stevnested. Her blev Osterdølsklaget baade undfanget og født og her finder det sin bedste Pleie.

Da Lagets Formand tilhører Fergus Falls, var det mest passende at en Fremmed gav Svartalen paa Lagets Vegne, og dertil blev Lagets Sekretær, D. Spiberg, udlaaret, som nok forstod at gjøre det paa en anslaaelig Maade.

Efterat have ordnet og forkyndt Stevnets Program, har det afledt i

forffjellige Afdelinger til Hoteller, hvor Middag var forud bestilt. En god Middag giver almindelig godt Humør og dette kom ogsaa tilsyne hos Osterdølernes. Man faa dem i Grupper her og der og der manglede ikke paa lystig Pasfjar, der helst var henlagt til Erfaringer nedtegnet i Mindebogen. Klotten 2. Eftermiddag kom Byfolk med sine moderne Kjøremaskiner og det største Osterdølstog, som nogen Gang har været at se i Amerika, jattes igang fra City Hallen. Dette var en stor Fornøjelse for de Fremmede og efterat have gjort en Rundtur til Statshospitalet, rundt Lake Alice, og andre Seværdigheder i vor skønne By tog man Kursen mod Park Region College, hvor „Juristerne“ steg af og hvor man hørte Bemærkninger fra saamange Munde, at man var forundret over hvilken stor og skøn By vi har her. Mange var her fra Dakotaerne og andre Steder, hvor Landskabet er ensformigt og det var en hel Nydelse for disse at bestue de mange omvekslende Scenerier som vi har her.

Mod firetiden var der en gemtylig Skare samlet ved Park Region College, hvor Laget samledes til det aarlige Forretningsmøde i Collegets prægtige Auditorium. Det kan her bemærkes at Osterdølernes var meget uheldige hvad Veiret angaar. En hel Mængde blev hindret i at komme paagrund deraf. De tre sidste Dage af forrige Uge havde vi mere eller mindre Regn og paa Lørdag, naar en hel Del var i Begreb med at begynde Rejsen til Fergus Falls, var der Styrterejn og Veiene blev næsten ufremkommelige. Dertil var det saa koldt og ubehageligt at man maatte gaa med Overfrakter paa forat holde sig varm. Endog paa Mandag var Solen gjemt bag mørke Skyer den hele Dag. Trods alt dette var der mødt frem ca. 150 „Døler“, der søgte at trække det sure, kolde nedtrykkende Veir med godt Humør og blide Miner. (Fortætted.)

OSTERDAL LAGET WILL END TODAY

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

President—Judge N. T. Moen,
Fergus Falls.
Vice Presidents—K. Brandvold,
Dalton, Minn.; E. E. Lobeck,
Alexandria, Minn.; T. H. Egen,
Minneapolis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Ole Hol-
berg, Kathryn, N. D.

All the officers of the Osterdal Laget were re-elected for another year at this morning's business session, the proceedings of which were conducted in Norwegian.

A large crowd is assembled to attend the meetings of the convention and everyone is pleased with the hospitality of Fargo. About 300 delegates and their wives are in attendance.

The business sessions are being held in the Sons of Norway hall on North Broadway, though yesterday morning the members went out to the agricultural college where they listened to addresses by Dean Sheppard and Prof. C. B. Waldron.

In the afternoon Mayor Emery delivered an address of welcome, a reply to which was made by Judge Moen, the president of the association.

At yesterday's sessions it was decided to participate in the big Norwegian centennial celebration at Minneapolis and St. Paul on May 17, 1914, which will mark the 100th anniversary of the independence of Norway.

Another chief feature of the convention last night was the general support voted to give the permanent memorial fund to be donated to the suffering which will be used for the relief of sufferers of flood, fire, famine and other disasters and calamities in the fatherland.

A big banquet was held last night at the Knights of Columbus hall, about 500 sitting down at the festive board. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Orpheus Singing society, and Professor Holmoe of Ironwood, Mich. Addresses were made in Norwegian by the leading spirits of the convention, including H. H. Aaker and Peter Myrvoid, both of Fargo.

This afternoon the entire membership of the society took a trolley for Dilworth, where they were shown about the railroad shops for several hours.

The concluding session will be held at the Sons of Norway hall tonight.

Stevne in Fargo, North Dakota
19 - 20 June 1913



Østerdalslag Participants at the 1913 Stevne in Fargo, North Dakota

Österdölsstevne.

Österdölslagets näste Stevne afholdes paa Fairgrunden mellem St. Paul og Minneapolis Lørdag den 16de Mai Kl. 10 Formiddag, i Forbindelse med den store tre Dages 17de Maifest. Det nordøstlige Hjørne af den store "Machinery Hall" blir Österdölsernes Hovedkvarter gjennem de tre Dage. Stal nævne lidt af Lørdagsprogrammet. Kl. 9:30 blir der Flugt af en Flyvemaskine. Fra 10 til 12 møder Lagene i særskilte Stevner. Kl. 1:30 Forretningsmøde. Kl. 3 kommer to vældige Processioner fra Twillingbyerne og alle Bygdelag staar i samlet Række og modtar dem. Kl. 4 er der Besøg Lagene mellem. Kl. 6 har vort Lag Fællesmaaltid, Pris 50 Cts. Storaarten Program ved "Grand Stand" om Aftenen. Forresten Musik og fornøielig Underholdning hele Dagen.

Nu er det om at gjøre at faa talrigt Fremmede. Kan vi ikke opvise mindst 1000 Österdöler paa Lørdag Formiddag? Husk, at vi aldrig mere oplever et saadant Jubilæumsaar. Lad os som Österdöler ikke faa tilstamme. Kom til vort Stevne paa Lørdag og lad os indta vor Plads blandt den myldrende Skare af Lagmænd som da samles. Men hør nu. Forat kunne ordne for vort fælles Maaltid Lørdagsaften, maa vi vide hvormange kommer. Skriv derfor straks til Hr. E. H. Breen, 111 South 11th Str., Minneapolis, som venligst har paatat sig at ordne med dette. Saa en Ting til. Vi har besluttet at udsætte med Udgibelsen af vort "Mindestrift" til efter den 17de. Hensigten dermed er, at vi agter at gjøre det til et Jubilæumsnummer og give alle Österdöler Anledning at indtegne sine Navne. Et Antal Eksemplarer sendes til hver Bygd i Österdölen som Jubilæumsminde fra Österdölslaget. Et Eksemplar gives frit til hvert Medlem af Laget der har betalt sin Kontingent. For nu at faa dette "Mindestrift" fra Trykken saa fort som muligt, hør alle som vil bli Medlemmer af Laget og ønsker at faa sine Navne deri, straks melde sig til Sekretæren. Opgiv fuldt Navn, nuværende Opholdssted og hvorfra i Norge, og tillige sende 50c i Medlemsafgift. Damerne melder sig frit. Lad os nu faa mindst 1000 Navne i dette "Mindestrift". Bore Folk i Österdölen vil læse det med stor Interesse. Lad hvert enkelt Medlem af Laget faa indteqnet mindst et Medlem til før den 16de.

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Kathryn, N. D.

Stevne in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota
16 - 17 May 1914

Translation of Article on Previous Page, by Torill Steivang

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Østerdølstevne.

Østerdalslaget's next Stevne will be arranged at the Fairground between St. Paul and Minneapolis Saturday the 16th May at 10 a.m., on the occasion of the big three days 17th May celebration. The northeastern corner of the large "Machinery Hall" will be Østerdølene's headquarters through the three days. Will mention some of the Saturday program. At 9:30, "The Escape of an Aeroplane". From 10 to 12 the lags will meet for separate stevnes. At 1:30 business meeting. At 3 there will be two large processions from the Twin Cities and all of the bygdelags will stand together in a row to receive them. At 4 visiting between the lags. At 6 our Lag has our joint meal, price 50 Cts. Splendid program by "Grand Stand" in the evening. Also music and amusing entertainment all day long.

Now it is important to get a numerous attendance. Can't we show at least 1000 østerdøler on Saturday morning? Remember, we will never again experience an anniversary like this. Let us, as østerdøler, not make a fool of ourselves. Come to our Stevne on Saturday and let us take our seat among the swarming crowd of lag members that will be gathering. But listen now. To be able to arrange for our joint meal on Saturday evening, we need to know how many will appear. Therefore, immediately write to Mr. Th. P. Breen, 111 South 11th Str., Minneapolis, who kindly has taken on this job. One more thing. We have decided to put off the publishing of our "Mindeskraft" until after the 17th. The intention with that is, we intend to make it an Anniversary issue and give all of the Østerdøler the opportunity to sign their names. A number of copies will be sent to every village in Østerdalen as an anniversary memorial from Østerdalslaget. One copy will be given for free to each member of the lag who has paid his/her member fee. Now to get this "Mindeskraft" from the printing works as soon as possible, everyone who wants to become a member of the lag and wishes to get their name there, should immediately notify the secretary. Please state full name, present address and wherefrom in Norway, and send 50c member fee. Ladies join for free. Let us now get at least 1000 names in this "Mindeskraft". Our people in Østerdalen will read it with great interest. Let every lag member sign up with at least one additional member before the 16th.

Sincerely,

N. T. Moen, Chair,
Fergus Falls, Minn.

O. Høiberg, Secretary and Treasurer,
Kathryn, N.D.

Til Østerdøler!

Østerdalslagets 6te Stævne afholdes i Fargo den 26de og 27de Juni.

Programmet er nu ordnet. Lørdag 26de Kl. 10, Velkomstmøde paa Sønnen af Norge Hall. Kl. 12, Fællesmaaltid ved Oak Grove Seminar. Kl. 2 Eftermiddag, Forretningsmøde i nævnte Skoles Forsamlingshal. Kl. 6, Fællesmaaltid sammesteds. Kl. 8 Aften, Hyggemøde paa S. af N. Hall.

Søndag 27de: Prof. A. J. Nasgaard, Præsident af Concordia College, prædiker i Fargo Auditorium. Søndag Eftermiddag Kl. 2½: Stort Friluftsmøde i Oak Grove Park, Senator Ole Sageng fra Dalton, Prof. D. G. Ristad fra Park Region College, Ferguson Falls og andre fremragende Talere vil optræde. Kl. 8 Aften: Afslutningsfest paa S. af N. Hall.

God Musik og Sang ved alle Møder. Violinisten, Prof. M. Solemo fra Ironwood, Mich., kommer. Sang af Mandkor og Solister.

Nu maa alle Østerdøler bestemme sig til at komme og melde sig til Sekretæren strax.

R. T. Moen, Formand.
D. Høiberg, Sekretær,
Kathryn, N. D.

Tomorrow Will Be Busy Day For Norsemen in Fargo

Tomorrow will be the final day of Norse week in Fargo. Norsemen are arriving in the city from all directions to take part in the festivities of the closing day of the most successful annual gathering held in Norwegian circles in many years. All arrangements for Sunday's program have been completed and nothing will be left undone by those in charge to make the last day of the convention the most successful of the whole week.

Two Lags Today.

The Tronderlaget and the Osterdalslaget were the only two lags holding meetings in Fargo today. Consul Sigurd Hanger of Yankton, S. D., opened the Tronderlaget, of which he is president, at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the auditorium with several hundred Norsemen in attendance. It was a notable gathering and one of the best during the week. Late this afternoon the officers for the coming year will be chosen and the resolutions passed.

At the Sons of Norway hall this afternoon the opening meeting of the Osterdalslaget was held with an attendance of nearly 200. T. E. Moen of Fergus Falls, president of this lag, delivered the opening address and welcomed the Norsemen to Fargo. This lag will close its annual meeting tonight with the election of officers and the transaction of other important business matters.

Fargo Gets Next Meet.

The Sigdalslaget closed the most successful meeting of its history yesterday afternoon at the Fargo auditorium, with the passing of the annual resolutions and the selecting of next year's meeting place, which was named for Fargo. Nearly 500 Norsemen were present at this meeting.

Local Man Talks.

The principal address at the closing session of the Totenslaget yesterday afternoon was given by Peter Myrvold, editor of The Fargo Fram. The final gathering of the Totenslaget in Fargo this year was held at the Sons of Norway hall, in the form of a splendid banquet, last evening. The feast was served to between 250 and 300 and was followed by excellent addresses from several of the prominent Norsemen present.

Resolutions Passed.

Before closing yesterday afternoon, the Sigdalslaget and the Mjosenlaget adopted the following resolutions, expressing their thanks to the Fargo city commission, the citizens of Fargo, the

Norse society, the hotels, the homes and the press for the generous hospitality shown them.

Expressions of Appreciation.

"Be it resolved by Mjosenlaget in annual convention assembled that we are sincerely mindful of all courtesies and the generous hospitality extended to our society during this convention and hereby beg leave to express our most grateful appreciation of this by tendering our sincere thanks to the City Commission of Fargo, the Norse Society and the Commercial club. We also tender our sincere thanks to Hon. A. M. Christianson, Hon. Smith Stimmel, Peer O. Stromme, Waldemar Ager, and Alfred Gabrielson.

"Special thanks are due and hereby extended to Professor J. G. Halvand and Peter Myrvold for their untiring efforts in making our meeting a success and our stay enjoyable also to The Fargo Forum, The Fram, and The Courier-News for their generous support and reliable reports of our proceedings.

"Committee on resolutions: T. J. Hagen, Olav A. Krisgaard, and Otto K. Hjermstad."

Expressions From Sigdalslaget.

Resolutions adopted, F. F. Gronvold, M. E. Bergerud, and H. W. Braatellen, committee appointed by Sigdalslaget, are as follows:

"Whereas the city of Fargo, North Dakota, through its city commission and its citizens did generously donate to the Sigdalslag the use of its large and handsome auditorium for the meeting of this lag and did in various ways assist in making the fifth annual meeting of the Sigdalslag, at Fargo, June 24 and 25, 1915, a success, and

"Whereas the Norse society of Fargo, did use its good offices in behalf of said lag,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Sigdalslag in meeting assembled at time and place aforesaid, that we express our thanks to all those who assisted us and we wish to especially thank the city of Fargo, its city commission and the citizens and the said orders aforesaid for all their aid and assistance, which so materially aided the Sigdalslag in making this—its fifth annual convention—the best and largest ever assembled, a success, and"

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be by the secretary of this lag spread upon the minutes, and copies of the same sent to the city commission of Fargo, and to the newspapers of the city with the request that this resolution be printed."

Osterdalsstevne at Cumberland

Norwegian Reunion to Be Held
Here on the 24th and
25th of June.

A grand reunion of immigrants from three Norwegian colonies near the Swedish border will be held in Cumberland on June 24 and 25. These reunions are an annual affair and have heretofore been held in Minnesota and the Dakotas. This year there seemed to be a general desire to hold the reunion in Wisconsin and through the kind representations of Amund Moen of Comstock, Cumberland was designated as the place. A number of members of the organization live in the vicinity of Comstock and many persons eligible to membership are residents of Northwestern Wisconsin so that a large attendance is anticipated. Mr. Moen estimates the number that may be expected at about 300 in addition to the local people. It is planned to hold business meetings and a banquet on Saturday, June 24, and to have services and addresses by celebrated persons on Sunday. In order to secure the meeting for Cumberland, the city officials guaranteed to furnish accommodations and to provide a band. To make good this guarantee the Mayor was instructed by the citizens meeting Monday evening to appoint two committees, one on General Arrangements and one Hotel Accommodations. On the former Lewis Larson, O. O. Owens and Claus Jacobson were appointed; on the latter Lew. Thomas, Tom O. Mason and Clarence Jacobson. It is understood that the Men's Society of Comstock Norwegian Lutheran church will also appoint a committee, which will co-operate with the above committees.

Norwegian Reunion Next Week.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the Osterdalsstevne, which will be held here on June 24th and 25th, are progressing nicely. The Opera House has been secured for the business meetings, which will be held Saturday forenoon and afternoon. The banquet Saturday evening will take place in the warehouse of the Northern Wisconsin Canning Company and the Comstock committee are planning a feast which ought to satisfy the most hungry. After dinner Saturday, the visitors will be given an auto or lunch ride, to view the beauties of the neighborhood. Good speaking and a picnic will be the features Sunday. The Island City Band will furnish music both Saturday and Sunday and a choir made up of singers of Norwegian descent will enliven the exercises.

As indications point to a large attendance, it will be necessary to procure every available room in the private residences of the city. In this matter of hospitality our citizens have never lagged, and it is hoped they will be especially generous on this occasion

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Osterdalsstevne This Week

Granted good weather, and Cumberland will be a busy place next Saturday and Sunday, if anything like the number anticipated attend the Osterdalsstevne which will be held here on those days. Arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visitors are nearing completion. The biggest job of the lot is the banquet Saturday night which is being looked after by a committee of the Men's Society of the Comstock church. The editor refrains from enumerating the good things to eat which they have provided in order not to arouse jealousy on the part of those not privileged to attend. The next largest job was to find enough autos to accommodate 300 or more people but O. O. Owens has secured about 75 which number can probably be increased a little if necessary. Arrangements have also been made to have in commission several launches which will show the beauties of Lake Beaver Dam. Huser's beautiful grove has been secured for the picnic Sunday afternoon, which promises to be one of the most enjoyable events of the meeting.

The program as nearly complete as possible, follows:

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 a. m., at the Opera House.

Opening address by the President Hon. N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, Minn.

Song—Ja vi elsker detta Landet—chorus.

Welcome on behalf of Cumberland—Mayor R. B. Hart.

Welcome on behalf of Osterdalerne—Rev. C. Amundsen.

Response—President N. T. Moen.

Business meeting till 11:30.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

Auto and launch ride. The autos will start at the Opera House and go east to the corner one mile east of Vermillion lake, thence south to the Bestlerton Cheese Factory, thence west to the Nels Johnson corner, thence south to C. Avery's, thence west to Comstock, and back to the Opera House.

Saturday, 4 p. m., at Opera House.

Business session.

Saturday, 7 p. m., at the warehouse of the Canning Factory.

Banquet. Tickets \$1:00 per plate, C. P. Tyvoll, Treasurer. Music by Island City Band.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m., at the Opera House.

Public worship, conducted in Norwegian by Rev. C. Amundsen. Special music has been arranged for the occasion.

Sunday afternoon at Huser's Grove on north shore of Lake Beaver Dam.

Picnic lunches for all who so desire may be purchased on the grounds. Launches will convey the visitors from the City Dock. In case of rain the exercises will be held in the warehouse of the canning factory. A program consisting of short speeches and music will be given. The Island City Band will furnish music.

Sunday, at 7 p. m., at the Opera House.

Short social session.

The auditorium of the public library will be open Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon and may be used as a rest room and social center. A committee will meet the guests at the depot and arrange for sleeping accommodations. If many as visitors come as is anticipated it will be necessary for our citizens to be generous in admitting strangers to their homes. A special request is made that all who have sleeping rooms which they can spare and have not already made arrangements with the committee for their use, notify Lew. Thomas or Clarence Jacobson before Friday night.

Osterdalslagets Stevne.

Osterdalslagets 8de Stevne blev afholdt i Eau Claire, Wis., den 14-15 Juni. Det var anden Gang dette Lag holdt Stevne i Wisconsin. I dette Strøg af Staten er der mange staute Østerdøler, og Eau Claire er en Minnernes By for mange ældre Døler som bor udover Nordvesten. Dette kom snart tilfjende under dette Stevne. Allerede Torsdag Formiddag var der ca omkring 200 Østerdøler som samlede i den rummelige Fournier Hall på Vest-siden af den gennem Byen rindende betjendte Chippewa Flod, og der blev snart en hel Del Snat at høre om Pioner-Dagene i Lømmersfogene omkring Byen, og i Sagmsløerne i Byen.

Byens Mayor, Mr. Barron, hilste Laget velkommen på Byens Vegne og Hr. Gaustad på Central Komiteens Vegne. Denne Centralkomite består af Representanter fra alle norske Menigheder og Foreninger i Byen, og var den som havde gjort Forberedelserne for dette Stevne. Og alt havde den i bedste Orden undtagen Veiret. Det var uhyggelig koldt og ruende og holdt mange fra at komme. De som havde lagt sine Overfrakter igjen hjemme, grebes af Kulbegysningen og gik i Anger og Muelse. Men Østerdølerne er jo haardsjøre, thi Kong Boreas bor jo på Thronfjeldet og lægger sit rimfrosne Stjæg over Østerdalens Bygder en stor Del af Aaret.

Omkring 150 var fremkommet allerede første Dags Formiddag. Ved Aftningen af Eftermiddags-sessjonen var en hel Del flere ankomne. Mange havde kjørt Langveis i Automobilet, og var blaa af Kulde naar de kom frem. Udover Eftermiddagen kom der flere efterhvert. Kl. 2½ mødte en hel Del af Byens Automobilet frem forat gik Dølerne en "Joy-ride" i og omkring Byen. Endel syntes dog at de ikke kunne faa nogen "Joy" udaf en saadan Styds på saa kold en Dag, og blev ikke med. De som blev med fik Anledning at se det vakre Landskab som ligger i nordøst fra Eau Claire og flere Partier af den sceneriske By. Som man

kjørt på den udmærkede Landevei som ligger til nordøst, og saa nedover Elvedalen, hvor den betjendte Chippewa River omringer flere Smaasøer, var det dem i Selskabet som blev mindet om Glommen i Storelvedalen, som den sees fra Koppanghammeren.

Tilbagekomne fra denne Lysttur, gik Laget i Forretnings-sessjon. Sekretærens, Kassererens og Formandens Indberetninger blev oplæst, hvoraf fremgik at alle Lagets Forretnings-sjaffører var i god Orden. Følgende Embedsmænd blev valgt for kommende Aar: Formand, N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls; Viceformand, Senator E. E. Lobeck, Alexandria; Ole Eide, Comstock, Wis., og D. Hoiberg, Kathryn, N. Dak., Sekretær og Kasserer; T. D. Udbye, 3505 10th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., Sagasriver, Eoen Stubson, River Falls, Wis. Det blev besluttet, at Laget udgir et nyt "Mindeskrift", hvori skal indbefattes de af N. T. Moen skrevne "Flyvende Blade" om sin Norgestur i 1914, en Skitse af Trysil-Pionerer skrevet af Senator Lobeck, Skitser fra forskellige Østerdalske Bygder, o. s. v., samt Navneliste af Lagets Medlemmer. Om et saadant Mindeskrift kan udgives, vil for endel bero på om Medlemmerne af Laget opbetaler sin Kontingent. De som ved sig skyldig, vil derfor snarest mulig henvende sig derom til Sekretæren.

Første Dags Aften var der et meget interessant Møde på N. W. C. A. Salen. En Mr. Barlett, fremviste en Række Billeder fra Stogslivet i Wisconsin. Disse Billeder var meget interessante, idet de gav de Yngre en

bedre Forstaaelse af det praktiske Stogsliv og vakte Mindet fra Ungdomsdagene hos mange af de Elbre. Der var ved Siden af ypperlig Violinspil af den af Østerdøler saa afholdte Musiker, Prof. W. Hølemo, fra Ironwood, Mich., og fortræffende Sang og Piano-spil af en liden Pige, Miss Edna Simonson fra Cameron, Wis., som sjen-synlig er et Geni på det musikalske Omraade. Hun er kun lit over 10 Aar gammel.

Senator Lobeck oplæste en velskreven Skitse af Trysilpionerer som slog sig ned i Douglas County i 60 og 70 Aarene.

Nu var omkring 300 Østerdøler ankomne.

Fredagsmorgen var atter Forretnings-sessjon. Veiret var nu blevet klart og behageligt. Det blev blandt andet besluttet at Laget slutter sig til det nylig af Lagene organiserede Fællesraad, og N. T. Moen og Ole Eide valgtes som Lagets 4 Representanter til det første Møde af nævnte Fællesraad, som afholdes i November.

