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Ramsey County  
Centennial Workers  
met at the Degree  
of Hon Hall Monday  
July 13-1925

Question as to whether  
we should disband  
or continue as an  
organization

It was unanimously  
decided to organize permanently  
under the name of  
Norse Am Cen Dgtes  
& that the first an meeting



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was held in Feb - + no definite ~~objective~~ plans to be decided upon until then. But the Officers were instructed to arrange for a social gathering in Oct + also arrange <sup>for</sup> the Annual meeting.

Mrs J O Lee gave us a vivid picture of the Living Flag she under took to put on Mrs Guttuso who has a deep appreciation for true values ②



announced her intention  
to compile ~~to a~~ <sup>to a</sup> book of  
pertaining <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ many faces  
of <sup>the</sup> Women's  
activities and contributions  
to ~~the~~ Cultural Pioneering life  
to our Am. Way of Life - Which  
had no small part in making  
the Centennial a success  
but were being by passed  
by the mens Com.

She was keen on this  
matter & was willing to  
finance the book, but wanted  
our moral support on her idea

The book would not exceed  
\$150

It was the 1st official motion  
we made, that we endorse this  
publication.

The Officers were  
Mrs. B. Pres

"Orestas V"

Wald Secy treas

a group of members furnished  
the refreshments

4) These renewed friendships  
and the new ones, made our  
task pleasant to do our  
bit, in preparation for that  
unforgettable historical event  
of June 1925 when Minnesota  
& the Twin Cities were hosts  
to an assembly that came here  
from all parts of the world  
That Centennial was in  
reality an institute.  
Not many had ever known before  
then that Geo. Washington once  
remarked at a gathering that  
he was proud of his  
Norse Ancestry



5) Never before had a United States president<sup>so</sup> honored with his presence, a particular nationality. Never before had a president addressed so many<sup>+</sup> publicly declared that Leif Erikson was the discover of America. Never since has there been so many people of importance come together to honor the occasion with their presence.

One <sup>big</sup> disappointment was that the arrangement Committee had to for go, was to bring the young boy Crown Prince Olaf here.

At that time he was attending school + arrangements were unadvisable

6) Leif Erikson came to America  
a son of a Ruler, & bestowed  
a reputation ~~on~~ <sup>upon</sup> the Crown prince  
Claf had come in 1925, however  
we have since seen his <sup>in</sup> his manhood  
Thus we have the underlying <sup>spirit</sup> ~~motivation~~  
of all this tremendous program  
of historical facts & Pioneer Contrib-  
utions to this our beloved  
America & deserving recognition.

The Centennial concluded & like  
the effects of a pleasant short  
story (to soon) to abruptly.

Mrs. Alma Gutterson, resourceful  
a reader, and <sup>with</sup> an outstanding  
personality, & sense of values, I saw  
in the records, she & her committee  
hurdled that there should be  
(enclosed) ←



1) preserved. The men  
were cold on endorsing her  
proposition but I am very  
proud to state that

On July 13, - 1925 after 87  
women had decided to  
reorganize into a permanent  
group the 1st action taken  
was to indorse Mrs Kuttersons  
offer to complete a history of  
Centennial reports, historic facts  
about our women and newspaper  
articles about their part, in making  
the Centennial a success that it was.

The first officers elected

Pres. Mrs O J Brack

Vice " H H Onstad

Secy. Treas. " N. J. Wald and

That the purpose of the

Club shall be to promote <sup>the</sup> endeavor to create a greater appreciation of Norse - Amer literature art & music.

That there shall be no dues  
That a collection shall be taken at the meetings for incidentals  
That a program <sup>consisting of</sup> 5 - be provided

" " Refreshment " " 5 - be provided

The Annual meeting was held Feb 1 1926 - at St Paul Institute & the above named officers were reelected for the ensuing year



That event ended like a pleasant  
short story. It made one wish that  
the end had not come so soon <sup>so</sup> abruptly.  
There was a National Women's Com.  
of which Mrs. Manly Fosser was  
its chairwoman. ~~The St Paul~~  
St Paul had 2 representatives on this  
Com. namely Mrs. Alma Gutterson  
& Mrs. A. C. Floan. Mrs. Lars Hainger  
<sup>who</sup> was associated with the Norwegian  
Hospital ~~although~~ <sup>but</sup> lived in Dupls, was  
a member also of this central committee. These  
~~St Paul~~ <sup>members</sup> ~~in our early contacts.~~ These  
committee ~~needed little~~ ~~approval~~  
~~to come to our meeting~~ ~~and were~~  
whole hearted ~~for the idea~~ and  
~~affiliated with us.~~  
Mrs. Gutterson carried the message  
from this Committee to me  
asking that I accept the Chairmanship  
of Ramsey & near by towns  
Wadena So St P White Bear  
Still water etc

profession, quickly saw the need  
& justification for the reorganiz-  
ation of the Centennial Comm into  
a new & permanent one

I also conferred with Mrs Alma  
Huttonson & Mrs. Lars P Hansen  
~~the two~~ & Mrs. A C Sloan who  
were active on the Central main  
Executive <sup>steering</sup> Committee. Miss  
Larsen, Mrs. <sup>Larsen</sup> Bratager & c.

and a few others I do not <sup>now</sup> recall  
by name.



