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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

O. Ostrem of Jewell, was here Tuesday in the interest of the Norse-Centennial to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds, St. Paul-Minneapolis, June 6th to 9th. This centennial is in commemoration of the first settlers coming from Norway one hundred years ago, and promises to be one of the largest gatherings in the Twin Cities this year.

Ellsworth, Ia. News  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

Tickets For Norwegian Celebration

Tickets are now on sale for the Norse Centennial meeting to be held in Minneapolis, June 6-9, 1925, in celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Norwegian emigration to this country.

There are three tickets in book form, and cost \$1.00 per book. These tickets can be secured through O A Cragwick at the State Bank of Ellsworth, and Peter Holt, at the Holt, Williams & Peterson store.

Tickets are also being sold at the State Bank in Jewell, and by Mr M. J. Severson at the post office. Earl E. Johnson at the First National Bank has charge of the ticket sales for Williams, and the Hamilton County State Bank at Webster City.

President Coolidge will speak at the celebration on June 8, in the afternoon.

This will be the largest gathering of Norwegians ever held, either in this country or in Norway.

The sale of tickets is the only means that the committee on the celebration has of raising money to defray expenses, and it is hoped that all interested will purchase tickets as soon as possible.

Williams, Ia. Enterprise  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925

NORSE CENTENNIAL AT MINNEAPOLIS

On Tuesday of week Mr. O. Ostrem of Jewell was here, having been appointed chairman for Hamilton county to appoint sub-chairman in each township to sell tickets for the four days Norse Centennial to be held at Minneapolis June 6th to 9th. He appointed Earl E. Johnson here to sell tickets and by calling at his store you may be able to purchase them. Tickets are in book form, 3 tickets for \$1.00, good for the whole meeting. This is for the 100 years anniversary of the Norse emigrants and is going to be the biggest meeting the Norwegians have ever held. President Coolidge will be there to deliver a speech on June 8th and many other speakers of national renown. Prof. Hanson of Norway will also be there. Tickets will be sold here just during the month of April and after that time they will sell for \$1.50, as all tickets are to be called in May 6th.

Now, to show patriotism, you should buy a ticket whether you attend these meetings or not, as this is the only way they have of meeting their expenses, which is great.

So do not forget the place to buy your tickets. Buy them of Earl E. Johnson, Williams.

O. Ostrem, Chairman.

Webster City, Ia. Journal  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

MANY GOING TO BIG NORSE MEET

Norse-American Centennial to be Held in Minneapolis June 6-9 Inclusive.

COOLIDGE TO SPEAK

O. Ostrem, Hamilton County Chairman, Plans for Crowd.

Many people in Hamilton county are interested in the Norse-American centennial to be held in Minneapolis June 6-9. O. Ostrem, of Jewell, has been named as chairman for Hamilton county and he has named 21 committeemen from whom tickets to all the functions may be had. These tickets sell for \$1 to cover all four days. The centennial will be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds, to which single admissions will be 50 cents per day, hence the saving in buying the \$1 tickets, which will be on sale until May 15. A fine list of speakers has been secured, including President Coolidge.

This will be the largest meeting of Norsemen to be held this year in America. President Coolidge will speak June 8 and the following day, Sunday, Bishop Sunde, from Christiana, Norway, will speak. Other speakers will be Prof. Nansen, of Norway, and others representing the Norsk Storting, including Premier J. L. Nowinkel, representing the cabinet; Ivan Lykki, president of the Storting, and William Morgenstjerne, vice president of the Nordmandsforbundet, and others.

The state of Minnesota has appropriated \$10,000 for an exhibit at the meeting.

Big Committee.

The committee named by Mr. Ostrem in this community and from whom tickets may be secured include W. L. Clifton and W. L. Whitham, of this city; Earl E. Johnson, of Williams; O. A. Cragwick and Peter Holt, of Ellsworth; Ed Reister, of Radcliffe; Magnus Johnson, E. W. Knudson and M. J. Severson, of Jewell; S. M. Teigland, of Randall; H. E. Myrah, P. A. Olson, Ben T. Holm and A. G. Larson, of Story City; M. O. Rod and Eli Nelson, of Roland.

The Sumbordlands Lag of America has sent a new banner which will be on display at the Minneapolis meeting and a big time is being planned. It is expected that a large delegation of Norwegian, Swede and Danish people in this community will attend.