Paagrund af, at flere maatte forlade Stevnet Fredagsformiddag, blev den til Fredagsaften bestemt Banket afholdt Kl. 1 Eftermiddag. 250 bandede sig omkring de festsmykkede og med velsmagende norske Retter nedlæste de Borde. Og det skal siges til Ære for Eau Claires norske Damer, at de forstaa sig på hvad Slags Retter Østerdølerne liker. Byens Mayor, Mr. Barron, der er Amerikaner, og aldrig har seet en Flødegrost før, spiste en hel Tallerken fuld af den og knastede Flødebød saa det havde god Skik, og da kan man godt skjønne hvad de andre gjorde. Pastor Langjord, der selv er Stavaner, talte varmt for det norske Folk, Forenings-sagen, og Bygdelagsbevægelsen. Forsamlingen Sang "America", og Hølemo satte Stemning i Laget ved Violinspil. Taler blev ogsaa holdt af Pastor Norjøn, J. Gaustad, Baldeemar Ager og Martin Bakker. Edna Simonson spillede og Sang.

Saa maatte mange gjøre sig færdig til at reise hjem igjen, og "Farvel og Tak for hyggeligt Samvær" hørtes allerede i den store rummelige Sal. De Gjenblevne havde atter en Sammenkomst Fredagsaften, og saa var det 8de Østerdølsstevne en Del af Norsk-Ameritanernes Historie.

NORWEGIANS TO MEET HERE SOON

All North America To Be Represented at Two Conventions
In June

Norwegians from every part of North America may attend sessions of "Osterdalslaget," June 14 and 15, and "Nordlandslaget," June 20 and 21, in Eau Claire, according to John Gaustad, chairman of the central committee of local societies. Although the war may cut down attendance somewhat, it is expected both meetings will be big events. Each will be held at Fournier's Academy, concluding with a big banquet.

A committee of fifteen from each organization is cooperating with the central committee in preparing for the conventions. Three representatives from each Norwegian organization in the city combine to form the central body. The next joint meeting of committeemen has been called for May 31, when final details for the entertainment of the visitors will be completed. The program includes an automobile sight-seeing tour about the city, arranged by the Civic & Commerce Association.

Both conventions will have homecoming features like "Gudbrandsdalslaget" last summer, when 1,014 natives of Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, gathered here, one coming from Alaska.

Osterdalen, in which members of the first organization were born, is one of the richest of Norway's agricultural and lumbering districts. Nordlandet, the native home of every one in the second convention, is a favorite with tourists with its midnight sun, fjords and mountain scenery.

MAYOR TO WELCOME NORSK CONVENTION

Osterdalslaget to Assemble at
Fournier's Academy Thursday
Morning

Mayor John E. Barron will welcome visiting Norwegians to the city when Osterdalslaget assembles at Fournier's Academy Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock for its annual meeting. John Gaustad, chairman of the central committee of local Norwegian organizations, will extend a greeting from the bodies he represents. President Moen will respond. A business session will occupy the remainder of the forenoon.

An automobile tour about the city, one of the entertainment features provided by the Civic & Commerce Association, will occupy the greater part of the afternoon. At the evening's program Norden's male choir will be a feature. Lunches will be served at the academy to accommodate visitors.

Business of the convention will be conducted on Friday, with a big banquet in the evening.

It is expected about 500 will attend.

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OSTERDALSLAGET OPENS NATIONAL MEETING TODAY

**Mayor Barron Welcomes Nor-
wegians From Many Parts
of the Country**

**DELEGATES TOUR CITY IN
AUTOES THIS ATERNOON**

**Natives of Osterdalen, Norway,
Meet Here in Annual
Convention**

Norwegians from many parts of the country were welcomed to Eau Claire this morning by Mayor John E. Barron at the first session of "Osterdalslagets Stevne" at Fournier's academy. Incoming trains throughout the day brought more visitors and by tonight it is expected several hundred will have assembled here for the annual convention. All are natives of Osterdalen (eastern valley), Norway, but they are American citizens almost without exception.

President N. T. Moen, representative in the Minnesota legislature from Fergus Falls, opened the convention this morning at 11 o'clock. After the mayor's welcoming address the delegates were extended greetings from local Norwegians by John Gaustad, chairman of the central committee of Eau Claire Norwegian organizations. With Martin Bakker, chairman of the local Osterdals committee, he is acting as host to the visitors.

This morning's session was occupied mainly with organizing the body.

A luncheon was served at the convention hall, after which another brief business session was held.

Leaving the academy at 2:30 o'clock, delegates were taken for a tour of the city in automobiles as guests of the Civic & Commerce association. Tonight they will reassemble to view historical pictures of northern Wisconsin woods and its lumbering industry, presented by W. W. Bartlett of the Eau Claire County Historical society. The program will include violin solos by M. Holemo, songs by Norden's choir and an address by Mr. Moen.

Tomorrow the convention will meet in business session at 10 o'clock. It has been planned to devote the afternoon to an outing at Carson Park if the weather permits. A banquet in the evening will conclude the convention. Norwegian delicacies will be served.

The convention hall has been decorated with birch trees, characteristic of Osterdalen. The Stars and Stripes occupy a prominent place about the speaker's platform with a huge flag of Norway.

ROMMEGROD IS A DELICACY AT NORSK BANQUET

**Eighth Annual Osterdalslaget
Convention Ends With
Feast**

**MORE THAN 300 ATTEND
NATIONAL MEETING HERE**

**Reminiscences of Norway Are
Plentiful—Moen Re-elected
President**

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The Fergus Falls Ugeblad
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Osterdalslagets 7de Stevne.

Af Dagstebner er der fuldt op af denne Tid af Aaret, og de norske Blade mangler næsten Spalterum for de mange Referater som indsendes. Men disse Dagstebner er af saa almen Interesse for det norske Folk, at Avisudgiverne gjerne gjør hvad de kan forat tilfredsstille det Dagbegeistrede Publikum.

Noget fra Osterdalslagets Stevne tør da ogsaa være af Interesse for mange. Det er nu 6 Aar siden Osterdalslaget blev organiseret i Fergus Falls, og hvert paafølgende Stevne har overgaaet det foregaaende i Tilslutning og Begejstring. Og det sidste anses af mange for det bedste. Det blev afholdt i Cumberland, Wis., den 24-25 Juni. Stjont Wisconsin har en Mængde Osterdøler, er det første Gang at dette Bygdefolks Stevne blev henlagt til den Stat. Og det var nok med adskillig frygtfuld Følelse, at Bestyrelsen modtog Indbydelsen fra den i Urskoven plantede By, Cumberland, men Frygten veg for behagelig Overraskelse, naar Osterdølerne fyldte der til i Hundredetal.

Allerede Fredagsaften den 23de ankom der en Mængde. Og snart blev der St. Hans Stemning, om end St. Hans Aal ikke var at se. St. Hans Dag Formiddag kom der store Forstærkninger, saaat naar Formanden talte tilorden, straks før Middag var der henved 300 forsamlet. Byens Mayor, Redaktør Hart, had velkommen paa Byens Begne, og Pastor Carl Amundson talte paa Begne af Osterdølerne i Byen og dens Omegn. Formand Moen holdt Svartale til Byens Velkomsthilsen, paa engelsk, og Senator E. C. Løbeck talte paa norsk og takkede i varme Ordslag for Wisconsin Osterdølernes Velkomsthilsen.

Nu var alle sultne og Størstedelen af de Fremmede blev indbudt til private Hjem, hvor de snart fik Bevis for, at i Cumberland bor der meget gæstfrie Folk.

Saa atter et Bevis paa, at Cumberland vilde vise Osterdølerne en "royal good time". Omkring 50 Automobilere stod færdige til at ta hele Laget paa en Automobiltur, og det var ikke bare

en Svingom i Byen, men det bar afsted langs den vatre Indsø som Byen er omringet af og udoer Landet over de bedste Landebeite vi har seet nogensteds. Det gik støber til den saakaldte "Section 10", ca. omkring 6 Mil fra Byen, og hvor nogle af de første Settlerere slog sig fast i Urskoven for snart en Menneskealder siden. Men nu er Urskoven borte, bare Marker efter den her og der hvor sorte, halvt fortærede Stubber af Kjempe træer staar igjen. Jfleden er kommet Ager og Eng, moderne Farnbygninger, og bortover i Havnegangene hvor Kløberer gror som Ugræs paa andre Steder, var der Bustab efter Bustab af de rosete Holsteiners, Guernseys, og andre Racer der gjør sit til at vinde Ry for den Del af Wisconsin som et af Statens bedste Meieridistrikter.

Landet er overraskende jevnt derborte og saa meget indbydende og triveligt ud.

Vore Steds gutter (Chasseurs) lod Kursen gaa forbi vatre Indsøer, nedover til det østreste Settlement til øst fra Comstock, saa borte gennem Comstock Station og langs Fernbanen tilbage til vort Udgangspunkt — idethele mellem 25 og 30 Mil.

Klokken var nu 8½, og man maatte haste med at begynde Forretningssessionen. Formanden opløste sin Indberetning, hvoraf følgende Uddrag, ifølge Beslutning af Aaret, medtages til Offentliggjørelse:

"Et Aar er atter lagt til Osterdalslagets Historie, og det er mig en Ære og Fornøjelse at hilse dere velkommen til dette vort syvende Stevne. Særlig interessant er det at kunne hilse velkommen til Stevne i Wisconsin, en af de Sambandsstater hvis Historie staar saa nær forbunden med vort Indflytterfolk. Vore forudgaaende Stevner har været særdeles interessante og vellykkede, og jeg tviler ikke paa, at saa vil bli Tilfældet i forøget Grad ved dette Fj. te-smøde. Vi lever i en Tid da Pengedjævelen holder paa at kvæle de ædelere Følelser og høiere Begreber hos vort Folk, saa man har vanskelig for at burdere noget som ikke har direkte materiel Gevinst med sig, og denne Tidsaand træder endog hindrende iboien for begejstret Tilslutning om den Fædrelandstjærlighed, den Minde-

bevarelse og den Kjendtskabsstiftelse som ligger tilgrund for Bygdelaagsbevægelsen herover. Under Rabet og Stræbet forat finde amerikanske Dalere, er man udsat for at tabe Synet af den store Tante som ligger til Grund for Bygdelaagsbevægelsen. Et flygtigt og overfladisk Blik paa de Tusener af det nordamerikanske Folk som fylder sig sammen i Stevner denne Tid af Aaret, kan friste mange til at spørge, hvad Nytte og Interesse kan det være for Folk at komme sammen og hilse "Tak for sig", spise Rømmegrøt, Vesser og andre norske Retter, og saa gaa hjem igjen, men bagom alt dette ligger en Historie som forklarer det hele. Og den som ikke kender til denne Historie, er tilbøjelig til at underburdere den Sindsfølelse og Følgepatriotisme som finder Udtryk i disse Stevner.

Norge og det norske Folk er forbunden i Historie og Saga. Fra Uralderens Tider har Normandsfindet glødet af Patriotisme for det Land som intet andet Folk har beboet. Gjennem Aarhundreder af Frihedskamp og hjemmende Kaar, har vort Folk smedet sig sammen i en Patriotismens Kæde der strækker sig rundt Jordkloden, til alle Steder hvor Nordmænd bor.

Historien viser, at intet Folk har kunnet vokse sig stort under Aag og Evang. Politisk Frihed, økonomisk Velbære og religiøs Selvbestemmelse maa sikres. Og det var Bevidstheden herom som gjorde, at det norske Folk baagnet op fra Middelalderens mørke Nat, forat begynde en Kamp for Befrielse af fremmed Magt, fra Aag og Evang.

Men den Kamp blev lang og de Lidelser mange, før det 19de Aarhundredes Frihedsfol oprandt, men da gik det som Digteren siger:

"Landet af Trældommens Tider steg frem,

Gjennem hundrede Aar,
Mærker har endnu vort Fædrenehjem
Af de hængende Kaar.

Tiderne trange
Saaet de mange,
Gav dem i Sindet saa smertende Saar."

Det er siden den Tid at vort Folk er kommen til sin Ret, og har studt frem i enestaaende Udvikling og Velbære.

Det var Frihedsaanden som satte nyt Liv, Mod og Kræft i et af Gud rigt begabet Folk.

"I Vaarens Stund blev paa Eidsbold lagt,
Det Frø som sprang med en Blomst
i Praat,
Da Folket af Selters Dvale
Steg frem med Historiens Tale."

Ikke længe havde denne Udvikling gjort sig gjældende før Norskes Sinds Trang til større Anledning i Livet gjorde sig gjældende. De smaa Forholde hjemme og de mere lobende Udsigter borte trykket og drog i samme Retning. Udvandringen, der tog sin egentlige Begyndelse i 40 Aarene og naaede sine Øsdepunkter i 50 og 80 Aarene, kan vel siges at ha været en direkte Følge af Eidsboldsærtet. Gjennem Decennier af uafhængigt politisk Styre havde Folket vokset sig kampfærdige og udviklingsdygtige. "Ud vil jeg ud, langt over de høje Fjælde", som Bjørnson sang, blev til en Folke-trang, og man brød de smæstige Vaand, trodsset alle Hindringer og satte Kurs mod det store Vesterland i Flok og Følge. Disse udbandrede Normænd kom i saadant Antal at de med deres Afkom har spredt sig over Amerikas brede Prærier og trængt sig indover dets Urskove indtil de idag staar som et nyt Norge i et nyt Land. Statistikerne siger os, at der er nu ligesaa mange i Amerika i hvis Aarer pulserer Vikingeblood som der er i Norge. Naar vi idag lader Tanken fare henover denne store Skare af Nord-Amerikanere og betragter deres Historie, maa vi sige med Sangeren, Fr. Wendelborg: "Grant har vi sluet, vor Slægt har sin Rilde,

I Hjemlandets Bo,
Styrke vi henter af Toner saa milde,
Til Samhold og Tro.
Arven den gamle,
Nationen kan samle!
Deraf skal Fremtidens Vaartanker gro."

Derfor vort Folk ikke var kommen herover med en indprentet og udviklet Frihedsaand og en religiøs grundsaet Karakter, havde de aldrig kunnet gjort sig det Ry og vundet den Plads som de har idag. Fra at være udpegt og udleet som fattige og ubidende Nykommere har de svinget sig frem til Belfand og Velbære og respekteres idag blandt Landets mest ønskelige og høist anseede Borgere. Naar Landet stod i Fare og Forræderes stærke Haand truet med at rive Stjernebanneret af

Stang, saa isbne Eidsboldsaanden dem til Kamp og de gav sit Liv for Frihed og Ret; naar truende politiske Magter rystet vore frie Institutioner i deres Grundbolde, saa fylket vort Folk sig ved Valgurnen til Beskyttelse; naar inkorporerede og private Selvbinteresser søvede korrump og demoraliserende Indskydelse, saa stod vort Folk som en moralsk Modvægt; naar falske Lærdomme gjorde Indgrib i Kristentroens Grundprinciper, saa stod vort Folk som en Klippe i brusende Hav. Det er denne Historie og denne fælles Erfaring der knytter os sammen til en Nationalitetsfølelse og Bygdepatriotisme og gir os en Pligtfølelse om at bevare Fædrearven og vor Identitet. Det er denne Historie som gjør os stolte under Betegnelsen af Bindetegn-Amerikanere og gjør at vi tør sætte os selv i Række som loyale Borgere med hvilketombest Bindetegnfolk der har betraadt amerikansk Jord siden Indianerne — de ene ægte Amerikanere — havde det i sin eksklusive Besiddelse. Derfor kjære Østerdøler, lad os i Sigthed med de øvrige af vort Frændefolk fylke os sammen i aarlige Stevner, opfriske Minderne, bevare vor Fædrearv, og beholde vor Identitet."

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Stevne in Eau Claire, Wisconsin
14 - 15 June 1917



Østerdalslag Participants at the 1917 Stevne in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

No Stevne was held in 1918 during World War I

Østerdøls-Stevne.

Atter gjør vi Opraab til Østerdøler. Bort næste Stevne afholdes omkring den 20de Juni, antagelig i Minneapolis. - Dersom nogen anden By vil gjøre Indbydelse, er Anledningen endinn aaben for en kort Tid. Men hvad vi er mest ængstelig for netop nu, er at faa Navn, Adresse, Alder, Bygd og Krigshistorier bedrørende alle østerdølske Gutter, som har tjent under Fanerne. Damerne i Minneapolis maa vide hvormange Stjerner de skal sætte paa vort Service Flag. Henved 300 Navne er allerede indsendt, men vi ved, det er mange flere. Det koster intet at faa Gutternes Navne paa dette Flag, men vi venter, at Bedkommendes Fær og Mor skal melde sig ind i Laget eller opbetale Kontingenten. Dog, lad ikke dette hindre Indsendelsen af Gutternes Navne. Vi haaber ingen østerdølsk Gut skal bli stuffet ved ikke at faa sin Stjerne paa dette Flag og sit Navn paa vor "Honor Roll". Derfor gjør vi dette indstændige Opraab til hvem som helst at indmelde Navne paa østerdølske Gutter, som har været eller endnu er i Tjenesten. Men det maa gjøres snarest muligt. Spar os fra at tryggle og vente.

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Minneapolis, Minn.

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Østerdølslaaets Stevne.

Østerdølslaget holder Stevne paa Statsudstillings-Grunden mellem St. Paul og Minneapolis, Fredag, Lørdag og Søndag, 27-28-29 Juni. Et særdeles underholdende Program forberedes. Aabnings- og Velkomst-Session paa Formiddag den 27de. Forretningsmøde paa Eftermiddag. Programsmøde om Aftenen med Tale af fremragende Mænd, og Sang af den norske Glee Club i Minneapolis. Udflugt og Forretningsmøde paa Fredag. Banket om Aftenen, med norske Retter, Tale af flere, og Sang af den store Sangerinde, Mrs. Olina Dahl Ballan. - Felemusik naarsomhelst af den betjendte østerdølske Musiker, Prof. M. Solemo.

Gudstjeneste Søndag Formiddag. Stor Festsamling Søndag Eftermiddag med Indvielse af vort store Service Flag, bærende mellem 3 og 400 Stjerner, mange af dem i Sølv og Guldfarver. De, som ikke har sendt ind sine eller sine Gutteres Navne, maa gjøre det straks. Lad enhver Østerdølsgut, som var med i Frihedskampen bli repræsenteret med en Stjerne.

Det blir et stort Stevne. Total-Laget i Tvillingbyerne og Bestyrelsen gjør store Forberedelser. En særskilt Indbydelse henstilles til Ungdommen dette Aar. Lad Forældre opmuntre sine Sønner og Døtre at være med. Bivaanelsen af et slikt Stevne vil bli dem en Lyft og til stort Gavn. Mest interesseret er vi for at faa med os en stor Flot af Soldater og Orlogsmænd i sine Uniformer. Her kan Forældrene hjælpe os at faa Anledning til at hædre disse tjætte Gutter paa en værdig Saade. Det er ægte amerikansk Patriotisme vi vil lægge for Dagen. Kom Unge og Gamle! Der vil bli blandet Glæde og Sorg ved dette Stevne. Anmeld dit Komme til Sekretæren.

R. T. Moen, Formand.
E. O. Ubbøe, Sekretær.
3505-19th Ave So., Minneapolis.

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Nøsterdalslagets 9de Stevne.

Naar Nøsterdølterne fildtes i Eau Claire i Juni 1917, saa var det med bange Anelser for Fremtiden og flere udtalte at det var tvilsomt om deres Lag nogengang kom til at holde Stevne igjen. KrigsÅkhen hang mørk og truende over Land og Folk. Og det blev ogsaa tunge og prøvende Dage for mange at gennemgaa. Men alle kjender til at Begivenhedernes Gang førte det dertil at Baarbenhvisen kom den 11te Nov. 1918, og dermed faldt den tyngste Engstelse for de flestes Bedkommende. Det var derfor med adskillig Glædesfølelser at Nøsterdølterne kom sammen igjen og hilste hverandre „Tak for sit" den 27de Juni. Stevnet holdtes paa Statsundstillingsgrunden mellem Minneapolis og St. Paul, og dette var en særdeles fortreffelig Plads at holde Stevne paa. Bygdefolkene har det sliq at de liker at rusle rundt i det Frie og uforskyrret ha en fortrolig Samtale om Gamelt og Nyt, og dertil var det den mest jorntielse og ypperlige Anledning paa Fairgrunden. Og Naturen var vakker og indbydende derude. Naagrund af Tornado-Ulykken i Fergus Falls kunde Formand Moen ikke vare tilsiede ved Stevnets Aabning. Hans Fravær og den Omstændighed at det blev bitterligt at hans Sjem blev fuldstændig ruineret under Stormen virkede dæmpende paa Nøsterdølterne. Selt siden Laget blev organiseret har han ved hvert Stevne været „første Mand paa Dæk". Vice-Formand, D. E. Eide, kaldte til Orden sent paa Formiddag. Det var da omkring 250 ankomne. Mayor Meyers fra Minneapolis hød Dølterne velkommen og Hr. Eide svarede. Flere amerikanske Nationalhange blev affnyget. Efter en Middagspause holdtes Forretningsmøde. Valg paa Bestyrelse blev foretat med Udfald at alle de gamle Egnedsmand blev gjenvalgt. Om Aftenen hadde man et Festsamle med meget underholdende Program, under Ledelse af Knut Haugseth, fra Minneapolis.

Festtalen blev holdt af Dr. John D. Evjen, der holdt Forsamlingen i Maade hele Tiden med sin fængslende Beskrivelse af Nøsterdalens herlige Natur og sin begejstrende Fremstilling af, hvad Norge har at byde sine Sønner og Døtre i Retning af

Kulturarb. Professore, der sliq født Amerikaner er en ivrig Norskhedsven, befor for endel Aar siden omirent hele Nøsterdalen paa Cykle, og det var, idet han efter Grindringen tegnede det ene herlige Billede efter det andet af Fjeld og Skog opefter det stolte Dalsjøe, hans Tilsiuere sad som betagne. Paa en træffende Maade karakteriserte han ogsaa det østlandske Folkelykke i Modsetning til det vestlandske. Trods Forskjellen var der dog et fælles Grundlag, som gjorde, at de to, Østland og Vestland, udfyldte hinanden i Arbeidet for Bygningen af det nye Norge; som de ypperste Repræsentanter for Østland og Vestland nævnte han Hans Nilssen Gaug og Ivar Aasen. Taleren fremholdt stærkt Nødvendigheden for at bevare saa meget som muligt af den norske Fædrearv i Amerika.

Prof. M. Solemo satte Stemning i Forsamlingen med sin vakre Glemmelik. Han spillede den ene norske Folkemelodi efter den anden akkompagneret paa Piano af Mrs. Been. Dertil hadde man den store Jorntielse at ha den norske Gleeklub fra Minneapolis tilsiede. Denne foretog en lang Række Numre af vakre norske Sange som høstede kraftigt Bifald fra Forsamlingen. Det var en meget hyggelig Festsamle.

Lørdag Formiddag samledes man atter til Forretningsmøde. Formand Moen og Vice-Formand Løbeck var da ankomne. Et Mærke til Brug for Nøsterdølterne ved deres Stevner blev vedtaget. Besluttet videre at et nyt No. af Nøsterdalslagets Mindekrift, indeholdende Navnene og en kort Biografi af alle Nøsterdalske Gutter som tog Del i Krigen. Som Komite at forestaa Samlingen og Udgivelsen af dette Skrift blev nævnt, Løbeck, Moen og Udbye. Medens man holdt paa med Forretningsanliggender, begyndte Dampskibene i Øerne at blæse forkyndende at Fredstraktaten var undertegnet, og ligesom ubevist blev Forretningsfejshionen forvandlet til en patriotisk Demonstration. Forsamlingen reiste sig og sang „America", „Star-Spangled Banner" og andre patriotiske Sange. Løbeck, Moen, Eide, Stubson og flere talte, og Stemningen gik høit. Alle var enige om at det var en heldig Lykketræf at Nøsterdølterne var samlet netop paa denne for Verden saa lykkelige Dag.

Før man brød op, blev Formand Moen anmodet om at fortælle om

den forfærdelige Ulykke i Fergus Falls. Med nedtrykt Sind stildrede han hvorledes Tornadoen kom over sin vakre By og hvad den uddrettede. Han anmodede alle at gjøre hvad de kunde forat sende Hjælp til de mange som var trængende i Fergus Falls.