The first officers held ~~over~~  
~~the 1st m~~  
~~over~~ the ~~years~~ were  
then selected <sup>year</sup> 2 terms in the  
new organized association after  
the Constitution & By-laws  
were adopted, adding<sup>a</sup> 2 Vic. pres.  
With out the secretaries  
minute Book it is  
rather difficult to  
place the following  
officers in order

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1- I may print out of order as to dates and orders but out standing was a

3rd gratuity

That was the important revise we rendered the

Feb Erikson Day Celebration and 3 occasions

1- Mrs. Allentree

in charge of refreshments  
replaced netted the Feb Erikson  
Association a profit 25-00

2- An Evening Entertainment

at the Regent of Honor on the Day

3- Another of Monmouth City Club



14 - And more recently we  
added another 25<sup>00</sup>,  
which gives us another  
voting member in the  
Leif Erikson Association

Let me here urge your  
selected delegates to please  
attend and so take part  
in what will be the big-  
gest event since 1925. + Please  
see to it that you send in  
to the officers the names  
+ addresses so <sup>that</sup> proper  
notices will be mailed  
to the proper delegate or  
representative of Norse C Dgts

15— We <sup>Folk Songs</sup> sang the hairs me  
down - Nursery songs  
+ studied the English  
translations of familiar  
folksongs some are very disappointing  
even silly.

We studied an early program  
on diamonds, jewelry, + I  
must say. Some old silver +  
gemset jewelry from Norway  
reminds me of the fashion  
in vogue today.

Painters in oils + water colors  
made a wonderful exhibit.  
we held in the Palm room  
St Paul Hotel.



16 - Norwegian Composer  
& music - by Margithe Pederson  
Day was also outstanding.  
When the talented Arthur  
Bergh, brother of our Charter  
members Mrs. Gunt Wallan,  
music was rendered.

Madame Norenma a Nor-  
wegian gave a concert  
at the Peoples Church.  
Mrs. Kutteron was president  
she was a good singer but  
even with our <sup>moral</sup> support  
that of Consul Hobb she was a  
flop. + Mad as a hornet  
over the slim attendance she  
did care if she <sup>fortune</sup> <sup>heavy</sup>  
ever came back to St. Paul.  
I think the blame of these

concert failures due, on the  
part of their advance  
men, who fail to make the  
right contacts, to put it  
across.

Radio also was used  
to send out the music  
of John Dable, the  
Know-<sup>Male choruses</sup> Choir director,  
& composer of church  
music & re-arranging Hymns.

I shall never forget how  
delighted yet frightened  
he was when he went on  
the air.

"In this little thing carrying  
my voice to <sup>in</sup> Iowa <sup>by</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>side</sup>



18 We should never forget the  
Dr. & Mrs. O. E. Brandt. His  
talk on the Seminary activities  
your visit to the campus  
following  
on a beautiful summer  
day, to see the restored  
old Muskogean Church.

~~to~~ I wonder how many of  
you present joined in and sang  
with Mrs. Mary Rosness ~~was~~ <sup>she was</sup>  
spontaneously ~~organised~~ to sing "Kirkus Den  
er et Gamelt Hus"

Some women stood silent &  
wept, no doubt thinking back  
of their <sup>own</sup> child hood pioneer days  
& those of their ~~pioneers~~ parents.  
We were invited to Dr. Weir's <sup>1st</sup> Church  
We also observed Flag <sup>an American</sup> day  
at that June meeting.

19 - Mrs. Sundgard, whose poem  
is a successful play wright  
was a high light on our program  
Theodore Sommer, Portrait Painter  
Singer's Singer  
JK Daniels - Sculptor  
Mrs. Marie Wee Poet & writer

Past presidents are  
sponsoring a book  
collection to be sent to  
Norway. before Mr. Oeuntou  
finishes her 2nd term in  
office







It was with a deep sense of reverence  
& respect for the traditional heritage  
and part our forebearers left us  
which played no small part  
in molding the World Talked of  
"American way of life"

We meant to carry on that spirit  
and not divert our course to  
see just what would happen  
in the coming 100 years  
so - all ready have gone by  
Many of the Charter members  
are no longer with us:

So it is up to their daughters  
who inherit their mothers  
and the associate members  
that come & drop out to  
carry on for the balance 90 yrs



The nearest kin to our Association  
that stands for much the same  
objectives as we is the Norwegian  
National League of Deaf,  
Composed of Men + Women  
They meet in the eve,

They give One whole evening  
program shortly after Dr. Weiss  
passing his devoted to his  
life work. It was my  
privilege to speak at that  
occasion with several men

Mrs. Caircross came with me  
it was a very lovely affair.