O'Brien Co.

Winnebago Co.

St. Paul, Minn., New  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

THE ST. PAUL

# 1,000 PASTORS TO BACK NORSE FETE

## Announcement of Centennial Will Be Made From Pulpits Sunday.

Announcement of the Norse centennial celebration will be made in more than 1,000 churches next Sunday.

A letter asking that such announcement be made has gone out this week, with the special recommendation of Dr. H. G. Stub, president, to 1,300 pastors of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

Dr. Stub also asks the pastors to urge all their members to buy at least one book of admission tickets, whether or not they will be able to attend the celebration.

That interest in the centennial is growing was indicated by a letter received at headquarters Thursday from Bart Strand, county chairman for O'Brien county, Iowa. He had previously returned 50 of his county's quota of 100 ticket books, declaring it impossible to dispose of more than 50. Now he sends his remittance for the 50 books he retained and asks for another block of tickets. "There's more interest in the centennial than I had expected to find," he writes.

Thursday's receipts from advance ticket sales at centennial headquarters, Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis, exceeded \$1,500, and reports received daily from county chairmen indicate now that the financial success of the

centennial is virtually assured, according to S. H. Holstad, managing director.

Lake Mills, Ia., Graphic  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1925

### NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL AT MINNEAPOLIS

A. O. Tobiassen has been selected to represent the Norse-American Centennial in Winnebago county. His task is to secure as large a representation at the Centennial as it is possible to secure. The best means to this end is the sale of admissions. A large number of tickets sold means that interest and attendance, and therefore the success, of the centennial has been unwritten by our people. Coupon books are to be sold at 1.00 each. The same will cost \$1.50 at the gates in June. A coupon book will admit one person for the three days, or three person on the same day.

Mr. Tobiassen has appointed a number of ticket sellers who are expected to sell a book to every man, woman and child of Norse descent in this territory, even if they cannot attend. "Urge them to attend" says Mr. Tobiassen, "ask them to begin now making arrangements to attend the greatest gathering of Norwegians which has ever taken place. Tell them of the President, the wonderful pageant, the bondebryllup, of concerts by their favorite band or choir. Make them realize that a study of the exhibits will be of inestimable value and interest to them, and to their children. Most of all, make them feel that their own interest and attendance in person is essential to the success of the Centennial."

Tickets on sale at both banks and at this office.

Lake Mills, Ia., Graphic  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1925

T. J. Folken has been appointed committeeman in the Scarville locality for the Centennial celebration to be held in the twin cities in June. He will have ticket coupon books for sale. Scarville no doubt will send a large delegation to this celebration. See Mr. Folken early and avoid the rush and a possible disappointment later.

Lake Mills, Ia., Graphic  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1925

A. O. Tobiassen, chairman for the Norse-American Centennial ticket sales in this county, advises us that the sale of tickets at \$1.00 each will continue only until May first. After that time tickets will be called in and sold at the gates at \$1.50 each. Anyone desiring to secure their tickets at the \$1.00 price be sure to get them on or before May 1. Tickets in Lake Mills are on sale at both banks, at Odden's store and at the Graphic office.

MARSHALLTOWN, IA. REPUBLICAN  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1925.

Marshall Co.

### NORSE CENTENNIAL.

#### Norwegian-Americans Plan Big Gathering in June.

Minneapolis, March 13.—The project for a celebration of the Norse-American centennial in the Twin Cities next June 6-9 has already met with such enthusiastic response, not only in Minnesota and the northwest, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in old Norway itself, that the success of the affair seems beyond question.

There used to be a certain feeling of regret in Norway, when the migration of so many of her sons and daughters to America was mentioned. It seemed a great and irreparable loss to the old country. But that feeling seems to have quite vanished in the swelling feeling of pride in the new world achievements and attainments of the Norsemen. So the response of Norway to the invitation to the celebration has been most gratifying.

But the same spirit has been shown everywhere, and the Twin City committees are continually warmed by the cordial response of Norwegian blood in many sections.

It is already manifest that the affair is to have the happy effect of bringing together in unwonted union the people of this widely scattered strain of blood. Differences of politics, religion, social distinction, business, what-not—all are forgotten in the impulse for a reunion of Norsemen everywhere.