Om Eftermiddagen var der Udflugt til Coimo Park. Om Aftenen Banket. Omkring 350 bænkede sig ved bugnende Borde af Flødegrød og andre velmagende norske Retter. Programmet bestod af udmærket Solo Sang af Mrs. Dahl Ballou, Taler af Dr. Roan og Senator Løbeck og Mrs. See.

Søndag Formiddag holdtes Gudssestelse med en kraftig Prædiken af Pastor D. G. Stetten.

Saa kom Klimagen af Stevnet paa Eftermiddag med Indvielse af det store Service Flag, med henved 400 Stjerner paa, 32 i Guldfarve. Det var en Stemningsfuld Eftermiddag. Forsamlingen reiste sig og sang „America", medens en Afdeling Soldatgutter kom marscherendes ind og tog Plads ved Platformen. Til venstre sad Fædre og Mødre hvis Sønner hadde ofret sit alt. Statsauditor Preus talte paa Engelsk og holdt Forsamlingen i Stemning. Naar han var færdig reiste Forsamlingen sig og under Afhyggelsen af „Star-Spangled Banner" blev Service-Flagget rullet op af to Mænd hvis Sønner var repræsenteret med Guldstjerner og medens Vice-Formandene Løbeck og Eide vistede det store Stjerne Banner foran Forsamlingen. Derpaa holdt Senator Løbeck en kraftig Tale, ogsaa paa Engelsk. Prof. Solemo spillede flere patriotiske Numre og den norske Gleeklub var atter tilsiede med sin vældige og vakre Sang. Pastor Løbeck holdt en Tale paa norsk og tilslut talte Knut Haugseth paa Soldaternes Regne paa Engelsk. Omkring 700 var tilsiede under denne vakre patriotiske Handling og alle var enig i at det var en sliqden Østidsstund. Ved Femtiden brød man op og det 9de Nøsterdølsstevne var tilende. Alle drog hjem med Følelsen af at det var et hyggeligt og vellykket Stevne.

I. O. Udbye, Sekretær.

Stevne in Minneapolis and Saint Paul
27 - 29 June 1919



Østerdalslaget Participants at a gathering at the Minnesota State Fair
in Saint Paul, Minnesota in June 1919

Osterdalsstevnet

afholder sit aarlige Stevne i Superior 27de, 28de og 29de Juni, og vi haaber da, at alle Osterdøler, som findes i Amerika vil mødes her, forat hils paa Slægtninger og Kjendinger.

Bestyrelsen har sørget for et godt Program. Der vil blive holdt Taaler, Sang og Musik, og der vil sandsynligvis ogsaa blive taget en Vaadtur.

Der er mange Hoteller og Restauranter i Superior, saa dere behøver ikke at være ræd, hverken for Dussum, eller en Plads hvor dere kan sove.

Vil lærlig anmode alle Osterdøler i Duluth og Superior om at møde frem, og om nogen har Slægtninger

eller Kjendinger, som bor udenfor Byen, at skrive til dem om Stevnet, for vi ønsker at gjøre dette Stevne til det bedste, som nogensinde har havt. Mødestedet vil blive Tower Hall. Vi ønsker alle hjertelig Velkommen til Stevnet. Paa Komiteens Begve, Louis Larson, 1601 6th Street, Superior, Wis.

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Osterdølerne har altid havt vellykkede Stevner, og Stevnet i Superior tegner til at blive mere vellykket end nogen Gang tidligere. Superior vil byde den Velkommen med sit mest hjertelige Smil, og her vil ikke blive mange Osterdøler, som ikke vil blive forelsket i Byen.

Osterdølslaget var stiftet i 1910 iergus Falls, Minn., og Don. R. T. Moen har været Lagets President siden da. Hr. Moen har som bekendt været Medlem af Statens Legislature for de to sidste Sessioner, og har i denne sin Stilling gjort et meget virksomt Arbejde for at bevare vor Ret til at bruge vort bedste Morsmaal, under de mange Forsøg som har været gjort for at forbyde Brugen af andre Sprog end Engelsk. Særlig bekjæmpet han med held Forsøget paa at forbyde Udgivelse af Blade i andre Sprog end Engelsk.

Der er ogsaa inden Lagets Styre mange dygtige, fremtrædende Mænd, som Don. E. C. Løbeck fra Alexandria, Minn., og mange, mange flere.

Der vil derfor blive en egte nordlig Stemning over Stevnet.



N. T. Moen, President.

OSTERDALSLAG ENDS SESSIONS

HAD MOST ENJOYABLE CONVENTION, PRESIDENT MOEN SAID AT ENTERTAINMENT.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED THANKING PEOPLE OF SUPERIOR FOR HOSPITALITY.

With the singing of "America," the annual convention of the Osterdalslag came to a close at Tower hall last night. The closing session was preceded by a brief business meeting at which resolutions were adopted thanking the city authorities for courtesies shown, the people of Superior for its hospitality, and the local committee for the work done.

"We have had a most enjoyable and profitable convention," President N. T. Moen said. "This meeting has afforded us an opportunity to see the Head of the Lakes in rain and sunshine, feel the burning sun and the cool Lake Superior breezes, and to observe the wonderful strides made by this community. We hope to come here again some day, and by that time we will undoubtedly notice still greater development."

Closing Program.

The program at the closing entertainment consisted of violin solo by Professor Holemo, accompanied by Mrs. Ween; violin duet by the Leraan sisters; reading by J. Bergseth; and addresses by the Rev. C. J. Brun of Duluth, the Rev. A. T. Juvland of Superior, and Knute Haugseth of Minneapolis, vice president of the organization.

"When we Osterdøler come to America, we don't come here to sell peanuts or popcorn, but to take active part in the activities of the nation," Mr. Haugseth said. "We bring with us manhood and a desire to do something worth while. It is our greatest aim to make good, whether we start in with pick and shovel, enter commercial activities or devote ourselves to professional pursuits."

Pick Wives From Home Girls.

"We become citizens of the United States, we are willing to make any sacrifice for our adopted country, and in every way strive to be reckoned as good American citizens. But when we pick a partner for the journey through life, we want a girl from the eastern valleys of our homeland. I have traveled considerable in this country, and during my service in the army I had an opportunity to meet many beautiful daughters of France and other European countries, but I found no one who in my estimation can measure up to the girls from home."

The Rev. Juvland gave an interesting description of his trip through Norway in 1914, and the audience showed its appreciation by enthusiastic applause.

Nsterdalslagets Årsmøde

Nsterdalslagets 10de Årsmøde blev afholdt i West Superior, Wis., 28-29 Juni. Møde søndagseftermiddag den 27de var mange ankomne og et informelt Møde blev afholdt paa Lower Hall om Aftenen.

Mandags Formiddag Kl. 10 begyndte det egentlige Stevne og over 200 var da tilstede. Ved Middagstid var over 300 ankomne. Dette tilfros for, at det regnedes omtrent skadigt, Nat og Dag. Sessjonen aabnedes med Afhyggelsen af „America“ og „Sa vi elsker“ og en særdeles begejstret Belfonisttale af Formanden i By-Commissionen i Superior.

Lagets Formand oplæste sin Indberetning, hvoraf fremgik, at Laget har været i godt Gjænge gennem det svundne År. Afslutningen af Indberetningen lød saaledes:

Tilslut vil jeg minde om, at vi lever i en mærkelig oprørt og skjæbnesbanger Tid. Verdenskrigen har sat Sindene i Oprør overalt; der er nervøs Spænding paa alle Omraader og det ulmer i folkehavets Dyb. Lænkende Folk er beghmet for Fremtiden og det gjælder som aldrig før at vi holder fast ved prøvede Principer og er stø i Lænke og Håndling. Jeg vil derfor opmande vort Folk til at vise sig tro i sin Stand og Stilling som Borgere af vort store og frie Land og søe en Indflydelse der kan tjene til at bevare vore frie Institutioner og vor frie Forfatning. Lad os gjøre vort til at holde vort „Ship of State“ vel ankeret til den trygge Grundbold, hvorpaa det blev bygget af vore Forsædere. Det er en Opgave som vi alle kan være stolt af at sætte os i disse Tider, naar revolutionære Elementer af alle Slags sammensværger sig forat undergrave det som vi og vore Fædre har holdt dyrt og helligt. Maa derfor folkenes Herre og nationernes Konge styre og lede os saa, at vore Handlinger ikke paa fører os Straf og Ulykke i Fremtiden.”

Sekretæren og Kassereens Rapporten viste at lagets Financer var i god Orden. Paa Eftermiddag den første Dag tog man en Udflugt paa

Duluth og Superior's bekendte Gavn. Omkring 200 trodsede truede Skyer og faldende Regn og gik ombord paa Dystbaaden „Rotarian“. Først gik det nedover Gavn og St. Louis River til den storlagne Staal fabrik-By, Gary. Som Baaden gled over Gavn, aabnedes den ene majestatiske Bro efter den anden forat slippe den igjennem Saa gled det langs storlagne Dul-Doeks, medens i maasse en anden Retning saaes lange Jernertstog at glide over Milelange Jernbroer bygget paa kryds og tværs over Vandet. — Man faar reise langt og længe før man faar se saadant majestætisk Menneskeværk i nogen Gavn, som i Duluth og Superior. Før man gik i Land igjen havde „Rotarian“ gaaet forbi „Minnesota Point“ paa Løbagetur og gjort en Udstifter i det aabne Hav (Lake Superior).

Om Aftenen var der omkring 600 forsamlet paa Lower Hall og lyttede til et af de bedste Program Underholdninger som dette Lag nogensinde har haft. Prof. M. Solemo fra Ironwood, Mich., som altid er tilstede ved disse Stevner, kom den Gang med Hustru og Børn. — Børnene tar efter sin Far og er ogsaa ogsaa Musikere. Der blev saaledes Liv i Laget naar Professorens og hans Søn, Sigurd, stemte op paa sine Feler, akkompagneret med Pianospil af en af Døtrene. Pastor Evenson fra Superior holdt en begejstret Tale. Saa var der begejstret Sang af det velindøvede Mandskor „Nordrøn“ fra Superior. Det var værdt at komme lang Vej bare at høre dette Mandskor synge de kraftige norske Sange. Pastor Lockrem fra Superior, holdt en kort Tale og sluttede med at introducere Pastor B. E. Bergeron fra Seattle, som traf til at være i Byen. Pastor Bergeron er en af de dygtigste Talere blandt de norske Præster i Amerika og hans Tale ved denne Anledning slog an. Han betonedes især hvor nødvendigt det er at vi Nordmænd bevare vor Fædrenerve, og til det Niemed, at vi lærer vore Børn det norske Sprog. Han viste særlig Bifald naar han omdreved den Paastand som ofte høres, at norske Folk bør tale Engelsk forat de ikke skal komme til at glemme deres gamle Sprog. Han sluttede med at sige, at vi bør være stolte af at være nordmænd og at vi bør bevare vort gamle Sprog.

Efterdalslaget.

Efterdølingerne holdt et tre Dages Stevne paa Lower Hall i Superior. Louis Barfen, 1601 N. 6th Street, var Formand for den lokale Komite.

Paa Grund af Sangerfesten i Duluth kom Folket tidlig hid, og stor Interesse vistes de Tilreisende, som var omkring 300 Mænd og Kvinder stærke.

L. R. Moen, Fergus Falls, Lagets Formand, holdt en Velkomsttale; ligeledes A. D. S. Gillett paa Bytyrets Vegne ønskede de Tilstedeværende velkommen og gav dem Byens Regle, som netop var tilbageleveret af Trønderne.

En Paadtur foretoges paa Superior Søen, og om Aftenen (Mandag) gaves et Program paa Lower Hall, bestaaende af Sang af Forsamlingen; Sang af Nordrøn Mandekor; Musiknumre af Familien Solemo, og Skrøner af Mrs. Arvie Queber. Væstorerne Edward Evensen, R. A. Lockrem og V. Bergesen fra Seattle gav interessante Taler.

Tirsdag Formiddag var der Ball paa Vestrelie. L. R. Moen var gjenvalgt som Formand. Ved Siden af Mr. Moen blev følgende valgte i Direktionen: Peder Krogseng, Saum, Minn.; Anute Haugseth, Minneapolis, og C. E. Lobeck fra Alexandria. Vice Præsidenter: L. D. Ubbøe, Minneapolis, Minn. Lagets Sekretær og Kassierer, Mr. Lobeck var gjenvalgt til Lagets Historiefriver.

En Tur til Toppen af Duluth-Søiderne blev taget med "Incline-Carfen", hvoriga en storartet Udsigt over Twin Ports gaves dem.

Indbudelse var modtaget fra forskellige Bladser at afholde Lagets Stevne næste Aar; men de blev lagt i Vestrelies Hænder at bestemme Sted. Følgende Noer var blandt dem der sendte Indbudelse, nemlig: Minot, N. D.; Fergus Falls; Wolf Park; Crookston og Duluth, Minn.

Tirsdag Aften var Slutten paa Efterdalslagets Møde i Superior; alle var enige om at disse Dage tilbragte ved Superior Søen sent eller aldrig vil glemmes.

Takkebrev til Bytyret, til Folket i Superior og til den lokale Komite blev fremlagte. Formand L. R. Moen udtalte det Haab, at

Laget en Gang i Fremtiden maa faa Lov at komme igjen. Taler holdtes af Væst. C. J. Bruun fra Duluth og Væst. A. L. Juuland fra Superior og Anute Haugseth fra Minneapolis, Foreningens Vice Præsident. Prof. Solemo gav flere Numre tilbedste paa Violin, akkompagneret af Mrs. Ween, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Søstrene Veraan gav ogsaa et Par Numre tilbedste og J. Bergseth deflamerte.

Saa sang Forsamlingen America, og dermed endte et af de mest vellykkede Møder som Laget holdt noget Sted.

Osterdals Laget Gathers In Minot For Convention

Osterdoler from several states are gathering in Minot today for the three day convention of the Osterdals laget which opens in Minot at the Knights of Pythias home this evening. A number of prominent North Dakotans, including John Steen, state treasurer, are here for the meetings. N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, Minn., is president; Ole E. Elde of Cumberland, Wis., is first vice president; E. E. Lobeck of Alexandria, Minn., second vice president; Ole Holberg of Kathryn, N. D., third vice president; and T. O. Udby of Minneapolis, secretary-treasurer. Morten Ankrann and C. B. Bach of Minot are the committee on arrangements. H. Stoen of Minot and Ivar Enget of Columbus are on the reception committee.

The program for the convention follows:

Today

8:00 P. M.—Reception and program for visiting members at K. P. Home.
America Members
Ja vi Elsker Members
Address of Welcome
..... W. M. Smart, Pres. City Com.
Response N. T. Moen, Pres.
Music
Paa Osterdolerne's Vegne
..... C. B. Bach
Response T. O. Udby
Music

Saturday

10:00 A. M.—Opening Session.
Invocation Rev. P. W. Erickson
Music
12:00 M.—Recess.
2:00 P. M.—Afternoon Session.
3:30 P. M.—Banquet and program at Bethany Church. Banquet served by Y. P. S. of Bethany Church, Mrs. Knutson in charge.

Sunday

10:30 A. M.—Services at Bethany Lutheran Church, Rev. O. L. Jensen
1:00 P. M.—Automobile ride.
2:00 P. M.—Program at Riverside Park.
Address Hon. R. A. Nestos
Music
Address B. E. Haugen
Music
Address H. A. Fors
Music
Adjournment.

OSTERDOLER MEET IN MINOT JUNE 24

People born in Osterdal, Norway, will gather in Minot from all parts of the United States, June 24, 25 and 26 for the annual meeting of Osterdals laget. M. Aakrum and C. B. Bach, the local committee on arrangements, expect some 200 to attend. N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls is president and T. O. Oddy of Minneapolis, secretary of the organization.

An appropriate program is being arranged for the three days sessions.

The Telemarks laget meets in Minot June 27 and 28.

The Minot Daily News
21 June 1921

The Minot Daily News
24 June 1921

OSTERDOLER HOLD SESSIONS TODAY; PICNIC TOMORROW

RECEPTION HELD LAST NIGHT—
VISITORS ARE WELCOMED
BY PRESIDENT SMART
AND C. B. BACH.

Two hundred Osterdoler were present last evening at the reception given in their honor in the Knights of Pythias home as the opening feature of their annual meeting which continues today and tomorrow. W. M. Smart, president of the city commission, welcomed the visitors to Minot and Knute Holgset of Minneapolis responded on behalf of the Osterdoler. C. B. Bach welcomed them on behalf of the Osterdoler living in Minot. T. O. Udby of Minneapolis responded. The theme of the four talks was the place people of Norwegian birth hold in the life of the nation.

The visitors held an informal meeting this morning and this afternoon begin regular sessions. At 6:30 p. m. today the society will be banquetted by the Young People's society of Bethania church with Mrs. Knutson in charge. An appropriate program has been arranged for the banquet.

At 10:30 a. m. tomorrow the Osterdoler will attend services at the Bethania church, the Rev. O. L. Jensen officiating. At 1 p. m. they will be taken for an automobile ride through the city and at 2 p. m. will start their session at Riverside park. R. A. Nestos, H. A. Foss and E. B. Haugen of South Dakota will speak at the picnic.

N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, president of the Lager, arrived late last night. Others are arriving in the city today.

Stevne (regional) in Spring Valley, Wisconsin
16 - 17 May 1921

Maiden Rock.—The eastern division of the Osterdalslaget, the society of Norwegians who came from Osterdal, numbering thousands of members throughout the northwest states, will meet on May 16 and 17 at Spring Valley, Wis. Hans M. Peterson, Spring Lake, is president of the eastern division of the society, and Otto Hendrickson, also of Spring Lake, is secretary.

Janesville, Wisconsin Daily Gazette
31 March 1921

OSTERDALSLAGET HERE ON MAY 16 AND 17

Members of this district of the Osterdals Society will meet at Spring Valley Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17, the latter date being Norway's independence day—for a social reunion and celebration.

An outline of the program is as follows:

Monday

Members given glad hand by Pres. Berns.

Other speeches.

2 to 4 p. m., business session.

4 to 6 p. m., auto rides.

7 p. m., banquet. At the banquet there will be responses to toasts, music, games, and lots of good things to eat.

Tuesday

17de Mai speech by Prof. G. Bothne, the U. of M.

Other speakers, music, etc.

Social gatherings in afternoon, depending on weather.

Spring Valley will welcome these visitors from the Eastern Valley—the more the merrier.

Milk for sale, delivered. Apply to J. Gossett.—*adv.*

Barn Dance at John Turner's Saturday, May 14.—*adv.*

Barney Park had his right arm badly broken Tuesday by a kick from a Ford. Mrs. Anna Nelson, of Maiden Rock, sat Tuesday at the A. M. Nelson home.

Ferris M. White, of River Falls, has been appointed to the state board of examiners—legal, not liquid.

Everybody wants to help out the American Legion boys, hence the dance at Ellsworth next week Friday will receive a big patronage.

The base ball game at Wildwood was postponed on account of rain, but the visiting team from Woodville will play at Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Jas. Beckemier and son Fred, Jersey City Hts., J. N., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schafer and family. They have not seen each other since Mr. and Mrs. Schafer moved to Wisconsin twenty-eight years ago. The Beckemiers also know several other people in this section.

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Osterdalslaget Meets Here Monday and Tuesday, May 16-17

Next week Monday and Tuesday is the big Osterdalslaget Stevne here at Spring Valley, combined with the 17de Mai celebration.

Osterdal (East Valley) Laget (Association) -- the association of Norwegians from that section of Norway, and their descendants, number many hundreds in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Dakotas. There are three meeting places this year -- one in Michigan, one at Spring Valley and one in North Dakota.

The gatherings will begin Monday forenoon, with addresses by Pres. Sieberns who will speak Norsk for the first time that day and others; in the afternoon there will be a business meeting followed by auto trip from Spring Valley east to Bailey's Corner, south and east over Norwegian Ridge to Elmwood, and back up the river road; if there is time the drive will be extended west.

In the evening there will be a banquet in the hall, when fattigman, flat brod lefse, kraate kake, polse, kjode rul, krub, san bakelse, and many others the editor doesn't know how to spell will be served.

There will also be singing, instrumental music, and speaking. Such splendid musicians as Mrs. O. J. Ween, of Minneapolis, and Prof. M. Holemo, of Ironwood, Mich., Miss Edna Simonson, of Cameron, and others from nearer home will be present and take part.

Prof. Gislø Bothne, of the U. of M., will be the principal speaker at the 17de Mai celebration Tuesday; he will speak in Norsk. Hon. N. T. Moen, of Fergus Falls, Minn., a member of the Minnesota legislature, will speak in English. Martin Aulmo, Minister from Norway, will also speak, and local speakers will also take part. There will also be excellent singing, in both English and Norsk, the Gilman choir and others taking part.

The stevne will close with a lag meeting in the afternoon.

If the weather be favorable a large crowd is expected, especially on Tuesday. Many Osterdoler live in Spring Lake, and near Wilson, and there are many other settlements within driving distance. But everybody, whether or not he has the good luck to be from the East Valley, is invited.

The Spring Valley Sun
12 May 1921

OSTERDALSLAGET WAS ENJOYED BY BIG CROWDS

The Osterdal meeting at Spring Valley May 16 and 17, was a jolly affair, in spite of rain and cold. The crowd Monday was much larger than expected; Tuesday's attendance was cut down by heavy rain, but, as Pres. Moen said, if more had attended they wouldn't have been able to care for them.

Mr. Moen, who has been President of the association eleven years, said that Monday night's banquet was the most elaborate and successful he ever saw.

The Sun is promised a write-up of the celebration by one who took part, which is not available for this issue, but will appear next week.

The Spring Valley Sun
19 May 1921

CITY ENTERTAINS TWO SOCIETIES

**Osterdal and Nordlands Lagets of
America Come to City and Hold
Their Annual Reunions.**

Last Saturday and Sunday the city had as guests some 300 members of the Osterdal Laget, a Norwegian society formed of former residents of that section of Scandinavia. The program was long and interesting and consisted of songs, music and speeches. Senator Ole Sageng, of Dalton, Otter Tail county, was the principal speaker on Sunday afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by President Moen, of Fergus Falls, and after the audience had sung "America" and "oud Ja vi elsker dette landet," Mayor R. J. Lindberg delivered the address of welcome, this being responded to by President Moen.

Mrs. A. C. Gottenborg, Mrs. Nona Norby-Anderson and Mr. A. O. Sletvold rendered pleasing vocal numbers, as did a quartette consisting of Mrs. Gottenborg, Miss Clara Hoffoss, Chas. Buck and E. Swanson; also a saxophone solo by Miss Mae Tvede and a duet by Misses Hagen and Mattson.

Rev. O. J. Lutness, of Perley, preached the Sunday morning sermon, and addresses were given by Senator Ole Sageng, of Dalton, Senator E. E. Lobeck, of Alexandria, and Dr. O. M. Haugen, of Fergus Falls.

At the close of the meeting here a number of those in attendance went on to Minot, N. Dak., to be present at another meeting of the same laget, held on June 24-25.

The ladies aid society of the Norwegian church served the visitors a banquet, consisting of the following menu:

Flote grod
Meat Balls with Brown Gravy
Boiled Potatoes
Fried Fish with White Sauce
Bread and Butter
Fattyman Skrull r
Coffee Cream
Lettuce and Egg Salad Dressing

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Nordlands Laget assembled here for their annual reunion and some six hundred members were in attendance. A program of music, songs and speeches provided the chief source of entertainment, the meeting closing Wednesday evening with a big banquet and bonfire at the pavilion lake-shore.

The territory covered by this laget is that from North Cape south to Helgeland, in Norway.

At the regular business session the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Prof. O. E. Rolvaag, Northfield, president; H. Borgen, Duluth, first vice president; Mr. Svare, Granite Falls, second vice president; Mr. Krystad, Minneapolis, third vice president; L. W. Davidson, Minneapolis, corresponding secretary; L. Drage, St. Paul, financial secretary; B. Baumann, Carleton, editor of paper; Rev. J. Skagen, Superior, Wis., business manager of the paper.

