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## The Historical Association in 1961

### NEW MEMBERS

Associate .....	94
Sustaining .....	25
Life .....	18
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>137</b>
Total in 1957 .....	41
1958 .....	155
1959 .....	71
1960 .....	55

### CANCELLED

By request .....	15
Deceased .....	15
No response .....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>31</b>
Net increase .....	106
Total in 1957 .....	82
1958 .....	43
1959 .....	81
1960 .....	81

### MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1961

Associate .....	700
Sustaining .....	152
Patron .....	2
Life .....	112
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>966</b>
As of December 31, 1957 .....	749
1958 .....	874
1959 .....	889
1960 .....	860

### DELINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF DUES

For 1959, 1960, 1961 .....	26
For 1960, 1961 .....	26
For 1961 only .....	29
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>81</b>

### BOOK SALES

	<i>Copies</i>
<i>Studies and Records Series</i> .....	293
<i>Travel and Description Series</i> .....	251
<i>Special Publications</i> .....	295
<b>Total copies .....</b>	<b>839</b>
<b>Total sales .....</b>	<b>\$2,296.61</b>
Total for 1958 .....	\$ 877.09
1959 .....	\$1,422.49
1960 .....	\$ 887.64

### 5 LEADING STATES IN NEW MEMBERS

Minnesota .....	33 (5 life)
Illinois .....	22 (2 life)
Washington .....	15 (1 life)
California .....	10 (4 life)
Texas .....	8 (1 life)

### THE LADY WITH THE PEN (December 31, 1961)

Copies printed .....	1800
Distributed: members, reviewers, exchanges .....	1099
Copies sold .....	190
<b>Copies on hand .....</b>	<b>511</b>

# A Time to Thank You

## A Good Year

As the first page indicates, 1961 was a good year—137 new members and \$2,296.61 in books sold. The only discouraging figures are of the many delinquents, who, unless they pay their dues, must eventually be dropped as members, thus reducing seriously the progress of the past year.

Hard work on the part of many explains the 1961 advances. In gaining new members, Sverre Arestad of Seattle, Helmer Blegen of South Dakota, Gerhard Cartford and Derwood Johnson of Texas, Beulah Folkedahl of Northfield, Consul General and Mrs. Siqveland of Minneapolis, and Harry Williams of Chicago have been especially effective.

Others have served the NAHA by applying for or continuing to maintain memberships for individuals and institutions such as libraries and old people's homes. In this connection, Miss Olga C. Eggen, Clarence Glasrud, Mrs. Henry J. Gould, Henry L. Prestholdt, Marthinus Strand, Lionel G. Thorsness, J. P. Vigdahl, G. N. Wigeland, and Harry Williams deserve to be mentioned.

Not to be forgotten are the many who have sent names of potential members to the secretary's office. Because this method of recruitment produces a high percentage of positive response, we hope that even more names will come in during 1962

## Co-operation from Sons of Norway

That 26 Sons of Norway lodges have subscribed to membership in 1961 is especially gratifying. This is more important than it may seem at first glance. These lodges are helping to build the concept that, regardless of its immediate objectives—social, musical, or fraternal—a Norwegian-affiliated organization can fulfill its obligation to history through membership in the NAHA. If such thinking continues, all organizations in

one way or another affecting Norwegian Americans will in time find common ground in the Association.

## Norrona Lodge

A most spirited promotion has been undertaken by Norrona Lodge No. 50, Van Nuys, California. A letter from Mrs. Karen E. Hogen, Norrona's historian and editor, testifies to this:

The NAHA has been a much talked about topic this past year in Norrona Lodge and also in this community as we have been working to pay the membership fee [\$100] in a special way. A velvet pillow was sold for \$30.75 at our smørgåsbord last spring. At the fall smørgåsbord and the lutefisk dinner we sold a *rosemaling* tray . . . for \$46.25 and a donated sterling silver Norwegian spoon for \$8.75. The women with the gift table came forth with the remainder.

Why did we not take the \$100 out of the general fund and be through with it? This the Lodge was willing to do. Knowing that more people would get to know more about the NAHA if we kept it before them for a year, we chose the more difficult way. We also have a retired teacher who is reviewing each book [NAHA] in the lodge as it comes out.

Whereas no one knew anything about the NAHA a year ago—now there are hundreds out here who know about it. I do want to thank you for allowing us to pay it on the installment plan.

Now there is interest in those 38 volumes for \$85.00. We want to start a library in our lodge. . . .

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Wanted—Used copies of Aagot Raaen's *Grass of the Earth; Frontier Mother*, ed. by Pauline Farseth and Theodore C. Blegen; and Knut Gjerset's *Norwegian Sailors on the Great Lakes*.