A significant phase of the matter is that there is to be no campaign for contributions, no "drive" of the usual sort. The sale of tickets is counted on to finance the whole celebration, and possibly to leave a balance wherewith to begin the erection of a suitable Norwegian-American memorial. This sale has already begun here in the Twin Cities, and is to be actively pushed. The promise of President Coolidge to come and participate, and the probability that some high representative of the dominion government will be here, as well as the promised coming of delegates from the Norwegian storthing and government, give the celebration the aspect of a real world affair.

S. A. Halverson, of Marshalltown, Iowa, is chairman for Marshall county.

Big Stone Co.  
SIOUX CITY IOWA JOUR  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1925

### Begin Selling Centennial Tickets.

Onorville, Minn., March 11.—Special: Committees now are at work throughout Big Stone county selling tickets to the Norse American celebration to be held at the state fair grounds in June. In the villages of this county, citizens have been named to take charge of the sales. The committee is complete except that the village of Graceville has no representative because the general county committee was unable to locate a Norwegian residing there.

Big Stone Co.  
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Progress  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1925

### Norse American Centennial

Hans Mo has been appointed as chairman of Brown County for the Norse-American Centennial to be held at Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Twin Cities on June 6, 7, 8 and 9th. Below is a very interesting letter he received the latter part of last week telling many things of interest about the coming event:

A very interesting letter has been received from Mr. Kvale of which the following is a part.

"I have just this-afternoon commemorative of the Centennial after having seen the proof thereof, I must ask your pardon for permitting my enthusiasm to run a bit wild herein. The stamps are certainly beautiful, both the two and five cent stamps, and they should meet the warm approval of all our people. I do not

for all at reasonable prices.

Meals will be served on the Fair Grounds and in thousands of hotels and restaurants in the two cities. No one need go hungry. There will be plenty of good food at nominal cost.

#### Interest Shown

Some time ago the Minnesota Legislature adopted a joint resolution in support of the Centennial and recently the City Council of Minneapolis appointed a committee to cooperate with the Centennial Committee. The Hennepin County Committee of the American Legion has also adopted a resolution pledging support and we look for similar resolutions to be adopted by other organizations. It looks as if the interest in the Centennial is spreading not only among Norse-Americans but among all other kinds of Americans.

Cass Co.  
Pine River, Minn., Blast  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1925

## NORSE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL IN JUNE

FITTING CELEBRATION WILL  
BE HELD AT STATE  
FAIR GROUNDS

Should the Norwegians of Cass county, partake in the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the State Fair grounds, St. Paul and Minneapolis, June 6-7-8 and 9th, 1925?

The answer must be in the affirmative, yes, they should, because it is a historical event in which every person, of Norse decent, is particularly and individually interested.

The purpose of this Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emmigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America.

July 4th, 1825, (America's Independence day) the sloop "Restaurationen" sailed out of Stavanger harbor. After a perilous and romantic voyage, through the British Channel and by the way of the Island Madeira, they reached New York on October 9th, 1825. Every one of the passengers that went on board at Stavanger landed in good health and spirits, and their number had been increased on the way by the arrival of the "Sloop baby"—a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lars Larson. Fifty-two passengers, including women and children went on board at Stavanger, and fifty three landed at New York.

The residents of New York extended a cordial welcome to these Norse Pilgrim fathers; Quakers in particular befriended them. Enough money was raised among the Quakers to pay the expenses of the immigrants to Orleans county, New York, on the southeastern shore of Lake Ontario. There in the town of Kendall these brave, simple folk founded the first Norwegian settlement in America. Each family secured 40 acres of land, covered by hardwood timber.

Twenty four of them, including their children, combined and put up a log cabin in which they spent the first winter. After a few years, however, the settlers became fairly prosperous, learned to speak the English language, and were respected by their American neighbors.

The circumstances that led to the sailing of the famous sloop party is in part as follows: In 1807, Lars Larson, who was born at Stavanger, Sept. 23rd., 1787, and served as a ship carpenter in the Danish navy during the Napoleonic wars, was captured by the British and confined in London prison till 1814. After his release he entered the employ of Margaret Allen, a prominent Quaker lady who had taken interest in him during his imprisonment and had converted him into the Quaker faith. In 1816 he returned to Norway, where he, with others who had been captives in London and had embraced the Quaker faith, began proselyting among his neighbors, with the result that a Society of Friends was organized at Stavanger. They had heard about the new world and they believed in the young Republic of the West, they might enjoy greater opportunities. And no doubt, the old roving spirit of the Norsemen also asserted itself.