A vote was taken for the meeting place for next year and Detroit received an overwhelming majority of three contestants, but in order to give those residing more in the northern portion of the state an opportunity to attend, the meeting of next year will probably be held at Thief River Falls. However, in either 1923 or 1924, Detroit will again be chosen.

A resolution was unanimously passed thanking the citizens of Detroit for their hospitality and courtesy.

While the membership in this particular branch of the Nordlands Laget varies from year to year, there were over 500 registered here this week, and we are informed that there are 50,000 eligibles in the U. S. A.; this representing former residents of Nordlands and their descendants.

These organizations are formed for the purpose of renewing old associations and have no basis other than that of sentiment and sociability. The meeting here this week was one of the largest ever held in this section.

At the banquet on Wednesday evening the Norwegian ladies aid of Detroit served the following menu:

Baked Halibut with White Sauce
Boiled Potatoes
Cream Peas Cabbage Salad
Pickles Butter Rolls Cheese
Flat Bread Coffee Sugar Cream
Fattyman Pie

Detroit warmly welcomed these visitors and we are pleased to have been the choice for future visits.

OSTERDAL LAGET ENDS INTERESTING SESSION SUNDAY

Americans From Land of Mid-
night Sun Have Enjoy-
able Two Day Meet-
ing While Guests
of Alexandria

The two day session of the Osterdallag which met in this city came to an end Sunday afternoon with a program of informal speeches and music.

There were between 300 and 400 members of the organization who were in attendance and besides the members there were probably 200 visitors. These visitors of Norwegian descent were very much pleased with the treatment accorded them by the people of Alexandria. The local committee of the Osterdallag was also enthusiastic over the manner in which the local people entertained the visitors.

The meetings were of much inspiration and a source of much joy to those who gathered here for the occasion. People met cousins whom they had never seen before and old acquaintanceships and friendships were renewed and reminiscences enjoyed.

The first meeting of the session was held on Saturday morning at the High School Auditorium. Hon. E. E. Lobeck of this city gave the address of welcome, and the president of Osterdallag, Hon. N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, responded. Both speakers asked their hearers to pledge themselves anew to keep up the traditions and ideals with which they had come to this country. If they did this, they would make up a high type of citizens, it was stated. The Norwegians, it was further stated, felt that they were really Americans before they came over to this country since the constitution which Norway adopted in 1814 was modeled from the constitutions of America and France.

Mr. Holemo of Ironwood, Mich., delighted his audience Saturday morning with his violin solos, consisting of Norwegian selections, folk songs, and Grieg compositions. Miss Edna Simonson of Cameron, Wis., sang very charmingly at this same program.

In the afternoon Mayor H. E. Leach extended a welcome to the members of the lag. After this, the business of the organization was taken up. All of the old officers, with the exception of one, were re-elected.

In the evening a big banquet served by the Ladies' Aid of the First Norwegian Lutheran church was given at the Firemen's Hall. The banquet which consisted of a fish fry also and of Norwegian dishes was very much enjoyed. It was one of the most successful events of the meeting here. Following the banquet Rev. K. G. Milsen of Osage, Iowa, gave an illustrated stereoptican lecture at the high school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. Mr. Milsen showed pictures of Norway, and especially of Osterdalen. O. P. B. Jacobson, state railroad and warehouse commissioner, paid a stirring tribute to those mothers who had bravely left their homes in the old country and undergone the hardships of the pioneers of this country.

Over 1,000, it has been estimated attended the Sunday morning services held at the new armory. The local Norwegian Lutheran church joined in these services, at which Rev. J. E. Lobeck, of Minneapolis, editor of the "Folkebladet," the publication of the Lutheran Free Church, delivered the sermon in the Norwegian language. Rev. A. T. Tjornhom of the First Norwegian Lutheran Church of this city preached a sermon also. His was delivered in the English language. Special music was furnished by an octette from Fergus Falls, and by the local Norwegian Lutheran choir.

In the afternoon Mr. Holemo played some more violin solos; and Miss Edna Simonson and Miss Rovang of Fergus Falls, gave pleasing vocal solos. Speeches were made by Pres. Moen and also by Rev. O. Sorhus of Assiniboia, Canada. Others also made a few informal talks.

The meeting will probably be held at Fergus Falls next year. Representatives from the five states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and from Canada, were all here to attend this meeting of the lag. Judging by the enthusiasm manifested over their entertainment here, they will probably be glad of the opportunity to visit Alexandria again.

JOINT STEVNE

**Osterdalslaget and Solorlaget to
Hold a Joint Reunion in This
City—Meeting Friday.**

**Separate Meetings to be Held Sat-
urday—Tug of War and Other
Features.**

Fergus Falls has been fortunate this year in securing big conventions. Already two "Lags" have had their annual meetings here and four more are coming.

An event of note will be the joint annual meeting or convention of Osterdalslaget and Solorlaget which will open here Friday evening of this week. Both of these "Lags" are large and it is expected that 5 or 600 will attend. An extensive and interesting program has been prepared, the main features of which are as follows:

Friday evening, June 15th, 8 o'clock sharp, joint opening session at Bethlehem church. Short address of welcome by G. W. Harnwell. A cantata will be sung by the Junior Choir of the church. Miss Signe Fagerland will sing, "Naar Fjordene Blaaner." Miss Winana Thoreson will play a pipe organ solo, and Anton J. Anderson will give a violin selection. No admission charge and no collection taken at this meeting. Everybody invited. Short informal social hour after program.

Saturday, June 16th.

The two "Lags" will meet in separate assembly halls in High School building for business sessions. Address of welcome by Mayor Benson responded to by presidents of the organizations. To break the monotony there will be singing and music at intervals both forenoon and

afternoon, as well as short talks by local and visiting speakers. Emil Tuseth will give violin music at 2 o'clock p. m.

At 4 o'clock p. m., the two "Lags" will be given an automobile ride and at the conclusion there will be an exciting event at the fair grounds, when 21 men selected from either "Lag" will enter into a "tug of war". There will be three contests and the "Lag" which wins the two will be the victor. This contest will occur between 5 and 6 o'clock, and everybody is invited to see it.

At six o'clock sharp the two "Lags" sit down to a joint banquet in the big building on the fair grounds. This will be followed by an interesting program at 8 o'clock. Among numbers on this program will be violin music by Prof. M. Holemo, from Ironwood, Mich., solo singing by Miss Sadie Rovang; reading, "Sogna Kjaring" by Miss Marie Dahlen; illustrated lecture by Rev. K. G. Nilsen, from Osage, Ia. Banquet and program tickets, \$1; program tickets alone, 25 cts.

Sunday, the 17th, will be a big day. Joint services on fair grounds at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Iver Ramseth, from Beloit, Wis., and Rev. S. J. N. Ylvisaker will preach, the former in Norwegian and the latter in English. Joint singing by First English and Bethlehem choirs, directed by Prof. Sperati. Violin music by Prof. Holemo.

Picnic dinner at Fair Grounds from 12 to 2. Those who do not bring lunch can buy coffee and light refreshments at Bethlehem stand close to big building.

Large mass meeting at 2 o'clock. Program for same announced later.

MANY VISITORS MEETING HERE

**Sigdalslaget Closed Last Night But
Solar and Osterdal Session
Continue.**

**Gov. Preus Addressed Both Gatherings
Last Evening—Mayor Benson
Welcomed Them.**

Hon. N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, president of the Osterdalslaget and C. M. Berg of Mackintosh, Minn., president of the Solorlaget were re-elected this afternoon by their respective organizations for the ensuing year. A committee of three was appointed from each lodge to confer on a proposed consolidation of the two lags.

The joint convention of Osterdalslaget and Solorlaget which is being held in this city today is proving a great success. The attendance is good at both lags, between 500 and 600 being present.

The Osterdals lag and the Solorlag held their first joint session last evening at Bethlehem Lutheran church.

Gov. Preus delivered a very appropriate and pleasing address. It was free from political bias and was exactly suited to such an occasion.

Separate sessions of the two lags are being held at the high school today, the Solorlag meeting in the senior assembly room and the Osterdalslag in the gymnasium.

Mayor Benson delivered the addresses of welcome to each of these meetings this forenoon, extending a hearty greeting on behalf of the city. Former Senator Ole Sageng who is a member of the Osterdalslag responded fittingly.

Following this afternoon's business sessions the members of the two lags will enjoy an automobile tour about the city, ending at the Fair Grounds where the remainder of the program will be carried out. A joint banquet will be served there at 6 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock there will be a program of music and singing and an illustrated lecture on Norway by Rev. K. G. Nilsen of Iowa. A small admission fee will be charged at this meeting.

At 10:30 tomorrow there will be Sunday services at the Fair Grounds, conducted by Rev. S. J. N. Ylvisaker and Ivar Ranseth of Beloit, Wis.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon there will be a large mass meeting also at the fair grounds with good music and singing and speeches by Rev. A. Molberg and Ole O. Sageng of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Everybody is invited to all of these meetings.

SIGDALSLAGET CLOSES

The Sigdalslaget came to a close with a big meeting at the fair grounds last night. President Braatlien presided, and Gov. Preus delivered the principal address of the evening.

There were also other addresses and a pleasing musical program.

The officers elected were announced yesterday and the program was published at that time.

The Lag adopted the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that Sigdalslaget extend its thanks to the citizens of Fergus Falls, its mayor and officers of the commercial club, for their cheer of welcome and everything they have done to make our convention a success and our visit to your beautiful city so pleasant.

Be it further resolved that Sigdalslaget extend their sincere and hearty thanks to all who took part in our program.

We also extend our thanks and appreciation to all the newspapers for the publicity given so freely to our lag and helped to make it such a success.

We extend our thanks to the Ladies Aid of the Bethlehem church for their hospitality and for serving such splendid meals.

Be it further resolved that we extend our thanks to Osterdalslaget for its greetings through their president, N. T. Moen to our lag and that we ask our president to convey our best wishes to the Osterdalslaget and Solorlaget now in session in Fergus Falls.

Ole A. Pikop
Ole Kittilson
Committee on Resolutions.

Osterdalslaget

Fjortende Stevne

Cameron, Wis., 30-31 Mai 1
Juni 1924.

Bestyrelsen for Osterdalslaget har netop haft Møde, og bestemt, at vort næste Stevne afholdes i Cameron, Wisconsin, begyndende Fredagsaften den 30te Mai og de to paafølgende Dage.

Omstændighederne tvang os til at vælge disse Datoer, tiltrods for kort Tid til Bekjendtgjørelse. Vintse, Kirkemøder, Primærvalg, andre Lagmøder og Konventioner gjorde det vanskelig at finde en fordelagtig Tid for Stevnet i Juni.

Det gjælder nu at Osterdølere alle Steds hjælper til at faa Stevnet bekjendtgjort og rapper sig at komme. Vi ønsker et godt Fremmøde, da vigtige Sager kommer op til Behandling, især med Hensyn til vor Del i den store Hundreedaarsfest i 1925. Lad vort Lag bli det første af Lagene til at ta Beslutning desangaaende.

„Booster Club“ og Osterdølere i og rundt Cameron gjør store Anstregelser for et godt Stevne. Prof. Gisle Bothne fra Statsuniversitetet, Rev. R. G. Nilken fra Osage, Ia., og andre vil tale. Gulemo kommer med sit „Familie-Orkester“. En fremragende Prædikant vil præke for os paa Søndag. — Automobil-Tur. — Storlagen Banket. Bedste lokale Kræfter i Sang og Musik benyttes. Det blir et godt Stevne. — Lad det bli godt Fremmøde.

Mødet begynder altsaa Fredags Aften den 30te Mai.

Minneapolis, 17de Mai 1924.

Bestyrelsen.

Osterdalslaget.

Som bestemt paa Stevnet i 1924, møder vi i Minneapolis 6-7-8-9 Juni i Forbindelse med Hundredaarsfesten.

Vort Stevne begynder Kl. 10 Formiddag Lørdag den 6te Juni, paa Minnesotas State Fair Grounds i Horticulture Bygningen.

Alle Osterdøler som tænker at komme til Stevnet, anmodes at være tilstede Lørdag for Forretningsmødet, saa bore Sager kan greies og bli færdige før de store Festsfigheder, som tar sin Begyndelse Søndag 7de Juni og fortkætter Mandag og Tirsdag.

Modelen af Sluppen Restaurationen bygget af Osterdøler er nu færdig i pragtfuld Stand. Da mange har bidraget Penger til Konstruktio-
n af denne Gaad, maa de sikkert komme og se om Stuen er værdig vort Folk.

Baggrund af det storartede Program Festsomiteen for Hundredaarsfesten har sørgt for, har Lagets Embedsmænd bestemt ikke at besværes med noget af det Slags, men give mere Tid til at Gille paa Benner og Kjendte, for det blir nok Program al-
ligevel.

Forretningsmøde Formiddag og Eftermiddag 6te Juni, faldt en Sammenkomst om Arbejden i Møbel-lokalet, hvor vi vil ha lidt af de gammelste Melodier med anden Gemtliggbed.

Sekretæren ligger stærke at saa mange som muligt vilde sende Kontingenten før Stevnet, da det som Regel er saa overfyldt ved Stevnet, at det er næsten Uraa at ta vare paa alle Ting. Gust Kontingenten er 50 Cents Mæret for Mænd og 25 Cent for Damer. Om nogen i Nabolaget ikke hører til endnu, saa se til at de ogsaa kommer med, for dette er en Begivenhed i et Hundrede Aar.

Om nogen ønsker Vejledning eller Bistand i Anledning Logiplads under Stevnet saa vil Sekretæren være behjælpelig med at finde gode Pladser, om man lar ham vide i Tide.

For at komme til „Fair Grounds“ saa tag Commo Harriet Sporvogn enten man kommer til Mpls. eller St. Paul.

N. L. Moen, Formand.
R. Gaugseth, Sekretær,
3249, 20 Ave. So. Mpls.

Fra Østerdalsstævnet.

Østerdalslagets Møde aabnedes
fredag, 6te Juni Kl. 11 Fm. paa
Minnesota State Fair Grounds, i
Horticultural Bygningen. Pastor
A. G. Milten, Osage, Iowa, Lagets
Viceformand, præsiderede under Mø-
det, fordi Formand Moen, som Med-
lem af Styret for 100-Marshesten
ikke var optaget.

Mødet aabnedes med Afhyngelse
af „America“ af Forsamlingen, as-
sisteret af M. Solemo med Gele og
Mrs. D. S. Ween med Piano. hvor-
paa Pastor Milten ledede i Bøn. Saa
blev „Ja, vi elsker“ sunget.

Allerede under Mødets Aabning
var det 600 Døler tilstede og udover
Dagen kom ligesaa mange til. Hvor
mange kom senere, er det ingen som
ved. Forbiset om, at flere Tusind
var her i de følgende tre Dage.

Viceformand Milten hilfede Dø-
lerne velkommen, og saa begyndte
Forretningsmødet. Sekretæren læ-
ste sin Rapport, som vedtoges som
fæst, ligesaa Kassererens. Til Re-
visorer udnævntes Ole Bolden, K.
Storbeck og Iver Nygaard, som rap-
porterede, at Bøgerne var korrekt,
hvorefter Mødet hævedes for Form.

Kl. 2 kaldtes Mødet igjen til Or-
den. Først foreslaaet og vedtaget,
at Bestyrelsen paalægges at skaffe
Bygdeslöifer for næste Stævne. Fo-
reslaaet og vedtaget, at næste Stæ-
vne holdes i Fargo, N. D.; Lid at be-
stemmes af Bestyrelsen.

Saa var der Valg af Styre for
kommende Aar. M. S. Moen var for-

reslaaet til Formand, men frasagde
sig. Gjenvalg, hvorefter A. G. Milten,
Osage, Iowa, blev valgt. Som Vi-
ceformand blev valgt Martin
Strand, New Richmond, Wisconsin,
Amund Moen, Comstock, Wis., og
Martin Uthus, Fargo, N. D.; Kas-
serer, L. D. Udby, Minneapolis;
Sekretær, A. Gaugseth, Mpls.

En Kollekt blev optaget for at
dække Udgifter i Forbindelse med
Bygning af „Restorationen“; den
indbragte \$65, nok til at dække Be-
løbet. Forretningsmødet afflutte-
des med Afhyngelse af „Ja, vi elsker
og „America“.

Kl. 8 mødtes man igjen til et
Program bestaaende af Musik af So-
lemo og Mrs. D. S. Ween, som gav
flere Numre af de gode gamle Slaat-
ter, som altid giver Humør.

Den nyvalgte Formand rettede en
Tak til alle assisterende og bad alle
om at hjælpe til at gjøre vort Lag
større. Han oplyste, at han og hans
Hustru skulde paa en Tur til Euro-
pa, ogsaa til Norge, og tænkte sær-
lig at bestue Østerdalen fra Ende til
Ende og forsøge at bringe Dølerne
derhjemme og her nærmere i For-
bindelse.

Denne Gang havde vi den Gygge
at have med os en af vore gode Dø-
ler fra North Dakota, Professor
Stortrøen fra Grand Forks, som i
smukke Ord tolkede sin Begeistring
over disse Stævner. fortalte hvor
hyggeligt det var at møde med gamle
Venner, og anmodede om, at alle
skulde gjøre sit til at bevare alt det
gode som vi havde faaet i Arb.

Lid slut fik vi nogen Sange af Mrs
A. G. Milten. Hun sang sig ind i
alles Hjertes. Og saa var der Sang
af Forsamlingen.

Dette var Slutten paa det regu-
lære Møde, men til alle Tider var
der en Masse rundt Mødefalen for
at hilse kjendte. Bistnok var dette
det største Møde, Laget nogensinde
har haft.

Knutte Gaugseth, Sekr.

Stevne in Minneapolis, Minnesota
6 - 9 June 1925



Østerdalslag Participants at the 1925 Stevne at the State Fairgrounds in Saint Paul, Minnesota
(part of the Norse Centennial Celebration)

DAHL TO OPEN LAG MEETING

Registration of Osterdals-
laget Visitors Begins
At 10 A. M. Today

Mayor J. H. Dahl will open the annual convention of Osterdalslaget at 8 p. m. today, when he welcomes delegates to the city at a program in the city auditorium.

More than 2,000 persons are expected here for the three day convention. Registration of delegates will begin at 10 a. m.

K. G. Nilsen, Chicago, president of the Osterdalslaget, will respond to Mayor Dahl's talk. Henry Lynner of Fargo will give a vocal number and Miss Lillian Lund will play a piano solo.

The Orpheus Men's chorus of Fargo will entertain delegates at the evening session. Charlotte Anderson will give a reading and Grace Gregerson will play a violin number.

Gov. A. G. Sorlie of North Dakota will give an address Sunday afternoon.

Lag Meetings Attract 4,000 Visiting Norse To Fargo and Moorhead

Godbrandsdalslaget Con- vention to Open In This City Friday

Conventions of Norwegian lags, or lodges, which brought 2,000 or more visitors to Fargo and Moorhead during the past week, will bring an additional 2,000 to this city the latter part of this week, it is believed.

Nordfjordlaget, with about 1,000 members, which held sessions in Moorhead Thursday, Friday and Saturday, adjourned Saturday. Another 1,000 Norwegians still are in Fargo today. They will close the three day convention of Osterdalslaget this afternoon.

About 2,000 persons are expected here Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the national convention of Godbrandsdalslaget, according to Rev. J. W. Johnshoy, member of the program committee, who is assisting with arrangements. P. J. Romsaas is general chairman of the convention committee. A. F. Teigen, Moorhead, is chairman of the program committee, and O. C. Lindvig is chairman of the banquet committee. Sessions will be held in the city auditorium.

Business sessions and part of the programs will be held in the city auditorium. The convention banquet will be given in the parlors of the Olivet Lutheran church, and an open air program is scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Island park.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the meeting will be a film survey of Norway, brought to America by Lyder Selvig, who will return to Norway in a short time.

Film to Be Shown

The picture will be divided into six parts, the coast, the lowlands and the mountainous districts, the forests, a few cities, Nordland, and the Finnmark. The film is said to portray the magnificence of Norway's forests and mountains, showing placid fjords, the lumber industry, jagged islands and reefs, and the home life of the Norwegians.

Registration will begin at 10 a. m. Friday. Mayor J. H. Dahl will welcome the delegates to the city and the remainder of the morning session will be taken up with a business meeting.

Friday afternoon, a program will be given in the auditorium, with addresses by out of town speakers and musical numbers.

A business meeting will occupy the forenoon Saturday, with a program in the afternoon. Jessie Hazelton Askegard, Moorhead, will head a quartet, which will furnish the local part of the program.

Banquet Saturday

The banquet will be held at 6 p. m. Saturday at the Olivet Lutheran church. The quartet also will give an instrumental and vocal program during the banquet.

Per Bolstad, violinist of Norway, who is on a concert tour of America, will give a concert at the auditorium at 8:30 p. m.

Sunday morning, joint services will be held in the city auditorium, with Rev. J. Granskov of Lake Mills, Iowa, officiating.

Meeting Ends Today

Members of Osterdalslaget, holding a three day convention in Fargo, closed the second day's sessions with a banquet in the parlors of Pontoppidan Lutheran church Saturday evening. Addresses by lag members and musical numbers were program features at the banquet.

At Saturday's business sessions, held in the auditorium, K. G. Nilssen, Chicago, was re-elected president. Other officers named are: Andrew Urseth, Fergus Falls, Minn., first vicepresident; Martin Strand, New Richmond, Wis., second vicepresident; Emil Gronaas, Fargo, third vicepresident; N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls, secretary, and Andrew Stor-troen, Climbax, Minn., treasurer.

Today, lag members will attend services in Pontoppidan Lutheran church. The convention will close with an open air meeting in Oak Grove at 3 p. m. Gov. A. G. Sorlie will speak.

Moorhead Lag Adjourns

One of the most successful meetings ever held by Nordfjordlaget came to a close at Concordia college, Moorhead, Saturday afternoon, after a meeting of three days in which

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LAG MEETINGS ATTRACT 4,000

(Continued from Page One)

speeches, social events and musical treats were features. These included a description of his recent trip to Norway by Bishop A. M. Skindlov, of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America, a speech by the lag's president, Rev. L. M. Gimestad, and a recital by Per Bolstad, violin virtuoso of Norway, following the lag's banquet Friday evening at Trinity church. The concert proved an attraction of genuine interest to Fargo and Moorhead people, who joined the visiting lag members.

Another musical treat for the lag members and their friends Saturday was a piano solo by Miss Elna Sundby of Oslo, Norway, the piano accompanist for Mr. Bolstad on his American tour. The program Saturday included a speech by Representative N. T. Moen of Fergus Falls, a director in the Centennial celebration and chairman of the joint council of Norse lags in America, and speeches by Rev. R. J. Wisnes of Hekson, Minn., and Rev. Hofrenning of Max, N. D.

A resolution thanking Moorhead organizations for assistance given, was adopted. The meeting closed with an automobile tour of Fargo and Moorhead.

THREE LAGS MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

**Big Picnic Will Be Held at Ten
Mile Lake Sunday—Selvig
to Speak**

Two lags will meet in this city next Sunday and Monday. They are the Osterdalslaget and the Solorlaget. There will be a large number of visitors here. Services appropriate to the occasion will be held in both the Bethlehem Lutheran church and the First English Lutheran church Sunday forenoon.

Sunday afternoon a joint picnic of the two lags will be held at Ten Mile lake.

Arrangements are being made for a real outing. There will be speakers, among them Congressman Selvig of Crookston.

Monday, the business sessions of the lags will be held, election of officers, etc.

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 29 the Smaalenslaget will meet in this city.

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28 June 1927, Page 6

LAGS ELECT OF- FICERS, CLOSE

**Solorlag and Osterdalslag Close
Meeting With Splendid Pro-
gram at Auditorium**

The Osterdalslaget and the Solorlaget, which have been held jointly here, came to a close in this city with a splendid program at the High school auditorium Monday evening. There was a very large attendance, notwithstanding the extremely hot evening, and every enjoyed the program, which included several Viking songs, the bell ringing entertainment, accordian selections and other numbers. The vocal numbers by Mr. G. R. Pavey were especially enjoyed.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Solorlag:

Foreman, C. M. Berg, McIntosh, Minn.

