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Books to USIS in Oslo



Left to right: Marthinus A. Strand; Miss Ethel A. Kuhn, Cultural Attaché; Dr. Marshall W. S. Swan, Director of the U. S. Information Service in Oslo; and Mr. Helge Terland, Chief Librarian, American Embassy.

Marthinus A. Strand's donation of a complete set of the Association's publications to the United States Information Service in Oslo was highly appreciated by the American Embassy there. The presentation attracted the attention of all the major newspapers in Oslo. They carried articles about the gift and photographs of Mr. Strand as he presented the books to the Cultural Attaché. Following the presentation, the Embassy gave a reception in honor of Mr. Strand.

Welcome Mat Out to 51 New Members

4 LIFE

Det Norske Selskap, Minneapolis, Minn.

Fargo Public Library, Fargo, N. Dak., presented by Miss Olga C. Eggen, 417 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, Calif., in memory of the Red River Valley pioneers.

Miss Mary Louise Branson, 1231 Perry Ave., Wichita 3, Kan., transferred her membership from Sustaining to Life.

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About *Studies*, Volume 21 . . .

It may seem exaggerated to call the Norwegian-American Historical Association a "cultural bridge" [between Norway and America]. However, much of what this Association has done and continues to do makes evident that this expression is quite appropriate. Not least important is the Association's long list of publications. . . .

All of these publications do their part to portray the Norwegian immigrant's life and work in the *New World*. . . . Not only are the external events made known, but the deeper feelings and subtle changes of attitudes are also probed and revealed. . . .

As is true of the volumes that preceded, the new one [21], just released, contains a varied content, giving much new and useful information, and is to the highest degree captivating reading.

—ARNE KILDAL

Aftenposten (Oslo), Nov. 3, 1962
Translated from Norwegian

The entire book [Volume 21] is the concern of all the readers whose interest lies in history; it is certainly not limited to Norwegian readers, for it recounts experiences common to all immigrants. It is a scholarly book, but not a dull one.

—AUGUST DERLETH

Capital Times (Madison, Wis.)
Oct. 11, 1962

About *The Lady with the Pen* . . .

I am a Texas history teacher and I think this will be interesting material for supplementary reading about European settlements in Texas.

—MRS. OTTO REA

I have always held the theory that history need not be dull, even on the Junior high school level. It is with this in mind that we are including an appendix of selected readings on various phases of Texas history. I would like to use the Waerenskjold letter in which Elise describes the Civil War and Reconstruction period. . . .

—WILLIAM C. POOL

Professor of History

Southwest Texas State College

Membership Growth

The State Historical Society of Iowa has enjoyed a phenomenal membership growth. Its news letter for October disclosed that the 1947 membership of 1,121 had risen to 7,132 by September, 1962. While the NAHA can be proud of its membership growth in recent years, it is far from matching what has been done in Iowa.

Much of the Iowa increase is undoubtedly due to excellent promotional work, but it also makes clear that the public is interested in history, that positive response is the result of sustained membership recruitment.

Of the many methods used to increase our membership, it has been consistently proven that personal contact is most effective. Again, this news letter urges that each existing member add one member during the coming year. Application blanks will be distributed to each member along with the next issue of the membership directory.

Cleng Peerson Author Visits Archives

Alfred Hauge, prominent author and journalist from Stavanger, Norway, recently visited the Association's Archives. Mr. Hauge is the author of *Cleng Peerson: Hundevakt* (Gyldendal Norsk Forlag, Oslo, 1961), the first volume of an epic work about the intrepid pathfinder, Cleng Peerson. Mr. Hauge is currently traveling in the United States collecting material for his forthcoming sequels in a projected trilogy. This novel will do much to stimulate renewed interest in immigrant history.

News in Brief

- Volume 21 of *Norwegian-American Studies* was distributed in September. If any member failed to receive a copy, please notify the secretary immediately.

- Delinquencies in payment of dues are at an all-time low. A few dues, however, are still outstanding. Please send them in before the end of the fiscal year, which is December 31.

- A new catalogue of our publications has just come off the press. The cover page announces the publication of *Studies*, Volume 21. This catalogue will be circulated to more than 3,000 libraries.

- Andrew A. Rowberg recently sent us 2,000 entries to be added to his biographical and genealogical file located in our Archives.

- The cataloguing of documents in the NAHA Archives continues. Unless large amounts of new materials come in, this project should be completed by the end of 1963. Miss Folkedahl is currently working on "American Relief for Norway," the largest single collection of papers ever turned over to the Archives.

- The date for the next triennial meeting is May 11, 1963.

- The *Capital Times* did something which we could only wish would be emulated by many other newspapers. Upon the release of our membership directory, it printed the names of all the Association members living in Madison, Wisconsin.

- Make one of your Christmas gifts a membership in the NAHA.

Libraries to Receive Complimentary Copies

As an effort to stimulate the sale of old publications, 700 prominent American libraries will receive a complimentary copy of one of our *Studies and Records*. Only the volumes having an inventory of more than 300 will be selected. For example, we have 450 copies of Volume 19; therefore, 150 of these will be set aside for promotional purposes. Libraries which already have all our books will not receive a copy.

A copy of our catalogue and a questionnaire will accompany each book. The questionnaire requests that each library supply the following information: How many of our books are in the library; whether the library is interested in obtaining the books that are missing; whether it is interested in filing a standing order for future publications; and, whether it would be interested in buying used copies.

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