Every man, woman and child with good Norse blood wants this affair to be a tremendous success. It is the Centennial of the Norse American people in which they should participate even though they can not all be present.

Bear in mind that this event also marks the beginning of a new chapter in the American History in the development of which he and his forebear took an intensely active part. It is the incorporation of this chapter into every day American history which our Centennial Celebration aims to accomplish.

It is important that every Norseman should register and their names be incorporated into this new chapter of American History.

The cost of registration, including ticket is \$1.00, admitting one person to enter the fair grounds 3 days, or three persons can enter one day.

At the gate, such tickets cost \$1.50, and besides that, it will be hard to have your name registered there.

Organize your community, select a sub-chairman. Any community not having organized, may obtain tickets from me, and have their names recorded until last of April. When ordering tickets, write the name or names plainly, and enclose money order.

June 6th the "Bygdelags" meet and organize. There you will have an excellent opportunity to meet your kins men from any part of Norway.

Norway, Ireland and Canada will have their representatives here.

Let us see to it, that Cass county does not lag behind.

Odin Naustvold,  
Walker, County Chaiman.

Chippewa Co.  
Montevideo, Minn., News  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1925

**Heads Centennial Committee**  
Theodore Arneson has accepted the chairmanship for the Chippewa county committee for the Norse-American Centennial to be celebrated in the Twin Cities in June. Mr. Arneson has visited various parts of the county this week to enlist associates to serve with him on the Centennial committee.

Chisago Co.  
Lindstrom, Minn., Press  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

## Local Chairman Named For Norse Centennial

G. M. Orwoll Of North Branch Directing Sale Of Tickets For Big Event, Slated To Become America's Largest Gathering In 1925.

G. M. Orwoll, superintendent of the high school at North Branch, has been named Chisago County chairman of the Norse-American Centennial celebration and exposition at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, on June 6 to 9, already slated to become the largest gathering in America in 1925.

In stimulating interest in the big event among Chisago County residents, Mr. Orwoll also has the assistance of Mrs. Patrick McKeon of Rush City, who will be in charge of the exhibits that may represent the Norwegian descendants of the county at the exposition. Although in charge of the ticket sales here, Mr. Orwoll also is being aided by local chairman in each community. Tickets sold at one dollar will admit visitors to the gates during all of the three days, he announced to the Press Tuesday.

Officials are now variously estimating the attendance for the entire exposition at from 250,000 to 500,000. Estimates by the Canadian Centennial committee indicate that between 30,000 and 60,000 Norse-Canadians and other Canadians will attend. Special trains are being arranged for to carry the crowds from all points of the compass, advance announcements state. Automobile caravans are also being planned from many sections within reasonable driving distance of the Twin Cities. Railroads west of Chicago have made a rate of one and one-third for the round trip, and Eastern roads are expected to make a similar rate.

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A world's fair will virtually be crowded into the four days' celebration. The celebration has been officially recognized by four nations—the United States, Dominion of Canada, Norway and Iceland, and these countries will all be officially represented.

President Calvin Coolidge will speak before the grandstand on Monday afternoon, June 8. On the evening of that day, designated as "Governors' Night," it is expected that all six governors of Norse blood will be present and make short addresses. They are: Gov. Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; Gov. J. J. Blaine, Wisconsin; Gov. Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; Gov. A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Gov. J. E. Erickson, Montana, and Gov. H. L. Whitfield, Mississippi.

The opening day, Saturday, June 6, will be devoted to the national conventions of the about 30 "Bygdelags," organizations of Norse immigrants and their descendants from the various "bygds" or counties of Norway. These have memberships ranging from 300 to 5,000.

Sunday, June 7, will be devoted to religious services and concerts. Pastors of various denominations will preach and the music at these services will be rendered by some of the leading musical organizations in the country, including the internationally famous Academic choir of 50 voices from Oslo, Norway, the equally famous St. Olaf Lutheran choir, of Northfield, Minn., the Luther College Concert band of 75 pieces from Decorah, Iowa, the St. Olaf College band, Concordia college choir and band, Moorhead, Minn., Augsburg Seminary chorus, Minneapolis, and a male chorus of 500 or more voices from the Norwegian Singers' Association. There will also be special concerts and free open air concerts by these musical forces.