Vice Foreman, B. L. Nelson, Fullerton, N. D.

Secretary, Rev. O. H. Haugen, Fergus Falls.

Treasurer, Josie Trangsrud, Kindred, N. D.

Osterdals Lag:

Foreman, Rev. K. G. Nilsen, Chicago.

Vice Foreman, Martin Strand, New Richmond, Wis.; Prof. N. Holemo, Ironwood, Mich.; Emil Gronaas, Fargo.

Secretary, N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls.

Treasurer, E. Blikstad, Fergus Falls.

Stevne in Spring Valley, Wisconsin
15-17 June 1928

Stevne in Winnipeg
7 July 1928

Østerdalslaget.

Østerdalslaget afholder sit aarlige Stevne i Spring Valley, Wisconsin, fra 15de til 17de Juni. Man møder først Fredagsaften den 15de til „Taf for sidst“. Lørdag holdes Forretningsmøde paa Formiddag; Udflugt paa Eftermiddag og Banket om Aften. Søndag er der Gudstjeneste paa Formiddag og Programmøde paa Eftermiddag. Alle Østerdøler indbydes til dette Stevne og der haabes paa talrigt Fremmøde.

Underholdningskomiteen i Spring Valley har anmodet om, at de som agter sig til Stevnet underretter Mr. S. M. Waller, Sekr., paa Forhaand, saa at Komiteen kan ordne for Logi for alle som kommer. Østerdøler, glem ikke at sende et Postkort eller et Brev til Mr. Waller.

The Fergus Falls Ugeblad
6 June 1928

Til Soløringer og Østerdøler:

Vi gjør herved et Opraab til alle Soløringer og Østerdøler at komme til det store Norstedsstevne i Winnipeg. Vi har arrangeret det sliq, at Østerdølerne og Soløringerne faar Anledning at møde i Fællesstevne i den store Samlingsaal paa Festgrunden, Lørdag den 7de Juli. Undertegnede vil være tilstede og veilede alle af vore Folk som kommer.

Det vilde være udmærket om de, som agter at reise til dette Stevne og Storfesten i Winnipeg vilde straks melde sig til en af Undertegnede. Vi haaber rigtig mange af vore Bydefolk vil komme saa vi kan vise os talrige i den store Parade gennem Storbyen der Nord. Her vil bli Anledning at træffe vore Frænder og Slægtinge fra Canada ogsaa.

Vel mødt i Winnipeg!

C. M. Berg, McIntosh,
Minnesota.
N. T. Moen, Fergus
Falls, Minn.

The Fergus Falls Ugeblad
27 June, 1928, p2

Translation of Winnipeg article by Torill Steivang

To Soløringer and Østerdøler:

We hereby make an appeal to all Soløringer and Østerdøler to attend the big Norwegianness-stevne in Winnipeg. We arranged it that Østerdølerne and Soløringerne will be able to meet in a joint stevne in the big gathering hall at the festground, Saturday the 7th July. The undersigned will be present, and will guide all of our people that appear. It would be excellent if those, who intend to go to this stevne and the big party in Winnipeg, would immediately sign up by one of the undersigned. We hope a great deal of our Bydefolk will appear so we can show ourselves numerous in the great parade through the big city up north. Here will be the opportunity to meet our friends and relatives from Canada as well.

Welcome to Winnipeg!
C. M. Berg, McIntosh, Minnesota.
N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Stevne in Stanley, Wisconsin
14-16 June 1929

Stanley Republican
7 June 1929

Norse Americans from the East Valley meet here;

article continued with an explanation: "Norse-Americans from the different localities in Norway are maintaining these associations or "lag". The purpose of these gatherings is to bring about a meeting of old neighbors, friends, and acquaintances and through the records and year books of the associations to preserve some of the history and traditions of the pioneer Norsemen in the United States. Rev. K. J. Nielsen of Chicago is President, and Anton Simenson of this city (Stanley) is Secretary of the organization." The article continued, stating that Rev. J.N. Midtlien was chairman of the program. (He was the pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stanley. He married my folks and baptized me.) The gathering assembled at the auditorium on Fri. at 2 p.m. for a meeting followed by a program: music by the Stanley Boy's Band, greetings, and songs by the audience. On Sat. at 9:30 a.m., Mayor H. Gregerson gave the welcome, with response by K. J. Nielsen, and business meeting that continued in the afternoon. Soloist, Paul Strand, and the Stanley High School Chorus and Glee Club provided music at the Sat. night banquet. This event was held in the basement of the Auditorium and served by the ladies of Our Saviors. Religious services were held Sun. morning at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, (I believe that they had one service still held in Norwegian). The program continued into the afternoon with more local music and an address by Waldemar Ager, author and editor, Eau Claire; Judge Oscar Torrison of Chicago and a farewell address by Rev. Midtlien. The article concluded with a solicitation for lodging in private homes for visitors who couldn't be accommodated by local hotels. Ole Samulson and Anton Simenson are listed as the local committee on arrangements. Ole's picture is in the center of the article (he was my grandfather's older brother, all from Follidal).

Stanley Republican
14 June 1929

Østerdals Laget Convenes Here Today

"Hundreds of former resident of the Østerdal or East Valley of Norway will arrive in Stanley today for their annual reunion. It is expected that fully 500 visitors will be here." They expected a large number from Jackson and Pierce Counties, from Minneapolis, and Chicago, traveling by bus, train, or motor car. They expected to reconnect with family and friends from the days of their childhood and enjoy "a good sociable time". Leaders of the event (Rev. Midtlien, Anton Simenson, and Ole Samulson) were listed again, plus a copy of the program for the weekend.

Stanley Republican
21 June 1929

Østerdals Lag Attracted Many Weekend Visitors, Local Committee Receives Much Praise For Entertainment. Interesting Curios.

Next was a resolution adopted by the Lag at its closing business session thanking the Stanley community for its hospitality. Ole Samulson and Otto Hendrickson were listed as the Committee. "While the attendance was not quite up to expectations of the local committee (200 'mostly transients' attended the Sat. night banquet), the visitors themselves pronounced the meeting the most successful of any ever held by this organization."... "There was a good spirit of cooperation by the people of the city, especially by those on the business streets. Flags and bunting were displayed, exhibits of Stanley products, those of the factories were made and several highly interesting collections of antiques from the fatherland of Norway were made. These collections were highly interesting as well as valuable and were a surprise to Stanley people themselves. Displays made in the window of Peter J. Kot, Carl Toft and Long's contained many curios chief among which were specimens of bibles in the Norsk language, one more than 300 years old. These old bibles would have a high market value among antique collectors as would many of the other articles, especially those in wood carving, household articles of long ago, pipes, hunting knives, fishing tackle, etc. These collections constituted an attraction worth traveling far to see and we wish that somehow they might be made a permanent asset of the city in some place of safe keeping such as the public library or in the State Historical Library at Madison." Officers for the following year were elected at conclusion of the three day event: President, K.J. Nielson, Chicago; Secretary, Anton Simenson, Stanley; Treasurer, T. O. Udley, Minneapolis; Vice Presidents: John Jemmager, Beloit, WI, Knut Hustad, Minneapolis; and Ole Ryan, North Dakota.

Researched and Extracted by Elaine Smiley

Til Østerdølerne:—

Vort Bogs Deltagelse i den store
Folkfest i Minneapolis 10de til 12de
Juni. Østerdølerne begynder sit
Forretningsmøde paa West Hotel
den 10de Juni Kl. 10 Form. paa
Grund af, at endel af Bestyrelsen hø-
rer til Sangerne, saa maa vi ha fort
Møde den Dag, 10de. Og de som vil
sikre sig Bærelse kan ligesaa godt be-
nytte dette Hotel, da man kan faa bil-
lige og gode Rum der saavel som no-
get andet Hotel. Vil sige: sikre Eder
Rum nu før Mødet. En Ting til,
det er Vindegaven for Østerdøler
som jeg tror alle Østerdøler burde
støtte. Jeg har en Tanke, at endel
tror vor Formand, som skal repræsen-
tere dette Foretagende, tror han har
fri Rejse udaf dette Fond. Men det
er ikke saa, da jeg som Sekretær ved
bedre. Formand Nilzen reiser paa
sin egen Bekostning. Haaber at se
saa mange Østerdøler som aldrig før
i Minneapolis den 10de Juni.

Nilzen, Anton Simonson,
Stanley, Wis. Secfr.

Referat fra Østerdalslagets Stevne.

Østerdalslagets 20de Marsmøde afholdtes 10de Juni paa West Hotel i Minneapolis. Mødet begyndte med Sang af Forsamlingen akkompagneret af Mrs. Ween. Efterat Formanden, Pastor R. G. Nilsen, havde aabnet Mødet med en Tale, gik man over til Forretningerne. Referat blev oplæst og antat. Der blev nedsat Revisionskomite bestaaende af P. N. Myrhaug og Mrs. Peder Jøse og Resolutionskomite bestaaende af D. S. Negaard, St. Paul og Martin Becker, Eau Claire, Wis. Derefter holdtes Valg paa Bestyrelse og herved den gamle Bestyrelse blev gjenvalgt Formand Past. Nilson, Chicago; 1ste Viceformand, John Sevnafer, Beloit, Wis.; 2den Viceform., Knut Sangseth, Mpls.; 3die Viceform., Ole Knut en Wifford, N. D. Sekretær Anton Simonson, Stanley, Wis., og Kassierer, D. T. Udby, Mpls.

Revisions- og Resolutionskomiteernes Rapportter blev oplæst og antat. Laget besluttet at gi \$100 som Mindegave til et Fond i Elverum. Ende Taler blev holdt i Forbindelse med dette, og der blev ogsaa optat Kollekt for samme Formaal. Det blev videre besluttet at sende en speciel Gilsen til Osingerne og udtalte Saal om den bedste Forstaaelse mellem dem og Laget.

Efter et hyggeligt Samvær endte Østerdalslagets Marsmøde Kl. 4 om Eftermiddagen og Deltagerne gjorde sig Rede til at delta i den norske Stor fest i Auditorium.

Onsdag Eftermiddag 11te Juni havde Østerdølserne et kort Møde i Auditoriet for at vælge en Reprætant til Fællesraadet. Past. J. E. Løbeck blev enstemmig valgt. Formand R. G. Nilsen og Past. J. E. Løbeck blev valgt til at udgive en Narbog for Laget. Viceformand John Sevnafer blev valgt til at revidere Navnelisten over Østerdalslagets Medlemsregister. Saa var det at sige Farvel til hverandre førend vi begav os ind til den store Spisefest hvor Banketten holdtes, og hvor der var mange gode Netter at forsyne sig af. Da Østerdalslaget ingen Indbydelse havde for næste Stevne, blev det overladt til Bestyrelsen at bestemme. Det blir helst i Nordbesten. Vil takke West Hotel for hvad de gjorde for Laget samt alle Østerdølser som kom til Stevnet. En flittig Gilsen til alle Østerdølser baade i Staterne og Canada.

Anton Simonson Sekretær

Stevne in Minneapolis, Minnesota
10-12 June 1930

Translation by Torill Steivang

Fergus Falls Ugeblad – 2 July 1930 – p. 1

Report from Østerdalslagets Stevne.

Østerdalslagets 20th annual meeting was held 10th June at West Hotel in Minneapolis. The meeting started by the assembly singing, accompanied by Mrs. Ween. After the chairman, Pastor K. G. Nilsen, had opened the meeting by a speech, we passed on to the business. Report was read and approved. A revision committee was appointed, consisting of O. H. Negaard, St. Paul and Martin Becker, Eau Claire, Wis. Next there was held an election of executive committee, and the whole old committee was reelected. Chairman Past. Nilson, Chicago; 1st vice-chairman, John Jevnaker, Beloit, Wis.; 2nd vice-chairman, Knud Haugseth, Mlps.; 3rd vice-chairman, Ole Ryen Wisford, N.D. Secretary Anton Simonson, Stanley, Wis., and treasurer, O. T. Udby, Mlps.

The reports from the revision- and resolution committees were read and approved. The lag decided to give \$100 as a memorial gift to a fund in Elverum. A number of speeches were held in this occasion, and there was taken up a collection for the same purpose. They also decided to send a particular greeting to the Os people, expressing the best understanding between them and the Lag.

After a pleasant gathering, the Østerdalslagets annual meeting ended at 4 p.m. and the participants made ready to go to the Norwegian big party in the lecture room.

Wednesday afternoon 11th June the Østerdøler had a big meeting in the lecture room to elect a representative for the Fellesraad. Past. J. E. Løbech was unanimously elected. The chairman, K. G. Nilsen and Past. J. E. Løbeck were elected to publish a yearbook for the Lag. Vice-chairman John Jevnaker was elected to revise the name list over Østerdalslagets member register. Then it was time to say goodbye to each other before we went to the large dining hall where the banquet was to be held, and there were lots of delicious courses. As the Østerdalslaget didn't have an invitation for the next stevne, it was entrusted to the committee to decide. It will most probably be in the Northwest. We say thank you to the West Hotel for what they did for the Lag, and to all the Østerdøler who attended the Stevne. A devoted greeting to all Østerdøler both in the States and Canada.

Anton Simonson, Secy.

Osterdallaget Opens Session In Fargo Today

About 1,000 Expected At Annual Convention Of Norse Group

One of the most active such groups in the northwest, the Osterdallaget opens its annual convention in Fargo today. About 1,000 persons are expected to attend.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the city auditorium. An informal program is to follow if time is available.

Welcoming the visitors to Fargo, Mayor A. T. Lynner will speak at the evening program, beginning at 8 p.m. Emil Gronaas will introduce Mr. Lynner. The major talk of the evening is by Rev. K. G. Nilsen of Chicago, president. The Orpheus male chorus will give several numbers; Mrs. Stella Hohncke is to give a declamation, Harry Ostby a violin solo, and there will be calisthenics by Marlys Geraghty.

A Norwegian play, in one act, "Til Seters," sponsored by the Daughters of Norway, Fargo lodge, and a dance by the Leikarringen complete the program. This program is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Business of the convention Saturday is election of officers at 9:30 a.m., while during the afternoon hours an informal program is planned if time can be arranged to follow business details which must continue over from morning.

The annual banquet is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Pontoppidan Lutheran church. Members of the church ladies aid are in charge. The menu includes a number of typical Norwegian dishes.

There will be divine services in the city auditorium at 11 a.m. Sunday, with Rev. K. G. Nilsen preaching the sermon, Mrs. Minnie Lynner and Mrs. Donald G. Palmer will appear in a musical program.

There will be outdoor program in Oak Grove park at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. P. B. Garberg, United States district attorney, to be the speaker. The Olivet Lutheran church octet will sing.

Beloit Man Is Named Head of Osterdal Lag

FARGO, N. D.—(AP)—John JAVENAKER, Beloit, Wis., was elected foreman of the Osterdal Lag at the annual convention here Saturday.

Alexandria, Minn., was chosen as the 1932 convention city.

The Capital Times, Madison, Wisconsin
21 June 1931

WISCONSIN MAN ELECTED

Fargo, N. D., June 22.—(AP)—John JAVENAKER, Beloit, Wis., was elected foreman of the Osterdal Lag at the closing session of the annual convention here. Mrs. Nina Tangen, Fargo, is secretary, and John Undseth, Fargo, cashier. Alexandria, Minn., was chosen for the 1932 convention.

The Bismarck Tribune
22 June 1931

Osterdalslaget Enjoys Visit To Alexandria

The Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of letters from John Jevnaker, president of Osterdalslaget, and Mrs. Nina Tangen, Fargo, N. D., secretary of the Lag, relative to the success of the convention here on June 17, 18 and 19. They were greatly pleased with the cooperation furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and people of the city. Their attendance was excellent considering general conditions. The members of the lag greatly enjoyed the program arranged for them and also the recreational facilities offered. The people coming from the Dakotas were impressed with our lake country. Alexandria received very favorable publicity through the coming of these people here.

The Alexandria Citizen News
30 June 1932

Translation by Torill Steivang

Østerdalslaget.

Østerdalslaget held their 23rd Stevne at Oslo Cafe in Chicago on 22nd June this year.

Oslo Cafe seemed to be the center of the Norwegianness in Chicago, Norwegian flags and Norwegian accents was seen and heard all over.

We reduced to only one day of meeting this year, because of all the other Norwegian festivities that were held this week in Chicago.

The meeting was called into being by the chairman, John Jevnaker. From the executive committee the chairman, secretary Nina Tangen, and the Fellesraad representative, Pastor K. G. Nilsen, were present. A prayer was held by Pastor Nilsen. The general/ordinary businesses were went through and done. – Amund Thorson, Mpls, was elected as a temporary treasurer. Greetings was sent from Arne Kildal, general secretary of the Nordmandsforbundets executive committee. From Olaf Slatsveen, Spokane, Wash.; from Oluf O. Torgals Lørdalen, Trysil, Norge, and a very good composed letter from our absent treasurer John S. Undseth, Fargo, N.D. He said, among a lot of other things, that being an Østerdøl is worth many times more than the small fee we pay to be a lag member. Our chairman mentioned that there should be lots of advantages to organize local lags on places where Østerdøler live. Pastor Nilsen supported that, and told about a Trysilag Stevne that both he and the secretary attended in Minneapolis last winter. A committee for the city of Chicago was elected, to try to get the Østerdøler together there. The committee as follows: Pastor K. G. Nilsen, the Hamlander brothers, Asbjørn Nordhagen, Gunda Engblad and Oluf Skogen.

Election for the new committee was carried out later that day. Our chairman was not a candidate, as he signed up for a job in Norway from September 1st this year. Also our treasurer John S. Undseth excused himself because his business doesn't allow him to travel to the different stevner.

The following were elected:

Chairman: K. G. Nilsen, Chicago. Secretary-Treasurer: Nina Tangen, Fargo, N.Dak.

Østerdalslaget.

Østerdalslaget afholdt sit 23de Stevne paa Oslo Cafe i Chicago den 22de Juni dette Aar.

Oslo Cafe faa ud til at være Centrummet for Norskdommen i Chicago, norske Flag og norske Dialekter faaes og høres alle Vegne.

Vi indskrænket os til bare en Møbedag iaar paa Grund af alle de andre norske Festsigheder som holdtes denne Uge i Chicago.

Mødet blev kaldt til Orden af Formanden, John Jevnaker. Af Bestyrelsen var Formanden, Sekretæren, Nina Tangen, og Repræsentanten til Fællesraadet, Pastor K. G. Nilsen, tilstede. Bøn blev holdt af Pastor Nilsen. De almindelige Forretninger blev gaat igjennem og udført. — Amund Thorson, Mpls, blev valgt til midlertidig Kasserer. Gilsener blev fra Nordmandsforbundets Styre, sendt af Arne Kildal, Generalsekretær. Fra Olaf Staatsveen, Spokane, Wash.; fra Oluf O. Torgals Lørdalen, Trysil, Norge, og et meget godt forfattet Brev fra vor fraværende Kasserer John S. Undseth, Far-

go, N. D. Han sa blandt mange andre Ting at det er værd mange Gange mere at være Østerdøl end den lille Kontingent, vi betaler for at være Medlemmer af Laget. Vor Formand nævnte at det burde være mange Fordele ved at faa lokale Lag organiseret paa Steder hvor Østerdøler bor. Pastor Nilsen støttede det, og fortalte om et Trysilags Stevne baade han og Sekretæren overbar i Minneapolis sidste Vinter. En Komite for Byen Chicago blev valgt, for at forsøge at faa Østerdølerne der tilfammen. Følgende paa Komiteen: Pastor K. G. Nilsen, Brødrene Hamlander, Asbjørn Nordhagen, Gunda Engblad og Oluf Skogen.

Valg paa ny Bestyrelse blev udført senere paa Dagen. Vor Formand var ikke Kandidat fordi han har modtaget en Stilling i Norge fra den første September dette Aar. Ligeledes havde vor Kasserer John S. Undseth undslaaet sig paa Grund af at hans Forretning ikke tillader ham at rejse til de forskellige Stevner.

Følgende blev valgt:
Formand: K. G. Nilsen, Chicago.
Sekretær-Kasserer: Nina Tangen, Fargo, N. Dak.

Fergus Falls Ugeblad
28 June 1933, page 4

LAG DELEGATES GATHER TODAY

Osterdal Group Convenes Here for 24th Annual Convention

Between 300 and 400 are expected to attend the 24th annual convention of the Osterdalslag, national Norwegian organization, in Fargo today and Sunday.

Delegates from scattered points began arriving in Fargo Friday, and the remainder will be here early today, according to Mrs. Nina Tangen, Fargo, secretary.

Assisting Mrs. Tangen in local arrangements is John S. Undseth, Fargo, local chairman. Rev. K. G. Nilssen, Chicago, national president, will preside.

The two-day program will open at 9:30 a. m. today in the city auditorium, where all sessions will be conducted with the exception of a banquet at 6:30 p. m. today in the Pontoppidan Lutheran church. Delegates will register in the auditorium.

Principal sessions will be conducted Sunday. The program will open at 11 a. m., in the auditorium with Norwegian services by Rev. Elias Rasmussen, pastor of the Norwegian Memorial church of Minneapolis. Music will be furnished by Miss Margaret Ristevedt and Norman Ostby, both of Fargo.

A feature of Sunday afternoon's session will be an address at 2:30 p. m. by Ole Sageng, Minnesota state senator. Following his address the Orpheus chorus, sponsors of the Sangerfest of Norwegian singers of America here June 21 to 23, will sing several selections. Miss Mariys Garrity will also give dance selections.

With the 25th anniversary in 1935, plans will be discussed for the celebration, Mrs. Tangen said. Invitations have been extended by Fergus Falls, Minn., for the 1935 gathering. The organization was formed in Fergus Falls in 1910.

Officers besides Rev. Mr. Nilssen and Mrs. Tangen include Othille Bjerk, Beloit, Wis., first vice president; Amund Thorson, Minneapolis, second vice president, and K. M. Strandvoid, Argusville, N. D., third vice president.

Osterdal Lag Members Here for 25th Jubilee

**Hundreds of Delegates Are
Registering Today for
Three-Day Program**

Delegates to the Osterlag, which opens its Silver Jubilee celebration in this city this afternoon, began arriving this forenoon. They are coming from many parts of the Northwest. The forenoon today was devoted to registration, but the greater number of delegates are expected this afternoon and evening. Some arrived last night.

The sessions opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the High School auditorium with the singing of the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja vi elsker detta landet." Rev. B. J. Blikstad of Dalton, led in devotion. This was followed by a song by little Geraldine Jensen, "Kan du glemme gamle Norge." In his usual happy manner, Mayor Theurer in behalf of the city welcomed the delegates to Fergus Falls. This was followed by singing, "My Country 'Tis of

This evening there will be band music and singing, and an address by Rev. H. O. Helseth of Fergus Falls. Prof. M. Holemo of Ironwood, Mich., will give several violin selections.

Officers of the lag predict that before Saturday between 2,000 and 3,000 delegates will be here. Forenoon, afternoon and evening sessions will be held tomorrow, Saturday. In the evening there will be a big banquet.

The Jubilee will close with a suitable session Sunday afternoon.

The Fergus Falls Daily Journal
14 June 1935, page 9

The Fergus Falls Daily Journal
17 June 1935, page 7

OSTERDALER ELECT HEADS FOR THE YEAR

**Silver Jubilee Comes to Close
With Fine Program
Sunday**

Religious services, music and addresses Sunday closed the Silver Jubilee session of the Osterdalslaget. The gathering brought hundreds of fine Americans of Norwegian extraction to Fergus Falls.

At a business session Saturday afternoon the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—K. G. Nilsen, Chicago.

First Vice Pres.—B. J. Blikstad, Dalton.

Second Vice Pres.—Andrew Urseth, Fergus Falls.

Third Vice Pres.—M. Baker, Eau Claire, Wis.

Sec.-Treas.—Nina Tengen, Fargo.

The banquet in the basement of the Bethlehem Lutheran church Saturday evening was a big success, and the religious services, music and addresses Sunday were greatly enjoyed by those who remained for the last day's session.

