

# THE NEWS LETTER

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## Welcome to Thirty-One New Members

### SEVEN LIFE AND MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

That more than one new member was added per day during the month of April cannot fail to inspire all of us. We extend a warm welcome to each one listed below.

Sons of Norway, Peer Gynt Lodge No. 22, Los Angeles, Calif., purchased a Life Membership, and is giving the books it would normally receive to the library of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Sons of Norway, Norges Lys Lodge No. 188, Elizabeth, N. J., is the sixth lodge to enroll as a Life Member.

Adolph M. Ringen, captain, 609 Manley Ave., Metairie, La.

Miss Ingrid Stampen, retired, 3843 Franklin Ave., Western Springs, Ill. Miss Stampen is a former secretary and former executive secretary of the Scientific Apparatus Makers of America.

Morgan Halvorson, citrus grower, 15424 Condes Dr., Whittier, Calif.

Miss Olga C. Eggen, 417 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, Calif., for many years one of our most loyal and enthusiastic members, purchased a Life-Memorial Membership for the Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church, Rt. 3, Spring Grove, Minn., in honor of its pioneer founders. It deserves to be noted that this Memorial Membership is the first of its kind since the founding of the Association. There are at least 100 other churches that deserve similar recognition. Miss Eggen al-

so maintains membership for 4 persons other than herself.

S. Carroll Simonson, 703 E. Blvd., Rapid City, S. Dak., who subscribed last year to a Memorial Membership in honor of his late brother Olaf A. Simonson, paid his final installment this month.

### Seven Sustaining

Harold Nesse, doctor and president of National Sognalag of America, Jordan, Minn.

E. S. Sihler, pastor, asst. archivist, archives of The American Lutheran Church, Luther Theological Seminary, 2375 Como Ave. W., St. Paul 8, Minn.

Sons of Norway, Viking Lodge No. 229, Bogota, N. J.

Sons of Norway, Solbakken Lodge No. 64, Anaheim-Fullerton, Calif.

Sons of Norway, Scandia Lodge No. 75, Fresno, Calif.

Sons of Norway, Garborg Lodge No. 265, Jamaica, N. Y.

Sons of Norway, Leif Erikson Lodge No. 1, Seattle, Wash.

### Seventeen Associate

Earle S. Holman, editor, 1418 Clermont St., Antigo, Wis.

Sigvald O. Holden, field representative.

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Farmers Union Central Exchange, 208  
Ramsland St., Westby, Wis.

Bjarne R. Ullsvik, president, Platte-  
ville State College, Platteville, Wis.

E. Holland Johnson, realtor, 831 Per-  
dido St., New Orleans 12, La.

Arthur R. Huseboe, professor of Eng-  
lish, 31 Plum Vista, Vermillion, S. Dak.

Al Hamre, state treasurer, Pierre, S.  
Dak.

Ansgar Svanoe, public school teacher,  
1450 Morrison St., Madison 4, Wis.

Sverre Roang, judge, 204 Bentley Pl.,  
Edgerton, Wis.

Ivan H. Vallem, pastor, 215 N. 4th St.,  
Stoughton, Wis.

Miss Clara Chilson, assoc. prof. of  
speech, Augustana College, Sioux Falls,  
S. Dak.

Mrs. A. J. Natvig, director of nursing,  
125 Hinckley St., Mankato, Minn.

Miss Marie Snekvik, 3015 W. 58th,  
Seattle, Wash.

Four-Mile Lutheran Church, Rt. 1, Ma-  
bank, Texas. Martin T. Jensen, pastor.

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church,  
Parish Library, 7500 N. Greenwood Ave.,  
Seattle 3, Wash. Harold J. Brown, pas-  
tor.

Sons of Norway, Thor Lodge No. 42,  
P.C., Salem, Ore.

Sons of Norway, Fremad Lodge No.  
385, Flint, Mich.

Sons of Norway, Hudson Valley Lodge  
No. 432, Kingston, N. Y.

## News In Brief

- We regret to announce the death of four members: Dr. Stanley H. Berg, Yorkville, Ill.; Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. S. E. Sonnichsen, Seattle, Wash.; and Dr. N. Astrup Larsen, Decorah, Iowa.