The exhibits will be large, varied and highly interesting, including antique Norse jewelry, woven tapestry, furniture, musical instruments, needle art, household utensils, besides exhibits showing the contribution of Norse-Americans to the development and history of America in many fields, educational, religious, industrial and historical. There will be 22 departments of exhibits, being arranged under the general direction of Dr. Knut Gjerset, curator of the museum of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

An interesting program of athletic sports and contests is also being arranged under direction of Arnold Oss, famous University of Minnesota athlete. This will include baseball and tennis tournaments for Norse-American schools, a soccer game and two track meets, one limited to Norse-Americans, the other an open meet.

A "living flag" of 420 St. Paul school children will be a feature on Monday, June 8, "America Day", and a wonderful historical pageant depicting the life of the Norse pioneers in America during the last century will be the concluding feature on Tuesday night. Several hundreds of persons will take part in this pageant.

The United States government has recognized the importance of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first shipload of Norse immigrants in America authorizing the issuance of special Norse-American Centennial postage stamps, a two-cent and a five-cent stamp, and the minting of 40,000 commemorative silver medals, the first time in the history of the country that such medals have been authorized by Congress.

It is also hoped that the Navy Department will send the giant dirigible airship, the Los Angeles, to the celebration, and that it will be accompanied by a fleet of 50 airplanes.

The executive committee in charge of arrangements for the big celebration consists of the following: President, Gisle Bothne, Minneapolis, chairman; Hon. N. T. Moen, Fergus Falls, vice chairman; A. C. Floan, St. Paul, 2d vice chairman; Prof. J. A. Holm, Moorhead, secretary; Trygve O. Minneapolis, treasurer; A. Ueland, Minneapolis, counsel, and S. H. Hestad, Minneapolis, managing director.

Rev. B. E. Bergesen, Minneapolis, is chairman of the program committee.

Other committee chairmen are: finance, E. G. Quamme, president Federal Farm Land Bank, St. Paul; transportation, Hon. O. P. B. Jacobson, Fergus Falls, chairman, Minnesota Railway and Warehouse Commission; budget, J. G. Norby, Minneapolis; publicity, Oscar Arneson, chief clerk, Minnesota House of Representatives; women's auxiliary, Miss Elisa P. Farseth, Minneapolis.

Clay Co. Herald

Mch. 5-1925

## Centennial Tickets Are Received

TICKETS FOR NORSE AMERICAN  
CENTENNIAL ARE NOW ON  
HAND.

Mar. 2.—Announcement was made today by A. O. Christiansen, County Chairman for the Norse-American Centennial, which will be held at St. Paul, June 6th to 9th, that the tickets have just been received. The township chairman will be announced within a few days, after which the actual sale of tickets will begin. It is expected to dispose of at least 5,000 tickets throughout the county.

At a recent luncheon held at Minneapolis by the Woman's Auxiliary at which four hundred women were present, they voluntarily pledged themselves to dispose of 50,000 tickets.

The following is the tentative program of the Centennial!—

### Saturday, June 6

National convention of Bygelags and other organizations. Addresses and music.

### Sunday, June 7

Forenoon—Four or more religious services. Sermons by well known preachers. Music by choirs and bands.

Afternoon—Representatives from Norway and others will bring greetings. University choir from Norway will sing.

Evening—Music, festival, short addresses.

### Monday, June 8

Forenoon and afternoon—Short addresses concerning activities of Norsemen in America.

Evening—Address by the President of the United States.

### Tuesday, June 9

Forenoon and Afternoon—Addresses concerning Norse American institutions.

Evening—Historical pageant.

Special features during the four days will include athletics, lectures, exhibits and entertainments of an appropriate character. A Peasant Wedding (Bondebryllup) with costumes, music and games will be one of the many interesting features.

A complete program will be published as soon as possible.

Moorhead Herald

Mch 12<sup>th</sup> 1925

## APPOINTMENTS MADE

Announcement was made today by Clay County Chairman A. O. Christenson, of the appointments of the sub-chairmen for the county, for the Norse-American Centennial which will be held at the state fair grounds on June 6 to 9 inclusive.