The Fergus Falls Daily Journal
14 June 1935, page 9

Osterdals Are Enjoying Silver Jubilee In Fergus Falls

WELCOMED TO THIS CITY BY MAYOR THEURER

Ivar Saeter, O. P. B. Jacobson, K. G. Nilsen and Others Speak

One Couple To Be Married and Others Celebrate Anniversaries

Osterdals from many states and Canada are arriving hourly to attend the big Silver Jubilee of the Osterdalslaget now in session in this city. Last evening there were over 200 delegates registered, and a great many are expected today.

Many of the visitors, who have not seen one another since childhood days in Osterdal fifty years ago, are renewing acquaintance and are reviewing events that occurred in their native land many years ago.

The opening session of the jubilee was held Friday afternoon at the high school auditorium with Vice President M. Baker of Eau Claire, Wis., presiding. Speakers on the afternoon program were: K. G. Nilsen, the lag's president; Dr. Julius Theurer, mayor of Fergus Falls; Hon. O. P. B. Jacobson, Minneapolis; and Ivar Saeter, one of Norway's most outstanding authors. Little Geraldine Jensen sang, "Kan du elenke gamle Norge."

During the evening the Fergus Falls band, under the direction of Prof. Carsten Sperati played Norwegian compositions for half an hour, and Prof. M. Holemo, Ironwood, Mich., gave violin selections, accompanied at the piano by his daughter. A quintet furnished two numbers.

Friday evening speakers were Rev. H. Helseth, Henry Nycklemoe, Rev. J. A. Quello, Rev. K. G. Nilsen, Rev. B. J. Bliksstad, and Amund Thorsen of Minneapolis.

This Saturday forenoon there was music by Prof. Holemo; accordion selections by Sam Kilde, Fergus Falls; address by Mr. A. Thorsen, Minneapolis, introducing Mr. Saeter of Norway. The main address of the day was delivered by Mr. Saeter on the theme, "Osterdalen and Osterdaler."

Ivar Saeter Gives Scholarly Address

Ivar Saeter, in his talk before the lag this forenoon, emphasized the point that in order to bring the greatest good to their adopted country, Osterdalers should be themselves. In bringing Norwegian culture to America, the women must play an important role. In this connection he referred to the "Simon-Kjerring" (butter woman) of Norway. She carried no particular distinction in the farm home of Norway, but she was a woman of considerable importance—she carried a key to every room in the house.

Mr. Saeter also emphasized the importance of digesting what one reads. Many honored men and women who have not had the advantage of extensive reading are, nevertheless, a force for better living and high standards. These men and women draw from knowledge obtained in the school of experience.

People of pioneer days paid more attention to what we in modern times consider trifles, and these pioneers benefited by so doing. The people of today are too interested in making material gains to pay much attention to trifles. We should get away from our egotism and strive for the greater things of life—things that mean peace and spiritual uplifting.

If a good living can be made by a few, it should be possible for all to make it, the speaker said.

In our day the younger generation must take hold of the task before them instead of idling away their time. In this connection he referred to the Bible verse, "What does a man gain if he loses his soul."

Mr. Saeter announced that a new Osterdal saga or history is now in the making and will be published soon. He is associate editor in the work of writing this book.

employee of the Grieg Co. at Fargo. They will take a honeymoon trip into northern Minnesota before returning to Fargo to make their home.

Golden and Silver Anniversaries Observed

Four couples attending the jubilee are being especially honored. Two of these couples are observing their golden weddings this summer, and the other two are observing silver weddings.

The couples who have been married fifty years this summer are:

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bakker, Eau Claire, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Siver L. Reiten, Hastings, N. D.

Those observing their silver weddings are:

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Brevik, Fargo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sever Ness, Fargo.

Banquet This Evening

This evening at 6 o'clock the jubilee banquet will be held in the basement of the Bethlehem Lutheran church, corner Mill and Junius. There will be a varied and interesting program of short talks, music, etc. The banquet is open to anyone who wishes to come.

Sunday's Program

Sessions will close tomorrow with religious services, addresses, and music.

Norwegian Divine services will be held at 10:30 a. m. with a sermon by Dr. G. M. Bruce, professor at the Norwegian Lutheran Seminary, St. Paul.

In the afternoon Ivar Saeter will deliver the main address on the subject, "Norge's Storhetskald."

Stevne in Fergus Falls, Minnesota

14 - 16 June 1935



Østerdalslag Participants at the 1935 Stevne in Fergus Falls, Minnesota

OSTERDALSLAGET MEETS HERE FOR THREE DAYS

Bemidji will be host to hundreds of Norwegians from all over the Northwest when the annual meeting of the Osterdal organization convenes here June 19th to 21st in the armory. The group is of national membership and lived in Osterdal, Norway.

This is the first time the organization has met in Bemidji. Already a group from Minneapolis has notified those planning the affair that it will present a Norwegian play as part of the program. Another delegation from Fargo is scheduled to participate in the entertainment.

The three days will be filled with fun and frolic for those attending. Speaking, singing, comedians and musical specialties will make up the entertainment program. Although the meeting has been arranged especially for the Norwegians, the organization invites all who are interested to come.

The Bemidji Daily Pioneer
17 June 1936, page 5

OSTERDALSLAGET CLOSES FINE CONVENTION HERE

About One Thousand Persons Visited Bemidji During Four-Day Gathering

Attendance records for the three-day meeting just held in Bemidji by Osterdalslaget, Norwegian lodge, show that about one thousand members of that organization visited this city between June 19 and 21, inclusive.

John O. Hoganson, local member arranging the national meeting, says that every visitor commented on the beauty and cleanliness of both Bemidji and the surrounding territory and expressed a desire to return here for another conclave.

No city was definitely chosen for the 1937 assembly but it will probably be Minneapolis, according to Mr. Hoganson.

The Osterdalslaget meeting brought together for the first time in many years old friends and relatives from Norway. Warm Norwegian greetings were heard on every Bemidji corner last weekend and conviviality was spirit of the day.

The Reverend K. J. Nilsen, Chicago, president of the lodge, gave the principal address at the final session of the convention Sunday afternoon. Other speakers were Ole Moen, Minneapolis; C. L. Pegelow, Bemidji; the Reverend H. M. Johnson, Bemidji, and Superintendent of Schools J. W. Smith.

The Bemidji Daily Pioneer
22 June 1936, page 3

OSTERDALSLAGET WILL CONVENE IN CITY JUNE 25-27

Fourth Large Convention Is Scheduled for Thief River Falls

The fourth major convention to be scheduled for Thief River Falls during the month of June will be that of the Osterdalslaget, Norwegian organization, which will conduct its annual meeting in the Auditorium June 25, 26 and 27, it was announced today by E. O. Erickson, in charge of local arrangements.

Presiding at the convention will be Rev. K. O. Nelson of Chicago, president of the lag, who will be assisted by Mrs. Nina Tangen of Fargo, secretary. The detailed program will be announced later.

Mr. Erickson stated that anyone having rooms to rent to delegates to the convention is requested to telephone 751-R. Last year's convention in Bemidji, he said, attracted a large attendance

Thief River Falls Times
3 June 1937, page 1

OSTERDALSLAGET SESSION TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW

Convention Programs Will Continue From Friday to Sunday

Marking the fourth consecutive week-end that Thief River Falls citizens have been hosts to conventions of various kinds, residents of the city will entertain the annual convention of the Osterdalslaget at the Auditorium from Friday to Sunday morning, June 27.

Featuring the program arranged for the convention will be a banquet Saturday evening in the Zion Lutheran church parlors, following which a play will be presented by the Daughters of Norway. Rev. K. G. Nelson, president of the Osterdalslaget, will be in charge of the sessions, assisted by Mrs. Tangen of Fargo, who holds the office of secretary. The program will also include a variety of musical offerings and addresses.

Rev. E. L. Tungseth, pastor of Zion Lutheran church, will deliver a sermon to those in attendance at the convention Sunday morning.

Thief River Falls Times
24 June 1937, page 1

Østerdalslaget

Østerdalslaget holdt sitt 28de sommerstevne i Minneapolis den 17., 18. og 19. juni. Møtet, som blev aapnet av formannen, pastor R. G. Nilsen, var i alle deler vellykket og en masse mennesker var mødt frem.

kl. 10 om formiddagen begynte man aa innregistrere laget's fremmødte medlemmer og andre tilreisende. Om kvelden hadde man arrangeret et storartet program. Rmund Thorsen sang flere sanger. Signe Iosje Døtre af Norge og Døso Iosje Sønner af Norge gaar der gav en storartet opvisning til beste under ledelse av Andrew John og Mrs. Williams. De fikk stort bifall for sine prestasjoner.

Amite Haugseth, medlem av arrangementkomiteen i Minneapolis, holdt en bemerkelsesverdig tale. Pastor Meland, formann for Nordfjordslaget, bragte Østerdalslaget en hilsen fra sitt lag. I sin tale skildret han Leif Eriksons opdagelse av Vinland og fortalte om de mange statuer som er reist til hans ære paa flere steder i Midtvesten. Fredagens møte blev avsluttet med norsk sang av forsamlingen.

Lørdags formiddag blev det regulære forretningsmøte holdt. — Forsamlingen sang „Gud signe Norges land" og „Millom bakkar og berg utmed havet". Sekretærens rapport blev oplest og vedtat. Kassereeren leste sin rapport som blev vedtat uten bemerkninger. Formannen leste op en takkeskrivelse fra John S. Anseth og Olaf Grønnaas som i velvalgte ord takket laget's sekretær, Mina Tangen, for det utmerkede arbeide hun har utført i de aatte aar hun har vært sekretær for Østfoldslaget.

Derefter gikk man til valg av nytt styre som blev som følger:

R. G. Nilsen, formann; pastor F. B. Bliekstad, 1ste viseformann; Mrs. Olavs Glermoen, 2den viseformann. Mrs. Mina Tangen frabød sig gjenvalg og i hennes sted blev valgt som sekretær Dan Olson fra Grand Forks. Som kasserer blev valgt Amite Haugseth fra Minneapolis.

Laget takket Mrs. Tangen for lang og tro tjeneste ved aa reise sig. Efter valget blev det en heller skarp diskusjon om hvorvidt man for fremtiden skulde staa tilsluttet fellestraadet. Til slutt bedtø man aa fornye sitt medlemskap for endnu et aar med haap om at Bygdelagenes Fellestraad i det kommende

aar vilde gjøre litt til laget's fremme.

Boken „Østerdalenes saga" er nu ferdig og kan leveres til de som har tinget den. Laget's formann, pastor Nilsen, og mange andre har nedlagt et stort arbeide paa denne boken, lagt ut mange penger og i alle deler forestaatt utgivelsen. Vi haaper derfor at laget's medlemmer vil kjøpe boken og derved bidra til at de som har lagt ut penger paa foretagendet faar sine laan betalt.

Det forelaa indbydelse til aa holde neste aars stevne i Devils Lake, N. D., og Winger, Minn. Det sistnevnte sted blev valgt.

Lørdags kveld var det bankett paa Norway Hall hvor dølene blev trakteret med ekte norske retter. Efter maten blev det gitt et godt program til beste. Eilev Bakke holdt paa vegne av Bygdelagenes fellestraad en tale. Marit Swensen sang to norske sanger. Bestyreren for Den Norske Amerikalinje i Minneapolis, Jacob Stefferud, viste frem linjens nyeste film, „Det nye Norge". Mina Grieg damefor sang flere sanger under ledelse av Signe Fossum Lillegard. Martin Strand, som i mange aar var laget's viseformann, bragte en hilsen.

Søndags morgen var dølene forsamlet til gudstjeneste. Dr. G. W. Bruce holdt preken assisteret av dr. Malinin. Om eftermiddagen var det tale av Lars Bjerken som er landbruksstolebestyrer i Finnmarken, Norge. Taleren skildret med greie ord forholdene slik som de er i Norge idag. Hilsen til laget fra pastor Bliekstad og Martin Westad blev oplest.

Formanden takket den lokale komite i Minneapolis og andre som hadde bidratt saa meget til at dette stevne blev en suksess. Knut Haugseth og Rmund Thorsen holdt kortere taler.

Narets stevne var over og alle drog hjem. Møtet var hyggelig. mange venner og slektninger møttes og nye vennskapsbaand blev knyttet. Vel møtt igjen neste aar i Winger.

Dan Olson, sekr.

420—1st Ave. So., Grand Forks, N. D.



WELCOME OSTERDALS!

Program

Osterdals Laget

Winger, Minn.

June 10-11, 1939

Osterdals Laget

Dedicates June 9, 1939, the first day of our annual meeting, to the memory of our visit with

Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha

Long May They Live!

Program

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 10:00 a. m.

Song, "Ja Ve Elsker" Audience
Accompaniment by Garden Orchestra
Welcome Mayor N. T. Hove
Response Rev. Nelson
Song Mrs. Clifford Johnson
Registration

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1:30 p. m.

Music Garden Orchestra
Song Mixed Quartette
Business Session
Music Helgeson's Orchestra
Talk Rev. Nelson
Song Male Quartette
Music Garden Orchestra

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 5:00 p. m.

Banquet at Church Parlors

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 8:00 p. m.

Music Garden Orchestra
Song Male Quartette
Music Helgeson's Orchestra
Norwegian Play
Song Mrs. Clifford Johnson
Music Garden Orchestra
Song, "America" Audience

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 10:00 a. m.

Norwegian Sermon Rev. Blikstad
English Sermon Rev. Grambo
Songs Winger Choir and Male Chorus

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1:30 p. m.

Music Helgeson's Orchestra
Group of Songs Odin Male Chorus, Fertile
Music Rindal Orchestra
Song Mixed Quartette
Music Rindal Orchestra
Informal Talks
Song Odin Quartette
Music Helgeson's Orchestra
Song, "America" Audience

Welcome Osterdals!

See the Ball Game on Sunday, June 11, at 3:00 o'clock
Paul Bunyan League---WINGER TIGERS vs. CARR LAKE

Welcome Osterdals!

FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE, ELEVATOR CO.

Welcome Osterdals!

WINGER FARMERS CREAMERY CO.

Welcome Osterdals!

BERGE STORE

Fairway Fine Foods

Welcome Osterdals!

FARMERS STATE BANK OF WINGER
Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Welcome Osterdals!
STANDARD SERV. STATION
Halvor Normes, Prop.

Welcome Osterdals!
PHILLIP SOLBERG
Village Blacksmith

Welcome Osterdals!
WINGER ENTERPRISE
Just Like a Letter from HOME

BORUD'S TRUCK SERVICE
Ship your livestock with us for
highest net prices to W. Fargo

Velkommen!
SIOUX SERVICE STATION
Bursheim & Johnson, Prop.

Greetings From
SIOUX OIL CO.
Mobilgas Mobiloil

Welcome Osterdals!
SANITARY MEAT MARKET
M. C. Bursheim, Prop.

Welcome Osterdals!
KENNETH HELLING, Mgr.
Winger Co-op. Livestock Ass'n.

Welcome Osterdals!
REX CAFE
Emil Larson, Prop.

Welcome Osterdals!
Meet the Gang at
GIR'S PLACE

Welcome Osterdals!
O. N. SNUSTAD
Hardware Undertaking

Welcome Osterdals!
SIOUX CAFE AND STORE
Alex. Hoidal, Prop.

Welcome Osterdals!
HI-WAY LUNCH
Mrs. A. H. Linde, Prop.

Velkommen Osterdals!
WILCOX LUMBER CO.
John Solie, Jr., Agent

Welcome Osterdals!
CHRIS RINDAHL
Jewelry Store

Welcome Osterdals!
GARTLAND'S STORE
Time O' Day Fine Foods

Welcome Osterdals!
U. & L. STORE
N. T. Hove, Prop.

Welcome Osterdals!
AASEN-ESPESETH HDW. CO.
"Our Own Hardware"

Welcome Osterdals!
WINGER CO-OP. OIL ASS'N
Service at the Co-op Station

Welcome Osterdals!
STANDARD OIL CO.
F. A. Naansen, Agent

Welcome Osterdals!
WINGER DRUG & VAK STORE

Welcome Osterdals!
E. W. ERICKSON, McIntosh
Plastering and Masch Work

Welcome Osterdals!
OLE'S CAFE
Meals and Lunches

Welcome Osterdals!
A. C. JENSEN
Postmaster

Welcome Osterdals!
SEVERSON'S VAR STORE
T. E. Severson, Prop.

Welcome Osterdals!
RAY BAGSTAD
Gravel Hauling and trucking

Welcome Osterdals!
DALE'S HARN. & SHOE SHOP
Shoe and Harness Repairing

Welcome Osterdals!
P. J. SORVIG
Rural Mail Carrier

Welcome Osterdals!
ED. NELSON'S GARAGE

Welcome Osterdals!
OLSON SISTERS
Beauty Operator Dress Maker

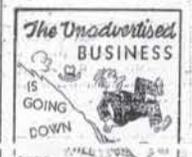
Osterdals Conyention

this conyention a great success.

In charge of program arrange-
ments have been Mrs. Olga
Flornoen, Nils Messelt and Olaf
Lofnes. The lodging committee
includes Otto Grambo and Eng-
bret Ostby.

A local bus has been chartered
and several private cars will also
leave for Fargo tomorrow morn-
ing to see in person Crown
Prince Olav and Crown Princess
Martha who are making a three-
day stay there.

Vi hylder de ting som i represen-
ter:
et fremskrittfolk fritt, uav-
hengig som vi;
et land hvor tilfredshet og
sannhet regjerer,
et kongehus preget av demo-
krati.



En Hilsen til Kronprins Olav og
Kronprinsesse Martha fra det
Norske Amerika

(The following poem, written
by Frieda Bue Honnes, vice-
president of the W. M. F.

Nu eder vi hylder, vor prins og
prinsesse,
og takter for gavens Norge
og takk fremfor alt for saa
varm interesse
i oss, at i kom til oss helt over
hav.

En hilsen med eder tilbake vi
sender
fra vestkysten helt til Atlan-
terhavets strand;
fra unge og gamle, fra slett
og fra venner:
"Gud higne dig, Norge, du
deilige land!"

The Winger, Minn., Convention of

Osterdalslaget

Welcome Their Royal Highnesses

Crown Prince Olav

and

Crown Princess Martha

to

Fargo-Moorhead Reception June 9

Meeting at Comstock Hotel at 9 o'clock for Parade and Program
in Island Park and other places.

Osterdalslaget

meets at

WINGER, MINN.

JUNE 10-11

EVERYBODY WELCOME

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MINNESOTA
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

National Osterdal-Lag Here, on June 9th and

Large Crowd Ex- pected to Attend

The national organization of the Osterdals will have their annual meeting here Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11. June 9 has been set aside and the group will join with many others on that day and journey to Fargo and Moorhead where they will greet and honor the Royal couple, the Crown Pince and Crown Princess of Norway. All who intend to go to Fargo must be at the Comstock Hotel at Moorhead at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The regular sessions of the Lag will begin Saturday, June 10, at 10 a. m., with all sessions at the Winger Auditorium. Interesting programs will be given at both forenoon and afternoon sessions.

The banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 10. After the banquet the visitors will be entertained by local talent who will present the Norwegian play, "Rationelt Fjosstell". This play consists of the following star performers: Haldor Hegg as Lars Boen, Mrs. Sig Mjovig as his wife, Mabel Eggen as their daughter, Mrs' S. K. Nohre as utstu gamla, Eberhad Helling as her son, and Rudy Heideman as Jens Pederson, Kontorest.

Rev. O. P. Grambo of Winger and Rev. B. J. Blikstad of Dalton will conduct services Sunday forenoon. There will also be a session in the afternoon.

A complete program will be published in the next issue of this paper.

Winger extends a hearty welcome to the Osterdals-lag.

TIL ØSTERDØLERNE

Som før bekjendtgjort, holdes vort stevne i Duluth, Minn. den 28., 29. og 30. Juni, 1940. Vi møter paa Forester Hall, 4. Ave vest og First Street. For dere som ikke er kjendt i Duluth, vil de merke adressen, saa vil de ikke ha nogen vanskelighet med at finde frem.

Det Lokale Østerdalslag har nedlagt it stort arbeide for at gjøre dette et av de hyggeligste møter i lagets historie.

De har utarbeidet et ualmindelig godt program, med sang og musikk av de beste krefter i Duluth. Tale av byens borgermester og andre. Mrs. Flermoens skuespiller trop fra Winger, Minn., vil ogsaa undeholde dølernes med sit spil under stevnet. Deres spil bærer præget av alt som er ekte norsk.

Der vil bli serveret et ekte Østerdalsmaaltid lørdagskveld, hvor bordene virkelig vil bugne under vekten av alle disse retter som dølernes liker saa vel.

Som altid har vært bruk før,

samles vi til høimessegudstjeneste søndag, hvor vi igjen som i barndommens og ungdommens aar vil synge de norske salmer og lytte til norsk prædiken.

Saa nu kjære Østerdøler maa de legge strævet tilside for nogle dager og komme til Duluth for der at oppfriske minder fra de dager som vi tilbragte i vor kjære dal. Den dal som idag er herjet av fiender, og som maaske er i nød. Vort haap om at den høieste makt maa værne og sjærme om vor kjære dal og det folks.

Dan. Olsen, sekr.

More Than 150 Delegates Attend Convention Of Norse Group Here

Election, Hearing of Reports, Banquet Scheduled Today.

Between 150 and 200 delegates assembled in the Forester hall, Fourth avenue west and First street, last night for one of the programs of the annual convention of Osterdals Laget, national Norwegian lodge made up of former residents and their descendants, of Osterdalen, Norway.

The convention was opened in the afternoon with a welcome talk by Paul Berg, local president, group singing of Norwegian and American national anthems and talks by K. G. Nilsen, Minneapolis, national president; the Rev. J. B. Blikstad, Dalton, Minn., first vice president, and Mrs. Anna Fuhr, editor of Duluth Skandinav.

Last night's program was opened by songs by Nordins Datre, song group, accompanied by Anna Torgeson. Other features included selections by Mardell and Lavonne Surum, instrumentalists; solo, Anna Torgeson; reading, Cary Hanson; vocal solo, Dolly Francisco; instrumental selections, Margaret and Arline Oss; vocal solo, Erling Holde, and closing selections by Nordins Datre.

The annual business session is slated for 9 a. m. today with election of officers and presentation of reports scheduled. At 2 p. m., Mayor C. R. Berghult will address the group. The annual banquet is scheduled for 6 p. m. today in the First Norwegian church.

Another program will be presented at 8 p. m. today in Forester hall. A duet by Mrs. Betsy Duclett Nelson and Mrs. K. G. Nelson and a play by a group from Winger will be included. A service at the Norwegian church Sunday will conclude the convention.

Duluth News Tribune
29 June 1940, page 2

Services Today End Parley Of Osterdals Laget

Norse Organization Elects, Adopts 3-Point Program.

Delegates to the 29th annual convention of the Osterdals Laget, one of some 60 provincial Norwegian groups through the United States, will conclude their three-day session here today by attending religious services.

At a business meeting yesterday in Foresters hall the Rev. B. J. Blikstad, Dalton, Minn., was chosen president, succeeding the Rev. K. G. Nilsen, Minneapolis. Others elected are Mrs. Olaus Flermoen, Winger, Minn., first vice president; Mrs. Carrie Hanson, Minneapolis, second vice president; Martin Baker, Eau Claire, Wis., third vice president.

Dan Olsen, Grand Forks, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for his third consecutive term, and Mr. Nilsen was chosen delegate to the joint council of "lags" which is held annually in Minneapolis each May.

Adopting a report of the resolutions committee, members of the Osterdals Laget supported three major programs, as follows:

Unification of Norwegian-American social, church, religious and cultural organizations to solidify efforts of mutual interest.

Preservation of Norwegian relics in the country by seeking to establish a central museum from small collections in scattered sections.

Promotion of festivals and other entertainment to raise funds to aid the needy in Nazi-invaded Norway.

Visitors were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city late yesterday afternoon preceding the convention banquet at the First Lutheran church, First avenue east and Third street. Winger, Minn., delegates last night presented a dramatic skit, "Now Let's Get Married," a humorous production.