# Your Association in 1962

In order to make the coming year one of continued achievement and growth, a list of suggestions is entered below. If each member would honor at least one of these, our progress in 1962 would make our 1961 statistics trivial by comparison.

- Invite one or more of your friends and acquaintances to become members of NAHA.
- Send to the secretary a list of at least five persons you would like to see become members of NAHA.
- Inform other organizations about the NAHA and solicit their support.
- If you find that your local or high school libraries do not have our publications, seek some means whereby they can obtain them.
- If it is within your economic power to do so, raise your membership to sustaining, patron, or life.
- When drawing up your will, remember the NAHA, and also encourage others to do the same.
- If you are in arrears on your dues, pay them in 1962. If this is not possible, then reinstate your membership.

## BOOKS

Otto M. Bratrud. *Beating to Windward*. Published and distributed by the author, 9800 - 41st Ave. S.W., Seattle 15, Washington. 1961. 242 p. \$4.00.

*Beating to Windward* is a fascinating and authentic account of Bratrud's career as sailor, mate, and captain. Besides having lived a life of action and being a storyteller in the best tradition, Captain Bratrud himself, as the book makes evident, is a person well worth getting to know. The members of the NAHA have already received a sampling of Bratrud's writing through an article bearing the same title as the book, in *Studies and Records*, volume XX.

*American Culture: Some Beginnings*. Compiled with an introduction by Paul M. Angle and Earl Shenck Miers. Privately printed at the Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tennessee. 1961. 91 p.

This book, which presents a sampling of an emerging American culture, has

special interest for the members of the NAHA. The last article, "The World's Columbian Exposition, 1893," is an excerpt from Laurence M. Larson's *Log Book of a Young Immigrant*, p. 221-23.

David T. Nelson. *Luther College 1861-1961*. Luther College Press, Decorah, Iowa. 1961. 429 p. \$6.00.

Published specifically for the centennial of Luther College, this book is not only a definitive history, but also adds a significant chapter to what Norwegian Americans have done in the field of education. As one reviewer wrote, "The book is more than a history of the college. It is a case study of social change and of resistance to change, of the processes by which Norwegian immigrants developed a college in which the integrity of their culture might be preserved even while they assimilated themselves into the larger American society." (David C. Johnson, sociology, Luther College.)

# 19 New Members Since November

11 in December—8 in January

## 2 LIFE

Mrs. O. E. Rølvaag presented her daughter, Mrs. Ella Valborg Tweet, Roseau, Minn., with a life membership.

Arthur Mork, Route 2, Madison, Minn., transferred from associate to a life membership. Mr. Mork is chairman of the Lac qui Parle County Historical Society.

## 2 SUSTAINING

Sons of Norway, Mandt Lodge No. 314, Stoughton, Wis.

Mrs. Russell Griffith, 6946 Dellrose, Dallas 14, Texas.

## 1 PATRON

O. J. Farness, physician, 1535 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, Ariz., transferred from associate to patron.

## 14 ASSOCIATE

Miss Cordella Erickson, 6212 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle 3, Wash.

O. F. Leland, retired, 13020 Holmes Point Dr., Kirkland, Wash.

C. H. Uran, surveyor, 1224 Rambler Dr., Waco, Texas.

Wayne Jacob, field representative, Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., 4518 Halifax Ave. N., Minneapolis 22, Minn.

Ernst Erickson, editorial writer, 7040 Colonial Road, Brooklyn 9, N. Y.

Mrs. Ray Bengtson, housewife, 100 E. 49th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Charles H. Rhoades, pharmacist, 3709 Harley Ave., Fort Worth 7, Texas.

Mrs. Ira Aten, housewife, 1401 Roma Dr. N.E., Albuquerque, New Mex.

Mrs. John C. Refsland, retired teacher, Box 426, Houston, Minn.

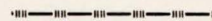
Col. Tom Gabrielson, retired directing head of the Scandinavian department of the Salvation Army, 2637 Hillside Lane, Evanston, Ill.

Macalester College, Weyerhaeuser Library, St. Paul 1, Minn.

Dr. Otey Johnson, Ardmore General Hospital, Ardmore, Okla.

Halvor Langslet, 1002 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Mrs. John Rhea, Box 572, Hamilton, Texas.



*Vinland* (Jan. 18), Chicago's Norwegian newspaper, edited and published by Bertram Jensenius, devoted a full page to a spirited discussion of the activities and contributions of the NAHA. Fortunate indeed is the cause that wins the support of enthusiastic Jensenius.

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