

# THE NEWS LETTER

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## Twelve New Members In March

### TWO LIFE

Washington [D. C.] Lodge No. 428 is the fourth Sons of Norway lodge to enroll as a Life Member. Mrs. E. A. Arneson is president and Miss Ingrid Mortenson is secretary.

Harland S. Mickelson, 3840 - 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, changed his Associate membership to Life. Mr. Mickelson teaches sociology at Drexel Institute of Technology, and is also working on his Ph.D. at the U. of Pennsylvania. He has his B.A. from St. Olaf College, and his M.A. from the U. of Minnesota.

### TWO SUSTAINING

Sons of Norway, Idun Lodge No. 74, Madison, Wis. Andrew Vedvik, president. Alfred Ellickson, secretary.

Sons of Norway, Skjold Lodge No. 100, Evanston, Ill. Irving Trinrud, president. Miss Ruth Feste, secretary.

### EIGHT ASSOCIATE

Miss Inez Frayseth, registrar, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Odd T. Andersen, dept. of Scandinavian, U. of Chicago, 5549 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.

Oliver K. Olson, pastor, 7500 Greenwood Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.

Sons of Norway, Sonja Lodge No. 38, Eugene, Ore. Phillip Buck, president. Miss Bessie Johnson, secretary.

Sons of Norway, Norsemen Lodge No. 427, Rockaway, N. J. Arne Henriksen, president. Jan H. Henriksen, secretary.

Sons of Norway, Freya Lodge No. 62, Santa Rosa, Calif. Herman Snelson, president. Miss Reba Huitfeldt, secretary.

Sons of Norway, Oslo Lodge No. 438,

Syracuse, N. Y. Ralph Hauge, president. Miss Stella Hauge, secretary.

Orlando W. Wilson, Chicago supt. of police, 1121 S. State St., Chicago, Ill.

### GIFTS

Andrew E. Wigeland, 1321 Oak Ave., Evanston, Ill., treasurer of NAHA, \$100.

Rollo Gullickson, 209 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., \$10.00.

## Thank You, Sons of Norway

During the past few months, 11 Sons of Norway lodges have become members of the Association, and the significance of this should be noted. They are leading the way, as it were, for a new concept, THE CONCEPT BEING THAT REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES A NORWEGIAN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION MIGHT HAVE, IT ALSO HAS AN OBLIGATION TO HISTORY. It is our hope and wish that not only the remaining lodges, but all other organizations made up of Norwegian Americans, will be stimulated to similar action.

The enthusiasm of the Supreme Lodge in Minneapolis for the NAHA became more than evident in the February issue of *Sons of Norway*. One full page was devoted to our managing editor, Dr. Bjork, and to a listing of our publications (p. 26). In an editorial (p. 24) entitled "Let's Look at History," Einar O. Hammer, editor of *Sons of Norway*, strongly endorsed the work of the Association: "This is a record," he wrote, "without parallel among the many ethnic groups who came to the new world to settle, conquer and develop the wilderness continent. . . ."

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## Buslett and Ristad Papers Organized

BUSLETT, OLE AMUNDSON (1855-1924). PAPERS, 1873-1925. 1 file case.

Papers of a Norwegian-born author, poet, journalist, legislator, and merchant in Northland, Wisconsin.

The papers consist largely of letters received by Buslett, and deal with such subjects as local church problems, bi-lingualism in the church, criticism of current Norwegian-American writings, materialism among Norwegian-Americans, Wisconsin exhibit at Norway's Independence Centennial in 1914, a State Park in Door County, Wisconsin. The letters by Buslett are to his wife.

In the general correspondence file are letters from James O. Davidson, Herman Ekern, George Flom, Olaf Huseby, Simon Johnson, Ole Jørgens, O. L. Kirkeberg, Oscar O. Odegaard, Halle Steensland.

Among the papers are a review of O. E. Rølvaag's *Paa Glemte Veie*, a copy of *Wergelands Talsmand* (Stevens Point, 1886), a roster of small towns in the United States with Scandinavian names arranged by states, articles on woman suffrage and socialism, reports from the Wisconsin Good Roads Committee of 1909, as well as poems, newspaper clippings, and book manuscripts. The biographical miscellany folder contains a bibliography of Buslett's works, compiled by the archivist.

### INVENTORY

1 folder, biographical miscellany .....	20
2 folders, general correspondence .....	138
1 folder, Aulaug Buslett (wife) correspondence .....	90
1 folder, relatives and friends correspondence .....	19
3 folders, <i>Femtende Wisconsin</i> correspondence and notes .....	122
3 folders, <i>Femtende Wisconsin</i> biographical sketches, pp. ....	246
2 folders, political correspondence .....	125
2 folders, political reports, speeches, petitions, resolutions .....	50
1 folder, clippings .....	24
2 folders, articles, reviews, speeches .....	37
3 folders, poems .....	72
1 folder, book manuscript fragments .....	3
2 folders, <i>Torstein i Nybygden</i> MSS. ....	2
2 folders, "Rødklubben" MS. ....	1
2 folders, notes on pine lands in Minnesota .....	14
1 folder of letters from each of the following:	
Ager, Waldemar .....	136
Allberg, H. J. ....	5
Anderson Publishing Co. &	
N. A. Grevstad .....	26
Anderson, Rasmus B. ....	25
Anundsen, B. ....	5