Duluth News Tribune
30 June 1940, page 11

SE HER ØSTERDØLER!

Som før bekjendtgjort i den norske presse, holdes vort aarlige stevne i Eau Claire, Wis. den 27de, 28de og 29de juni, 1941. Den lokale komite, samt byens forretningsmænd og folket i byen og omegn har gjort stevneforberedelser for dette møte. Dølerne kan være forvisset om, at ha nogen hyggelige dager i Eau Claire, Wis., nordvestens naturskjønne stat.

Programmet vi bli bekjendtgjort saa snart det er fuldstendig utarbeidet. Saa Østerdøler, gjør eder ferdig og kom i flok og følge til dette stevne.

Vel mødt.

Paa Østerdalslagets vegne,
Rev. B. J. Blikstad, form.
Dan. Olsen, sekr.

Kjære Østerdøler

Det lakker mot den tid da østerdølenes aarlige nasjonale stevne skal holdes. La der bli en fylking av østerdøler, som aldrig før, i Winger, Minnesota, dagene den 26de, 27de og 28de. Et godt program er under forberedelse, og vi haaper at det fuldstendige program kommer i avisene i god tid før stevnet.

Der er visse lag, som paa grund av forholdene, har fundet det bedst at sløife sine stevaer dette aar. Der kan ogsaa være østerdøler, som gaar med samme indstilling. Personlig tror jeg det er et mistak. Er der nogen tid man burde komme sammen for at oppmuntre og hjelpe hverandre, og mindes de kjære i det gamle land, saavel som i vort eget

land, og især de som kjemper vor kamp paa de vidstrakte fronter, saa er det i slike tider, som vi nu er oppe i. Der fortelles om det sande Israel i den gamle pakts tid, at da dagene var onde "kom de ofte sammen." Saa et slikt stevne, som vort, i den tid vi lever i, er haadebetimelig og gavulig, og aldeles i overensstemmelse med vort lands program.

Blir det litt vanskelig i denne rasjonerings-tid at benytte bilen saa meget som før, saa faar vi prøve at slaa os sammen saa mange som mulig i en bil, og paa steder hvor der bor flere døler, som tenker sig til stevnet, kunde det kanske la sig gjøre at leie en buss (ikke tobakkbuss forstaas), og jernbanen staar jo til eders tjeneste, hvor saa end de bor.

Saa vel møt i Winger, Minnesota, den 26de, 27de og 28de juni

B. J. Blikstad, formann,
Det Nasjonale Østerdølerlag.

National Osterdals Lag to be Here on Friday, Saturday and Sunday this Week

The national convention of the Osterdals Lag will be held in Winger on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 26, 27 and 28. Delegates from many distant points are expected to attend.

Among the speakers to be present will be Dr. Richard Beck of Grand Forks, Henry Nyklemo of Fergus Falls and K. G. Nilson of Minneapolis. There will also be singing, musical numbers and other entertain-

ment on the program.

On Saturday evening a banquet will be held at the Dovre Lutheran Church Parlors after which a Norse play will be presented at the local auditorium.

The Osterdals Lag invites all people over 75 years to be at the Auditorium at 2 o'clock on Saturday. They will be honored as our pioneers and will be given a place on the stage.

The complete program follows:

Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, at 10:00 a. m.

Song "Ja vi elsker"	Audience
Registration	
Song "America"	Audience

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, at 2 p. m.

Welcome	Mayor N. T. Hove
Response	Rev. B. J. Blikstad
Informal program with songs and short talks by different people. Visiting, meeting old friends and making new ones.	

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 8 p. m.

Songs	McIntosh Male Chorus
Norse Tableau and Song	Mrs. Clifford Johnson
Remarks	Rev. K. G. Nilson
Song	McIntosh Male Chorus

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 10:00 a. m.

Business Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2 p. m.

Honoring Our Pioneers	
Song	Einar Blikstad
Talk	Dr. Richard Beck, Grand Forks
Song	Einar Blikstad
Talk	Henry Nyklemo, Fergus Falls

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 5:30 p. m.

Banquet at Dovre Church Parlors

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 8 p. m.

Music	Garden Orchestra
Norse Play	
Music	Garden Orchestra

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 10:30 a. m.

Norwegian Sermon	Rev. Blikstad
Songs	Winger Chorus
(Bring your "salme bog" for this service)	

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1:30 p. m.

Short Informal Talks and Goodbyes	
Song "America"	Audience

Skjonne Osterdalen

Jeg var født i Osterdalen
Ner ved claras elvebred
O du skjonne Osterdalen
Mindet dveler kjert ved dig.
(Chorus)
Glemmes kan ei hjemmets tue
Hvor min barndoms vugge stod
Vuggesang og rokke-duren
I skjon harmoni der lod.
Aldrig glemmer jeg vel dalen
Lunt ved Trysils fjeld den laa
Fjeld bekledt med gran og furu
Stod der som en pregtig brud.
Mindes du paa lande-veien
Hvor som barn saa tidt du sprang
Hvor dit ore da oppanget
Lokkesang og hjeldeklang.
Om jeg ei ed duen's vinger
Det jeg onsket har saa tidt
A hvor skulde jeg mig svinge
Over hav til dalen bliid.

—By Mrs. S. K. Nohre

TIL ØSTERDØLERNE

Nu er Fedrelandet igjen frit. I fem lange aar har vi ventet paa dette. Nu aander Østerdølerne igjen frit i sin egen dal. Kun et folk som har været under tvang, lidelser, frykt og grusomheter, vet hvad det betyr, igjen at være et frit folk. Det vil ta arbeide, opofrelser, førend Norge igjen blir sig selv. Men vi er forvisset om at normendene bygger fremover igjen efter deres idealer. De har gjort det før og de gjør det igjen. Østerdølerne gleder sig over fedrelandets frigjørelse og ønsker dem held og lykke i fremtiden.

Men i Østerdølernes rekke her er det sorg. Pastor K. G. Nilsen som i mange aar var lagets formand, er gaat hjem. Han vil savnes av alle. Naar tiderne igjen tillater os igjen at samles til stevne, vil hans smil ikke sees, og hans formanende ord ikke høres blandt os. Men naar han kunde sige, "Jeg dør i Jesu navn," saa skal vi ikke misunde ham hvilken. Til hans efterladte hustru, siger vi "Gud trøst dig i sorgen."

Det er nu vel over tiden at vi brukte at holde stevne. Men tiderne tillot ikke nogen samling, dette aar heller. Vi haaper da at det er mulig at komme tilsammen neste aar. Vi beder om at Østerdølerne vil sende indbydelse til at holde stevne hvor det er mulig. La os ha mange indbydelse til neste stevne.

Da laget ikke har mødt siden 1942, har vi ikke hat no-

gen indtekter. Kassen er saa at si tom. Vi vilde bede Dølgene om at sende ind kontingenten for de to siste aar. Det blir \$1.50 for mænd og hustru pr. aar, altsaa et beløp av \$3.00 for to aar. Det er nesten umuligt at faa istand noget stevne uten noget i kassen. Vil de nu være saa snild at sende deres kontingent for to aar, saa skal vi gjøre bortbeste og faa et godt stevne neste aar. La os Østerdøler løfte i flok.

Paa Østerdalslagets vegne,
B. J. Blikstad, form.
Proctor, Minn.
Dan Olsen, sekr.-kass.
420 First Ave. S.
Grand Forks, N. D.

Til Østerdølterne

Formand Blikstad underrettet mig om at komiteen i Fergus Falls, Minn, arbeider under høitryk med forberedelser for stevnet der den 21, 22, 23de Juni, 1946. Det er nødvendig at alle som tenker sig til stevnet, bør underrette Mr. Martin T. Nelson, 127 E. Summit Ave., Fergus Falls, Minn., snarest mulig om sit komme, saa losji kan sikres dem. Under denne husnød, er det ikke let at faa soverum.

Vi vil bede alle Østerdøler som muligens hadde nogen i den just avsluttede krig som faldt, eller døde, i landets forsvaret om de vilde sende deres navn og adresse til sekretæren saa snart som mulig saa alle navne kan bli tabelleret. Deres alder og livshistorie vilde være ønskelig.

Programmet vil bli bekjentgjort i avisene saasnt det er utarbeidet i sin helhet i god tid. førend stevnet. Det vil bli et godt program.

Tilslut vil vi anmode alle,

som paa nogen maate kan, at komme til dette stevne. Efter 4 aars forløp vil det bli hyggeligt at komme sammen igjen og oppfriske gamle minder.

Kom alle Døler i flok og følge til Fergus Falls, Minn. den 21de, 22de og 23de Juni, 1946.

Dan Olsen, sekr.-kass.

420 1st Ave. So.

Grand Forks, N. D.

Osterdals Lag Reunion Opens Next Friday

Sessions Will Last Three
Days, Pastor From Norway
To Take Part

Final arrangements for the National Osterdals Lag reunion in this city June 21-22-23 have been made. The meetings will be held in the Sons of Norway hall, with the first session at 8 o'clock Friday evening. At this meeting Mayor Stender will give his address of welcome.

The main speaker will be Dr. Theo. Jorgenson, head of the Norse department at St. Olaf college and a candidate for the U.S. senate.

On Saturday forenoon there will be a business session and election of officers. In the afternoon there will be sight-seeing trips.

Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock, there will be a big banquet in the Bethlehem church with Rev. Christian Hallesby from Norway as the principal speaker.

Sunday at 11:15 a. m. there will be divine services in Bethlehem church with Rev. Mr. Hallesby preaching the sermon. In the last meeting Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Hallesby will give a talk on Norway in the N. P. Park, if weather permits.

Local talent will furnish the necessary music and singing for all the meetings.

The committee in charge has arranged for all the needed lodging accommodations.

The Fergus Falls Daily Journal
17 June 1946, page 9

Osterdal Lag Opens Three Day Convention In This City Today

**Firs Gathering Since War
Of People and Descend-
ants From Osterdal,
Norway**

**Osterdal Scene of King's
Escape From Hitler—Land
Of Fine Forests and
Trot Filled Streams**

The Osterdals Lag opened its annual convention in this city today—the first convention since the beginning of the war. Meetings are being held in the Sons of Norway Hall and it is expected there will be a large attendance, members of the Lag continuing to arrive throughout the day.

There are no delegates to a gathering of this kind, but all those whose homes, or the homes of their parents and grandparents were in the Osterdal district in Norway are invited to gather for the many cultural benefits afforded at one of these meetings.

Offices of Osterdals

Rev. B. J. Blikstad of Proctor, and formerly of Dalton, is national chairman of the Osterdals and Enochness is president of the Fergus Falls group. M. T. Nelson is chairman of the local committee and Dan Olsen of Grand Forks, N. D., secretary-treasurer of the National Osterdals Lag.

PUBLIC INVITED

The speaker this evening will be Dr. Thor Jorgenson, head of the Norse department at St. Olaf College, and a candidate for United States senator. Dr. Jorgenson is the author of many books and is well known to many. The public is cordially invited to this evening's meeting.

Mary Paul Stenler will give an address welcoming the visitors to the city and there will also be a fine musical program including accordion music by Eldal Blikstad, vocal numbers by the Orpheans, Chorus under the direction of G. E. Oviel and violin selection by Ronald Kilde, with Mrs. G. A. Anderson as accompanist.

Those who remember the Osterdal of their childhood, and those who have heard of its beauty at their mother's knee, have reason to rejoice and give thanks this year because those who still till the soil and work in the great forests of that district are once more free from the iron heel of the oppressor.



Left to right—Dan Olsen, Grand Forks, N. D., Secretary-Treasurer, National Osterdals Lag; Martin T. Nelson, chairman of Fergus Falls Committee, which made arrangements for gathering; and the Rev. B. J. Blikstad, Proctor, national chairman of the Osterdals and formerly pastor of the Lutheran parish at Dalton.

SHELTERED KING AND GOVERNMENT

Osterdal was one of the districts most bombed by the Germans in their attack on Norway. The king and the government of Norway sought shelter in the forests of Osterdal before fleeing to England, and it was for this reason that the district was pounded by the Luftwaffe. The stalwart folks of the district are now busy repairing that damage.

One more the residents of Osterdal and those from other parts of Norway go fishing for trout in its cool mountain streams and lakes; none more they hunt moose and deer in the deep forests instead of being hunted by Hitler's Gestapo.

LARGEST FOREST REGION

Osterdal is the largest forest region in Norway, and from the top of any of the mountains in the area one can look over hills covered with evergreen, pine and spruce stretching for a hundred miles. The mountains of the area are no as big as those in other parts of Norway, but they are beautiful and the sparkling lakes and rivers add to the beauty of the district.

The streams abound with trout, often to eighteen inches in length and besides the moose and deer in the forests there are numerous kinds of game birds such as the "Tur," the male bird and the "Roi," female of a speckled bird which resembles our partridge; and the white bird, which is about the size of a leghorn chicken and makes its habitat near the tree line.

SPORTSMEN DIVIDE WITH OWNER

While hunting and fishing is only permitted in season, Rev. Mr. Blikstad, who has done a great deal of fishing in the streams of Osterdal says there is no limit on the catch, nor a bag limit. There is always an abundance of fish in the streams. However, there is a custom, or a rule that whenever a hunter kills something on private property, he is expected to give half of what he kills to the property owner. This does not apply to the areas that are government owned. The forests of Osterdal also offer shelter for brown bear, but they are not very numerous.

Tomorrow, Saturday, forenoon sessions will be devoted to business matters and the election of officers, and in the afternoon visitors will enjoy a sight seeing tour. In the evening there will be a banquet at the Bethlehem Lutheran church parlors at 6:30 with Rev. Christian Hallesby of Norway as the speaker.

Talented Young Violinist Here

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kilde and their son, Ronald Kilde, are here from Tacoma, Wash., on business and to visit relatives and attend the Osterdals Lag. Ronald Kilde is a talented violinist and will appear on the Osterdals Lag program. Although only 15 years of age he has played with the Tacoma Symphony orchestra and made a number of other appearances with outstanding musical groups.

While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Kilde and their son are guests of Einar Kilde, and are also visiting Mr. Kilde's other brothers—John, Ben, Carl and Sam. He plans to go on to the Cities and Chicago before returning to Tacoma, and expects to stay here two or three weeks.

Speaker At Meeting Here From Norway

Rev. Mr. Hallesby, Who Addresses Osterdal Lag, Was Underground Worker

Father Spent 2 Years In Concentration Camp—Lag Elects Officers Today

Osterdal Lag Draws Large Attendance, Many From Long Distances

The Osterdal Lag is drawing a very large attendance in this city and the Sons of Norway Hall was filled to overflowing by the large crowd in attendance Friday evening for the address given by Dr. Theo. Jorgenson.

This Saturday forenoon was devoted to business matters and the following officers were elected:

President, Rev. B. J. Blikstad, Proctor.

1st Vice President, M. E. Berg, Minneapolis.

2nd Vice President, Peter Unseth, Kathryn, N. D.

3rd Vice President, Mrs. Hannah Brevik, Fargo.

Secretary-Treasurer, Dan Olsen, Grand Forks, N. D.

Following a sight-seeing trip this afternoon, a banquet will be served in the Bethlehem Church parlors at 8:30. This will be followed by the evening program, which will include the invocation by the Rev. J. Aarhus, Fergus Falls; Duet, Einar Blikstad and John Kilde; Remarks by John Undset, Fergus Falls; Memorial address by the Rev. H. I. Mius in honor of the service men who gave their lives in the service of their country; an address in memory of the late Rev. K. G. Nelson, Minneapolis, president of the Osterdal Lag; and other members of the group who have passed away since the last meeting and the Rev. P. K. Lawrence Bueide will sing a solo and Rev. S. L. Tallakson will give the benediction.

SPEAKER HERE FROM NORWAY



REV. CHRISTIAN HALLESBY

SPEAKER FROM NORWAY

The speaker of the evening will be the Rev. Christian Hallesby of Norway. Rev. Mr. Hallesby is serving the Trinity Lutheran Church at Brooklyn, New York, for two years and is enjoying his stay in the United States very much. His wife is with him in Brooklyn, and they admit privately that they are going to be lonesome for the United States when their boat sails for Norway at the end of their stay in this country.

The Rev. Hallesby was one of the workers in the Underground during the occupation of Norway by the Germans, and his father, Dr. O. Hallesby, who visited Fergus Falls in 1923, was a leader of the Underground until he was imprisoned by the Germans in 1943.

He spent two years in the German concentration camps and at first was seriously ill from beri beri, a disease of malnutrition. He was beaten once in the camp, faring better than many of his fellow prisoners as the guards seemed to have a little respect for the man who was the President of the Theological Seminary in Norway.

LAST YEAR OF IMPRISONMENT

During the last year of his imprisonment the food and treatment of the prisoners began to improve. The Germans saw the hand writing on the wall and realized that the time might come when the tables would be turned. One minister in the camp with Dr. Hallesby died during his imprisonment. There were 20,000 prisoners in the Grini prison camp, which was located about four miles from Oslo.

he was suffering from diphtheria typhus fever and tuberculosis.

When the hand of Hitler's gestapo snatched him from his home, he was a young man in vigorous health, weighing 200 pounds. When he died after torture and starvation he weighed only 56 pounds.

"Are the Norwegian people still bitter against the Germans for what happened to their country?"

"Yes the general public is still bitter, no doubt, and with good reason, but those who are Christians know the Bible teaches that we must forgive our enemies and this they are trying to do. They also realize that now the Germans themselves are suffering. There is still deep grief in many homes in Norway, 10,000 of our best citizens were killed during the occupation of the country by the Germans."

HOMES, CHURCHES BURNED

"The greatest destruction in Norway, was of course, in the northern part—Finmark, where everything was burned, every home, every church, every business place and 60,000 people driven from shelter, minus their possessions. This was the great fishing district of the country."

REAL MEAT SHORTAGE

Rev. Mr. Hallesby says that the people of Norway knew the real meaning of a meat shortage. There was no meat there at all during the war, excepting one small ration allowed at Christmas time. This was enough for only a very small helping. The food consisted of potatoes, dried fish and cabbage. "When you eat potatoes and dried fish seven days a week, you don't care much about eating," said the visitor. There was no butter, no milk, no flour to make even a gravy over the fish.

BIBLE SCHOOL TAKEN OVER

The Seminary Bible School in Oslo, the largest in Norway, in which Rev. Hallesby taught, was taken over by the German navy and the students and professors were not allowed to cross the threshold.

As a result the professors went from house to house holding meetings and teaching as best they could, and assisting in the underground. Rev. Mr. Hallesby gave shelter to many in his home as they escaped the country, making their way into Sweden.

TEACHING ENGLISH

Asked how he learned to speak English so quickly, Rev. Mr. Hallesby said he had studied English in school, as it was taught in all the Norwegian high schools and colleges. "However, we were taught to write it rather than to speak it, and so it is rather difficult for me to always make myself understood. This is being changed in Norway now and students of English are taught to speak only English in class, thus gaining a much

(missing section)

in the northern part of the country there is the beautiful midnight sun."

Asked if any crops ever grew in the land of the midnight sun, the visitor remarked that they raised only potatoes.

Rev. Hallesby will not only speak this evening but will also deliver the sermon at the 11:15 service in the Bethlehem church Sunday morning. Rev. B. J. Blikstad will be the liturgist and there will be a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Erickson with Mrs. C. S. Reitan at the organ.

In the afternoon Rev. Hallesby will speak again at 2 p. m. at the Sons of Norway Hall and there will be special musical numbers. The public is cordially invited to attend all these meetings.

Expect 200 At Lag Meeting

Thorgeir T. Sigveland, Minneapolis, Norwegian consul general, and Rev. Nels Rosef, former secretary to Bishop Bergrav, primate of Norway, will be speakers at the annual meeting here today through Sunday of Osterdal Lag, Norwegian society composed of former residents of the Osterdal area of Norway.

Sessions will be in Pontoppidan Lutheran church, opening with registration at 1 p.m. About 200 are expected to attend.

Talks by Consul Sigveland and Rev. Mr. Rosef and songs by the Orpheus Male chorus and Miss Margaret Uthus will highlight the first general session at 8 p.m. to-

day; a business meeting, afternoon sight-seeing trip and evening banquet will make up Saturday's program, and Sunday the delegates will attend the 9 a.m. services in the church, concluding the convention.

Rev. B. J. Blikstad, Proctor, Minn., society president, will preside over the business session, at which officers will be elected. Other officers attending will be Dan Olson, Grand Forks, secretary, and Mrs. Herman Brevik, Fargo, and Peter Unseth, Kathryn, N. D., vice presidents.

Local arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Brevik, Olaf Gronaas and Martin Uthus.

Pure rich colors, called tinctures, are the only ones used in heraldry. Any hue mixed with gray, for example, would imply dilution of the ideal for which the color stands.

The Fargo Forum
13 June 1947

Osterdalslag Elects Undseth

P. N. Undseth, head of the Undseth Telephone company of Kathryn, N. D., was elected president of Osterdalslaget, Norwegian society of former residents of Osterdal, Norway, at the annual meeting in Pontoppidan church here Saturday. He succeeds Rev. B. J. Blikstad, Proctor, Minn.

Other officers include Martin Uthus, Fargo, first vice president; Alf Berger, Duluth, second; Mr. George Teigen, Winger, Minn., third, and Dan Olson, Grand Forks, secretary treasurer.

Delegates will wind up a three-day session at a Norwegian service in Pontoppidan church at 11 today when Rev. Nels Rosef, former secretary to Bishop Bergrav, primate of Norway, will speak.

Friday and Saturday highlights included addresses by Thorgeir T. Sigveland, Minneapolis, Norwegian consul general, songs by the Orpheus male chorus and Margaret Uthus, a sightseeing tour of Fargo-Moorhead and the convention banquet Saturday evening.

The Fargo Forum
15 June 1947

Østerdalslaget Hadde Vellykket 3 Dagers Stevne i Minneapolis

Østerdalslagets 39. årige stevne avholdtes i Hotel King Cole i Minneapolis i dagene fra 25. til 27. juni. Registreringen begynte fredag formiddag og fortsatte utover ettermiddagen og fra kl. 5 til 7 aften ble der servert smørgåsbord. Lokallagets formann E. Berg ønsket dølerne velkommen til Minneapolis.

Formannen i arrangementskomiteen Einar Rusten talte for komiteen og introduserte borgermesteren i Minneapolis, Mr. Hubert Humphrey som holdt en glimrende tale og overrakte østerdølerne ~~hans~~ nøkler. Dessuten det tale av nasjonallagets formann P. N. Undseth med hilsener på lagets vegne. Mrs. Marit Swenson ga flere sangnumre til beste. Under dette stevne var et lenge følt savn av hjulpet idet Anna Fuhr hadde utgitt et hefte som inneholdt de gamle og kjære sanger som blir satt så stor pris på under disse stevner.

Hr. Chris Sholden som hadde vært i Norge på besøk hadde tatt opp en fargefilm som han framviste og som det var en nytelse å se. En takk til Chris Sholden.

Lørdag begynte lagets forretningsmøte kl. 10:30 form. med formann Undseth i høyetet. Han avla sin årlige rapport som ble antatt med takk. Sekretærens rapport ble opplest og godkjent. En skrivelse fra pastor Blikstad, lagets mangeårige formann, ble lest med beklagelse idet han fant det umulig å overvære dette stevne. Sekretæren ble anmodet å sende pastor Blikstad lagets beste hilsener. Hr. Sherbrik som var på en inspeksjonsreise i Amerika for Norges skolevesen brakte med seg fra Østerlaget i Oslo en bok med tittel Østerdalsmusikken. Sekretæren ble pålagt å sende lagets takk for boken.

Valg på ny bestyrelse fikk følgende utfall: Knut Haugseth, formann; John Undseth, 1. viseformann; M. E. Berg, 2. viseformann; John Holm, 3. viseformann; Dan Olsen, sekretær-kasserer; M. E. Berg, representant til Fellesrådet. Lørdag kveld var det bankett i hotellet.

Søndag formiddag overvar lagets medlemmer gudstjenesten i Den Norske Mindekirken hvor pastor Salhus forrettet. Denne kirke står som et minnesmerke over hva det norske kirkefolk har bygget på de religiøse områder her i deres adopterte fedreland.