- Norrona Lodge No. 50, Van Nuys, Calif., held a Smørgaasbord on April 29, in order to raise money for a Life Membership in the NAHA.

- Wanted—a copy of R. B. Anderson's **First Chapter in Norwegian Immigration.**

- The newly established Stanislaus College in California is still looking for an organization which will donate to its library a complete set of NAHA publications.

- Dr. David T. Nelson, vice president of the NAHA, professor of English and head of that department, was recently recognized for his 40 years of service at Luther College.

- There are 29 members who have not paid dues for 1959 and 1960, and 34 who have not paid for 1960. Intention to maintain membership is assumed unless a written resignation is received from the individual member.

- Glen Tucker, in a book he is writing on the Battle of Chickamauga, quotes from **The Civil War Letters of Colonel Heg.**

- The Norwegian-student society (Idun-Edda) at St. Olaf College repeated last year's gesture. Each member of that society donated three hours of his time to the NAHA.

## Two More Collections Completed

FOSSUM, ANDREW (1860-1943). PAPERS, 1875-1941. 9 folders and 4 volumes in file case F.

Papers of a teacher, author, Greek scholar, and archeologist.

Fossum was born in Allamakee County, Iowa; attended Luther College (B.A. and M.A.), Johns Hopkins University (Ph.D.), and the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece; taught Greek (also French and Latin) at Drisler School for Boys, St. Olaf College, Park Region Luther College, and Concordia College (Moorhead); was a member of the Norwegian club in Washington, D. C., the Archeological Institute of America, and the American Philological Association; and author of *The Norse Discovery of America* (1918) and of magazine articles including "The Theater at Eretria" (1891, 1897), "The Theater at Sikyon" (1903), and "Hapax Legomena in Plato" (1931).

His correspondents include George O. Berg, Gisle Bothne, Albert E. Egge, O. G. Felland, J. F. Fries, Hjalmar R. Holand, Olaf Huseby, Th. N. Mohn, Anna Mohn (Mrs. Th. N.), Knute Nelson, George A. Torrison, Andrew A. Veblen, and H. T. Ytterboe.

### INVENTORY

1 folder, papers .....	28
2 folders, correspondence .....	152
3 folders, <i>The Norse Discovery of America</i> MSS (1918).....	1
1 folder, "Analysis and Antithesis of the Philebus of Plato"....	1
1 folder, manuscript fragments and pictures .....	10
1 folder, St. Olaf College miscellany .....	24
1 <i>The American Journal of Philology</i> , Vol. 52, No. 3.....	1
2 volumes, secretary's minutes of St. Olaf College	
faculty meetings .....	1
1 teacher's class record book .....	1
Total .....	220

OLSEN, OLAF (1871- ?). PAPERS, 1841, 1890-1951. 2 file cases, including 68 volumes.

Papers of a Norwegian-born machinist and engineer, who emigrated to the United States in 1890. Olsen was a shop machinist in Laredo (Texas), Wilmington (Del.), and Philadelphia; a machinist on English ships and in the American Revenue Cutter Service; and after 1900 an engineer with coastal trade steamship lines, including the Clyde, Mallory, and Morgan. He was a member of Den Norske

Forening i Philadelphia, the Norsemen Ski Club of New York, and the Socialist Party.

The correspondence, consisting largely of letters from friends and relatives in various places, including London, Oslo, Boston, Bellingham (Wash.), Chicago, Philadelphia, San Antonio, and Waco (Texas), deals with such topics as boat personnel relationships, drought, problems in engineering, farm crops, strikes and labor problems, recreation, religion, and sea disasters. In a letter dated September 29, 1890, Olsen describes his journey from Oslo to Laredo via ship and rail. Most of the letters by Olsen are to his wife.

Log-books and notebooks, 1892-1934, contain records of daily events and explanations of engineering problems.

#### INVENTORY

##### File case 1:

1 folder, papers .....	54
1 folder, pamphlets .....	25
28 folders, correspondence .....	2,288

##### File case 2:

Scrap book, pictures of Viking ships .....	1
Constitution and by-laws of Den Norske Forening i Philadelphia . . . . .	2
Constitutions and by-laws of American and Norwegian maritime organizations .....	12
Log-books and notebooks .....	53

Total . . . . .	2,435
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