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## Eugene L. Fevold, Convention Speaker

Eugene L. Fevold, professor of church history at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, will give the main address at the dinner following our triennial meeting on Saturday, May 14. He will speak on "The Norwegian Immigrant and His Church."

Born at Minnewaukan, North Dakota, Professor Fevold received his A.B. degree from St. Olaf College, studied theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, and received his Ph.D. from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago. His dissertation was entitled *Norwegian-American Lutheranism, 1870-1890*.

Before becoming professor of church history at Luther Seminary in 1956, he taught religion at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, and served a pastorate at West Fargo, North Dakota. He studied in Norway under a Fulbright grant in 1954-55.

He and E. Clifford Nelson co-authored the first volume of a two-volume history entitled *The Lutheran Church among Norwegian-Americans* (Minneapolis, 1960). Dr. Nelson wrote the second volume.

We are fortunate in getting Professor Fevold as our speaker. He is a scholar who has specialized in a field of history which is of immediate concern and interest to the Association.



EUGENE L. FEVOLD

*Plan to attend the triennial meeting and the reception and banquet which follow. See the last page of the NEWS LETTER for banquet reservation and proxy form.*

*If your address does not carry your ZIP Code number, please include this when you return either your proxy or reservation. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed.*



## 40 Years of Membership

Fifteen have held more than forty years of uninterrupted membership in the Association. Twenty-three have or will soon have completed their fortieth year. For their loyalty and dedication to the cause that motivates all of us, we thank and salute them.

### SINCE 1925

J. A. Aasgaard  
Clarence A. Berdahl  
Herman F. Dale  
C. N. Evanson  
Oscar Evenson  
Einar Haugen  
Martin Hegland  
Leonard E. Larson  
Gunnar Malmin  
Herman C. Nordlie  
David T. Nelson  
Herman A. Preus  
O. W. Qualley  
Nora Solum  
Jersing Thompson

### SINCE 1926

Thor Magnus Andersen  
B. B. Anundsen  
S. J. Arnesen  
Augsburg College Library  
Theodore C. Blegen  
Clarence A. Clausen  
Rudolph Dalager  
Pauline Farseth  
L. O. Grondahl  
Esther Gulbrandson  
Mrs. E. A. Henderson  
Gertrude Hilleboe  
Theodore Jorgenson  
Olaf Lysness  
Casper B. Nervig  
Olaf Olsen  
Arthur C. Paulson  
J. A. Paasche  
Esther Peterson  
J. C. K. Preus  
A. A. Rowberg  
Rolvaag Memorial Library  
Earl Soiland

## WHAT THE REVIEWERS SAY

### STUDIES 22

"The materials presented in these volumes [*Studies*] should be even more widely used than they are by economic and social historians who are not in the field of Norwegian-American history as

such." — Charlotte Erikson, London School of Economics, in *The Journal of American History*, September, 1965, p. 435.

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"Dr. Kenneth Bjork, in editing this volume, offers a précis of its contents in the foreword: separate studies of art, music, writers, lecturers, American letters, community life in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, and a highly savory excursion into the kitchen of a Dakota farm before modern condiments. The articles reach the high standards required by the Norwegian-American Historical Association and are fittingly accompanied by praise from Walter Muir Whitehill whose study of local historical societies served as a basis of comparison for such organizations."—Raymond E. Lindgren, California State College, in *Americas*, p. 704.

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"If those of you who read this modest review would apply for membership in the NAHA, you will receive this book without cost. When first a member, I am also certain that you will remain a member throughout your lifetime in order to derive the full benefit and enjoyment from the unusually interesting books published by the Association."—Eyvind J. Evans, in *Minnesota Posten*, March 18, 1965. The review was written in Norwegian.

## KLONDIKE SAGA

"The book is based upon diaries and letters written by members of the company. It is well-written and thoroughly documented. Because of the author's death the final preparation of the manuscript was done by others. This first joint publication of the University of Minnesota and the Norwegian-American Historical Association carries a superb Foreword by Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska. A careful and professional study, it is a real contribution to the historical literature of the Klondike episode.—Benjamin Franklin Gilbert, Professor of History, San Jose State College, San Jose, California, in *Journal of the West*, October, 1965.



## TRIENNIAL MEETING

The Fourteenth Triennial Meeting of the Norwegian-American Historical Association will be held in the Sons of Norway Cultural Center, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at two o'clock on Saturday, May 14, 1966.

At this meeting reports will be given by the officers; new officers for the coming three years will be elected; the revised charter will be presented for adoption; and other matters of importance to the Association will be considered. Professor Marion Nelson, director of the Norwegian-American Museum, will also present a report.

Every member should have a voice in the proceedings of the convention. Members who cannot attend are requested to send their proxies to the secretary (see back of this page). If you do not know of any member of the Association who will attend the convention, you may wish to appoint some member of the executive board as your proxy. The members of the executive board and other boards, who are expected to be present at the meeting are the following:

Sverre Arestad	Lionel G. Thorsness
Magnus Bjørndal	Clarence A. Clausen
Reidar Dittmann	Gunnar Gunderson
Jens Hovelsrud	Carlton C. Qualey
Lloyd Hustvedt	Andrew E. Wigeland
Derwood Johnson	Harry Williams
David T. Nelson	

At 6:30 a reception and banquet will be held at the Sons of Norway Center. The banquet is not exclusively for members, so you may take your entire family and invite friends. The price per plate will be \$5.00. Please send your reservations to the secretary (see back page). A self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A membership directory accompanies this *News Letter*. It has been compiled and sent in the hope that it will stimulate recruitment of new members. In a word, we are more interested in the names of persons who do not appear in the directory than in those found in it. Please look over the directory and send to the secretary the names of the "missing persons" you believe to be interested in our objectives and publications.

We are pleased to report that many new members have been added through this method, with a number of them expressing regrets that they had not been invited years ago.

Throughout our country are thousands of potential members, persons who would eagerly support the Association through membership provided they were properly acquainted with our accomplishments and aspirations.

If each member provided the secretary with five names, the Association would enjoy a boom of membership growth unequalled in the history of our society.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

*In accordance with Minnesota corporation laws, The Executive Board of the Norwegian-American Historical Association makes it known to all members that it will submit and move for adoption a revised Charter and By-Laws at the forthcoming triennial meeting, on May 14, 1966, at the Sons of Norway Cultural Center, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Copies of the proposed charter revision will be available at the meeting.*



The NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

*Proxy to Vote*

I, ..... of.....  
in the state of....., appoint.....  
of the city of....., with full power of substitution,  
to be my substitute and proxy, for me and in my name and behalf,  
to vote at the meeting of the Norwegian-American Historical Association,  
to be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 14, 1966.

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*Date* ..... *Signature*

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

I expect to attend the Triennial Banquet of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, Sons of Norway Cultural Center, May 14, 1966, 6:30. Please reserve ..... plates for me. A check for..... is enclosed. Please call for your dinner tickets when you arrive. The cost per plate is \$5.00.

Beginning January 1, 1967, your news letter and other material sent through bulk rate third class mail must be bundled in ZIP Code numerical sequence.

So that our records and addressograph plates can be corrected to conform with the new postal regulations, please enter your ZIP Code on the line below and return to the secretary.

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