Siden krigens slutt har Østerdalslaget forsøkt å få navn og adresse på gutter og piker som tjente i denne krig for å oppbevares av etterslekten. Noen navn er sendt inn, men vi ønsker så mange som mulig slik at listen kan bli fulltallig. Send inn navn og adresse til sekretæren snarest mulig.

Så takk for godt samvær i år og vel møtt til stevne i 1949.

Dan Olsen, sekr.-kass.,
420 First Ave. South,
Grand Forks, No. Dak.

Unidentified / Undated (1948) clipping from the minute book of the Twin Cities Østerdalslag subgroup.

Norwegian Writer To Speak Here

Dr. Torstein Hoverstad, widely known Norwegian writer and member of Norway's UNESCO committee, will be the featured speaker Friday, on a program of the Osterdalslag convention, in the Central high school gymnasium. Dr. Hoverstad arrived in Grand Forks Wednesday from Minot, where he addressed the convention of the northwest Valdreslag.

The Grand Forks Herald
22 June 1949

Osterdalslag Opens 39th Annual Meet

GRAND FORKS — (AP) — With President Knut Haugseth of Minneapolis presiding, the opening session of the 39th annual convention of the Nation Osterdalslag got underway Friday afternoon in the Central high school gymnasium.

More than 75 delegates from Minnesota, North Dakota and Idaho registered for the three-day event Friday Morning, and late arrivals from many areas in the midwest are expected to boost the attendance total.

At the Friday afternoon session Dr. Richard Beck of the university faculty addressed the former residents of the Osterdal region of Norway and their descendants on the topic "Our Cultural Heritage."

The Bismarck Tribune
25 June 1949

Lag Opens Convention Here Today

Over 300 members of the National Osterdalslag will converge on Grand Forks today for the opening of their 39th annual convention in the Central high school gymnasium.

Registration of former residents of the Osterdal region of Norway and their descendants throughout the middle west will begin at 10 a. m., and the first session of the three-day meeting will be called to order at 2:30 p. m. by President Knut Haugseth of Minneapolis.

Talks Scheduled

The main address at the afternoon meeting will be given by Dr. Richard Beck, professor of Scandinavian languages and literature at the University.

A talk by Torstein Hoverstad of Oslo, Norway, widely known writer and a member of Norway's UNESCO committee, will feature the evening program at 8 p. m. Mayor Harold A. Boe will welcome the delegates to Grand Forks and President Haugseth will give the response. Community singing and films of Norway will climax today's program.

To Elect Officers

The convention business session for the reading of reports and election of officers will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday, while Oscar O. Odegaard of Grand Forks will describe his recent visit to Norway at the afternoon program beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Winding up the Saturday schedule will be the convention banquet at 6:30 p. m. in the lower auditorium of the Sharon Lutheran church with O. Leonard Orvedahl, Bismarck, rural life commissioner of the Evangelical Lutheran church, as the main speaker. Dr. Beck will be toastmaster.

Religious Service Set

Rev. R. O. Stoeve of Grand Forks will officiate at special Norwegian religious services opening the Sunday program at 10:30 a. m. in the Central high school auditorium.

Dan Olsen of Grand Forks, secretary-treasurer of the Osterdalslag, is chairman of general convention arrangements. Other officers expected to attend the sessions are three vice presidents, M. E. Berg of Minneapolis, John Undset of Fargo, and John Holm of Ciimax.

Lag Hears Norwegian Writer

The spirit of pioneering, which characterizes the Norwegian people, should be turned to a program of new conquests in the field of human relations and international co-operation, Dr. Torstein Hoverstad, famous Norwegian writer and lecturer, told the National Osterdalslag convention here Friday meeting in Central high school gymnasium.

Dr. Hoverstad also brought greetings from King Haakon of Norway and governmental officials.

75 Delegates Register

"The task which today is common to all Norwegians and people of Norwegian descent," Dr. Hoverstad declared, "is that these six millions of people, in Norway and the United States, together must join in the cultivation of what is prized and esteemed in ancestral heritage — the high standard of justice, which the nordic people have always owned and still possess."

The convention of the group got under way Friday morning with more than 75 delegates registered from Minnesota, North Dakota and Idaho. Knut Haugseth of Minneapolis, president, presided at the opening session.

At the afternoon session, Dr. Richard Beck, professor of Scandinavian languages and literatures at the University, addressed former residents of the Osterdal region of Norway and their descendants on the topic, "Our Cultural Heritage."

Introduced by President Haugseth, Dr. Beck told the assembled delegates that the progressive spirit of the Scandinavian nations is strikingly exemplified by the remarkable reconstruction work which is going forward in Norway after the destructive years of Nazi occupation.

Have Rich Heritage

"We of Scandinavian origin possess a rich heritage of ideals. These include a deep-rooted love of freedom, respect for law and order, and the spirit of progress, all of which has resulted in great cultural and social advancement characteristic of the northern countries generally," Dr. Beck declared.

Following Dr. Beck's address, John Jevnaker of Minneapolis, past president of the organization, who has recently spent some time in Norway as a construction engineer, spoke of his experiences there.

Community singing of the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker dette landet" and "America" concluded the opening convention session.

Included among the early registrants were John Undseth, vice-president, and Mrs. Nina Tangen, former secretary-treasurer, both of Fargo.

Set Program

Reconvening at 10 a. m. Saturday, the delegates will attend a business meeting to hear reports and elect new officers. At the afternoon program Saturday, beginning at 2:30 p. m., Oscar Odegaard of Grand Forks will describe his recent visit to Norway.

Featuring the Saturday program will be the convention banquet at 6:30 p. m. in the lower auditorium of the Sharon Lutheran church with Dr. Beck as toastmaster.

O. Leonard Orvedahl of Bismarck, rural life commissioner of the Evangelical Lutheran church for the North Dakota district, will give the main address, while President Haugseth and other officials will be called on for short talks. Musical selections will be presented by a male octet directed by Hans S. Berg of Grand Forks.

The final day of the convention will begin at 10:30 a. m. Sunday with special Norwegian religious services in the Central high school auditorium. Rev. R. O. Stoeve of Grand Forks will conduct the service. Mrs. Stoeve will be the organist and Dr. Beck will serve as sexton in the traditional Norwegian fashion.

Dan Olsen, secretary-treasurer of the organization and general convention chairman, emphasized that all sessions of the meeting are open to the public. Mrs. Olsen is chairman of the banquet committee, and other officers of the lag are Vice Presidents John Undseth of Fargo and M. E. Berg of Minneapolis.

Osterdals Lag Will Have Full Program

**Former Senator O. O.
Sageng Will Address
Banquet Saturday Evening**

Some outstanding events will mark the Osterdalslaget reunion in this city, which opens a three-day session here on Friday of this week.

This reunion will observe the fortieth anniversary of its founding in this city in the summer of 1910.

On Saturday afternoon a wreath will be placed on the grave of the lag's founder and first president, N. T. Moen, who is buried in the Bethlehem cemetery. A wreath will also be placed on the statue of the late E. M. Broen, who also hailed from Osterdalen.

Saturday evening the annual banquet will be held at the Skyline Cafe, at which former State Senator O. O. Sageng will be the principal speaker.

Rev. B. J. Blikstad will conduct services Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Lutheran Bible School and Seminary.

Present officers of the lag are K. Haugseth, Minneapolis, president; John Holm, Chisago, and J. S. Udseth, Fargo, vice-presidents; and Dan Olsen, Grand Forks, secretary-treasurer.

The local committee in charge of arrangements are: E. J. Blikstad, John Kilde, Martin T. Nelson and John S. Udseth.

Osterdal Lag Celebrates Anniversary

**Three-Day Reunion Opened
At Bible School
Here Yesterday**

A three-day reunion of the Osterdalslaget opened at the Bible School and Seminary here yesterday.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of this lag. It is also of more than passing interest to note that the lag was organized at a meeting held in Fergus Falls in the summer of 1910, with the late N. T. Moen as the guiding spirit. Mr. Moen was the lag's first president.

The ranks are thinning, remarked John Ugsath of this city, vice president of the lag yesterday. Not a large number of delegates arrived yesterday but more are coming today. Lack of numbers is being made up in enthusiasm.

Yesterday afternoon Supt. L. E. Weinager of the Fergus Falls public schools, gave an interesting talk on the United Nations Assembly, which he had the privilege of visiting last winter.

Last evening Mayor M. O. Brandon extended the city's warmest welcome, and Attorney Henry Nycklemoe made a few interesting remarks and told some good stories.

Today is really the big day of the convention. A wreath was placed on the grave of the late N. T. Moen at the Bethlehem cemetery south of the city, and a wreath was also placed on a statue of the late E. M. Broen, president of the Bible School, who also hailed from Osterdal.

The highlight of the convention will be the annual banquet at the Skyline Cafe this evening, with former State Senator Ole O. Sageng as the principal speaker.

Tomorrow, Sunday, Rev. B. J. Blikstad of Duluth will conduct religious services at the Bible School, beginning at 9:20 a. m.

National Osterdals' Lag To Open Here June 15

The Winger Enterprise (poor microfilm) - 7 June 1951

WINGER (Polk County) MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1951

National Osterdals' Laget AT THE WINGER AUDITORIUM

JUNE 15-16-17

FRIDAY, JUNE 15
10:00 A. M.

"JA VI ELSKER"
REGISTRATION
"AMERICA"

SONG BY AUDIENCE

2:00 P. M.

SONG BY AUDIENCE

DEVOTION
ADDRESS OF WELCOME
RESPONSE

MAYOR O. B. GJERDINGEN
PRESIDENT J. S. UNDAETH

INFORMAL PROGRAM WITH SONGS AND SHORT TALKS
BY VARIOUS PEOPLE
VISITING AND SOCIAL HOUR

8:00 P. M.

DUET (As Selected)
COMEDY FEATURE
REMARKS

MRS. HEGG AND MRS. SIMONSON
FOUR BOLTS & A NUT
PRESIDENT J. S. UNDAETH
DARWIN BODAHL

SONG—"Hils Dem Der Hjemme"

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
10:00 A. M.

BUSINESS MEETING AND SOCIAL HOUR
2:00 P. M.

HONORING OUR PIONEERS

SONG—"Barndomsminde"

MRS. C. JOHNSON

TALK

SHELEE HODDAHL

READING
SONG—"Naar Fjordens Blaaer"

DARWIN BODAHL

BANQUET AT DOVRE CHURCH PARLORS AT 5:00 P. M.

8:00 P. M.

SELECTIONS

GARDEN ORCHESTRA

NORWEGIAN FILM SHOWING

SELECTIONS

GARDEN ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, JUNE 17
10:30 A. M.

NORWEGIAN SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV. P. M. THELSTAD
(Please bring Norwegian hymn books for this service)

The 1951 national convention of the Osterdal association will open for a three-day session at the Winger Auditorium on Friday, June 15. Delegates and visitors from many areas of the country are expected to be here for the meeting.

The group will gather at 10:00 a. m. on Friday for registration. At 2:00 o'clock that afternoon an informal program will be given, followed by a social hour. Mayor O. B. Gjerdingen will welcome the group and J. S. Undaeth of Fargo, president of the national Osterdal's Lag, will make the response.

Friday evening's program will include Norwegian music by various groups and comedy entertainment by "The Bolt and A Nut."

The annual business meeting will be held at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday morning. The program for the day will include the election of officers and will be followed by the annual luncheon banquet at the Dovre Lodge room church parlor at 5:00 p. m.

Following meeting the program will include social activities and the showing of a film.

The convention will close with these words: "Gode natt til alle Osterdals' Lag i alle lande." Rev. P. M. Thelstad of the Winger Lutheran church at Winger will be the pastor.

Mill City Man President Of Osterdalslag

Martin E. Berg of Minneapolis was elected president of Osterdalslag, Norwegian Fraternal Society, at the organization's convention Saturday in the Gardner Hotel. He succeeds John S. Undseth of Fargo.

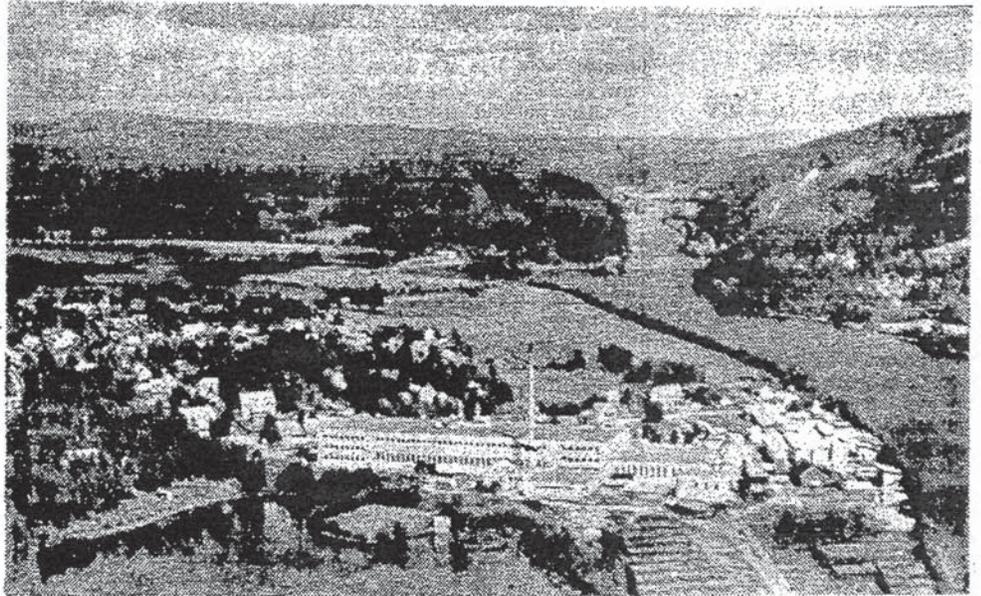
Einar Rusten of Minneapolis was named first vice president, succeeding Berg; Louis Stenberg of Granville, N. D., was elected second vice president, replacing John Holm of Climax, Minn., and Dan Olson of Grand Forks succeeded Alf Berger of Duluth as third vice president.

Mrs. Einar Rusten of Minneapolis was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Peder Berg of Columbus, N. D.

The convention ends today with services in the Osterdalen Lutheran Church, 10 miles north of Fargo, conducted by the Rev. B. J. Blikstad of Proctor, Minn., followed by a dinner at the church.

The annual banquet was held at the Gardner Saturday night, with Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, president of Concordia College, as principal speaker.

Osterdalslag in Fergus Falls This Week



Osterdalslag June 15-17

The National Osterdalslag will meet in Fergus Falls, Minnesota Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 15, 16 and 17. Meetings will be held at the Sons of Norway Hall, 101½ E. Lincoln. The banquet will be held in the Bethlehem Lutheran church, 102 Junius Ave. West on Saturday evening. Norwegian services will be held at the First English Lutheran Church, 402 S. Court St. on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. Rev. B. J. Blikstad, former pastor of the Dalton parish, will conduct the Sunday morning service. His theme will be, "De Tre Hjemland," ("The Three Homelands".)

Those on the convention committee are Mr. and Mrs. Ingar Blikstad and John Undset.

You Norwegian people, who like to come to our meetings, banquet and church services are cordially welcome. So many of you in and around Fergus Falls know Rev. Blikstad. If you like to be along with us, don't stay at home just because you are not Osterdol.

We are looking forward to meeting you all again.

Einar Rusten, Foreman
Carrie Hanson, Secy-Treas.

Fergus Falls will entertain the Osterdalslag this week, a reunion of the people of Osterdal, which is one of the well known districts of north central Norway. The gathering here will be attended by possibly 100 visitors from different parts of the state. Einar Rusten is president and Carrie Hanson, secretary and treasurer, both from Minneapolis.

The meetings will be held at Sons of Norway hall, and will

open tomorrow, Friday afternoon, with registration at 10 o'clock. There will be forenoon, afternoon and evening programs. A banquet is planned for Saturday evening, and Sunday forenoon at 8:45, there will be Norwegian services held at the First English Lutheran church, the speaker being Rev. B. J. Blikstad. The Blikstad family are prominent residents of the Osterdal district in Norway.

The picture shows the village or city of Rena, which is quite an industrial center located at the junction of the Rena and Gloma rivers.

The large building in the foreground is a big paper mill, which employs 426 people. The Nazis burned this mill to the ground during the war, leaving nothing but the smokestack standing, but it has since been rebuilt.

The Fergus Falls Daily Journal
5 June 1956

National Osterdalslag To Meet in Fargo

The 47th annual convention of the National Osterdalslag will be held June 28, 29, and 30 at the Gardner Hotel, Fargo, N.D.

Among program highlights on Friday will be a welcome by Mayor Hershel Lashkowitz of Fargo, and an address by A. T. Johnson, the Norwegian vice-consul. Movies of Norway and special music will also be featured.

Senator Henry Nycklemoe of Fergus Falls will be the speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening at the Gardner Hotel. Banquet tickets are \$2.

Rev. E. O. Lee will be in charge of the Norwegian service on Sunday, June 30, which will be held at the Osterdalen Church located 10 miles north of Fargo. Dinner will be served by the Osterdalen Ladies Aid following the service.

PROGRAM FOR OSTERDALSLAGET

AT THE WINGER AUDITORIUM

49 de Stevene. i Winger, Min-
nesota Den 19-20 Juni, 1959

Bestyrelse: Pres. Sam Eng
1ste Vise Pres. Knute Haug-
seth
2den Vise Pres. Einar Rus-
ten
Sec. og Kasser Mrs. Oline
Peterson

Juni 19de Formiddag
Foryne Bekjentskab med
gamle og nye venner

Juni 19de Eftermiddag
Formaden kalder stevnet
til orden
Sang af Forsamlingen
(America)
Velkomstale af Mayor Nor-
nes

Solo af Darwin Bodahl,
Naar Fjordene Blanner)
Svartale af Vise Formand
Rusten

Piano Solo af Mrs. Hedy
Westrick

Dramatik oplesning af Car-
rie Hansen

Tale og Bemærkninger af
Fremmede

Sang af Forsamlingen (Ja
vi elsker)

Juni 19de Aften
Violin selection af Per Ost-
gaard

Slide Pictures fra Norge
Violin selection af Per Ost-
gaard

Sang af Nick Messelt (Snar-
kande Peter)

20de Juni Formiddag
Sang af Darwin Bodahl

Forretnings Møte
Violin Solo af Neil Bur-
sheim

Dramatik oplesning af Car-
rie Hansen

Synging af Bordbonen
Banket i Dove Kirke Kl

4:30 P. M.
Norsk Tale af Past Nyhus
efter Banketten

20de Juni Eftermiddag
Sang af Darwin Bodahl

Bemærkning af Formanden
Dramatik oplesning af Car-
rie Hansen

Sang af Johanne Solie
Oplesning af Darwin Bo-
dahl (Terje Viken)

Piano Solo af Mrs. Hedy
Westrick

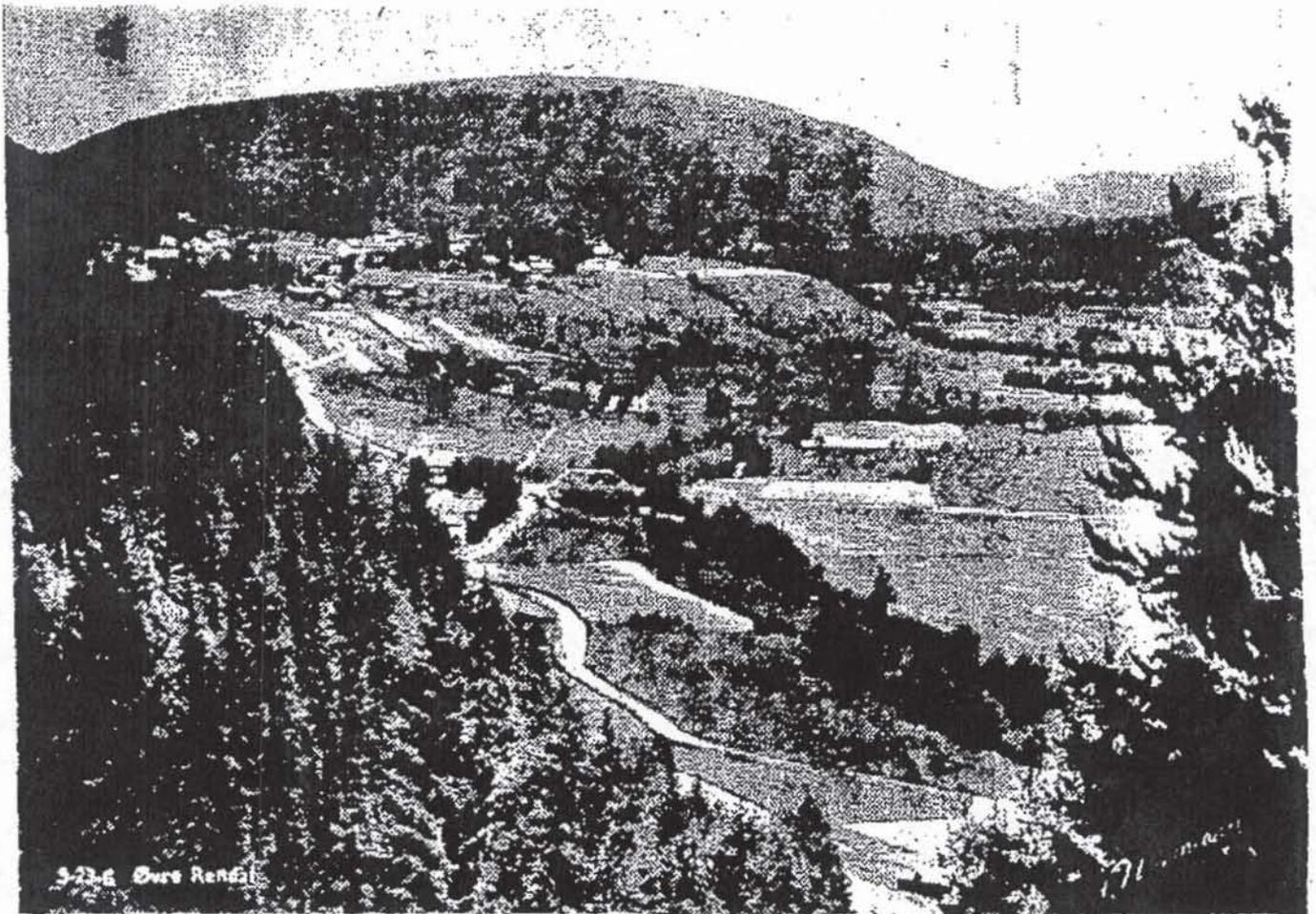
20de Juni Aften
Sang af Rodney Myrom

Alt som er forglemt i Stev-
net

Oplysning: Norsk Prediken
i E. L. C. Kirke undag 11 A.

M. af Pastor Staveness
Sang af Forsamlingen

Osterdalslaget to Meet Meet in Fergus Falls



SCENE IN OSTERDAL—The above picture of Rendalen in Osterdal, Norway will be of general interest to all who come from Norway and to others who admire beautiful scenery. It will be of special interest to those who attend the fiftieth anniversary of the Osterdalslaget which will be held in Fergus Falls July 1 and 2 at the River Inn. In charge of arrangements for the meeting are Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Blikstad of Fergus Falls and Mr. and Mrs. John Undset of Fargo, who are spending the summer at East Lost Lake. Principal speaker at the gathering will be A. J. Johnson, Fargo attorney, and Sunday morning there will be Norwegian services

at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in this city, conducted by the Rev. Bersend J. Blikstad, who formerly served the three churches in the Dalton parish, and now resides at Dennison, Minn. The service Sunday July 3, will be at 11:15 a.m. and the Rev. Blikstad is looking forward to meeting old parishioners while here. Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Blikstad call attention to the fact that the first Norwegians to arrive in this county from Osterdal came with the very first settlers. The Blikstads enjoyed a visit to Osterdal four years ago and Mrs. Blikstad, who was visiting it for the first time reports it is a beautiful countryside, visited by many tourists.