Announcement is also made of a luncheon of the chairmen of the cities and townships of the county to be held at the New Columbia hotel on Saturday evening, March 14th, at 6:30 o'clock, when plans for the county activity of the Centennial will be discussed and outlined:

The following are the county chairmen:

Alliance, Anthony Swanson.  
Barnesville, Pete Swanson.  
City of Barnesville, A. A. Trovaaten.  
Cromwell, Sam Levenson.  
Egton, John Elton.  
Elkton, Martin Langseth.  
Elmwood, G. A. Erstad.  
Felton, Otto Dahl.  
Flowing, Ole Langseth.  
Goose Prairie, J. D. Buhang.  
Georgetown, Oscar Randgard.  
Hawley, Simon Hanson.  
City of Hawley, Gust Sjordal.  
Hitterdal, M. J. Solum.  
Humbolt, L. Hammerud.  
Highland Grove, Nels T. Lunder.  
Holy Cross, Carl Tassas.  
Kragness, John Holte.  
Keene, E. Holte.  
Kurtz, John Cornelussen.  
Morken, Martin Olson.  
Moland, B. J. Gunderson.  
Moorhead, T. S. Reitan.  
City of Moorhead, Oscar Wentzell, sub-chairman; 1st ward captain, Nels Melvey; 2nd ward captain, Hans C. Ryen; 3rd ward captain, S. A. Peterson; 4th ward captain, Sven Larson.  
Oakport, R. A. Rice.  
Parke, Hans Erickson.  
Riverton, A. T. Akesson.  
Skree, Henry Nelson.  
Spring Prairie, Fred Larson.  
Tansem, Albert Anderson.  
Ulen, Alb. Skrein.  
Viding, Albert Underdahl.  
A. O. Christensen, county chairman.  
Hans C. Ryen, assistant county chairman.  
Julian P. Melberg, advertising manager.  
Ida H. Bergan, secretary.

Moorhead, Minn., News  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1925

Hans C. Ryen, vice-chairman Clay county Norse-American Centennial committee, left this afternoon for Hawley, where he will give a talk this evening before the Sons of Norway lodge. His talk will be with reference to the Centennial.

Among the guests registered at the New Columbia hotel on Thursday

Ulen, Minn., Union  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1925

## PREPARING FOR BIG CENTENNIAL

Dr. A. J. Aasgaard to Speak at Meeting in Minneapolis June 6-9

Col. Theodore Roosevelt was right when he declared that the Norsemen have been the world's greatest pioneers, President J. A. Aasgaard of Concordia college, Moorhead, said in his address at the dinner of the Clay county committee of the Norse-American centennial at the New Columbia hotel, Moorhead, last evening. About 40 attended.

Dr. Aasgaard used the quotation in describing something of the factor the Norwegians have been in the building of the northwest and the United States.

The centennial, to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6 to 9, will show in pageant, speech and exhibition what the Norsemen have put into the fabric of the United States in the 100 years since the first organized immigration of Norsemen to America, which the centennial will commemorate, he said.

### No Contributions Expected

J. A. Holvik of Moorhead, secretary of the central centennial committee, stated that all the expenses of the centennial will be paid by the purchase of tickets to the centennial and that no contributions are being taken from any organization for it. "The Norsemen who pioneered this northwest asked no favors or charity but paid their own way and we will honor them in making the centennial self-supporting," he declared.

The Norsemen have contributed greatly to the wealth of the nation in providing educational facilities and churches besides the material wealth they have added to the nation's total, he pointed out.

A. E. Hathway, traveling passenger agent for the Great Northern railway, described the various types of transportation his road would like to provide in special trains for Clay county delegations to the centennial. Fare and one-third round trip rates will probably be provided, he said.

"The Norsemen must make the centennial a success in return for the interest and help being given it by the entire nation," said President Aasgaard. He recounted that President Coolidge is expected to speak at the centennial on June 8, that papers and magazines are carrying articles about it and that the government is having special stamps and medals made in honor of the event.

#### Will Teach Bravery

Dr. Aasgaard said that the centennial will serve to teach Norsemen of today and their children the heritage of bravery the pioneer Norsemen left in their battle to open up the northwest to settlement.

In distributing the coupon tickets to the committee members gathered from all over Clay county, A. O. Christensen of Moorhead, county chairman, who presided at the dinner, stated that 5,000 tickets had been allotted to Clay county and that the Moorhead sub-committee expected to sell 2,000 in Moorhead.

Grand Forks, N. D., Herald  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1925

### NOTABLES TO SPEAK AT NORSE MEETING

Moorhead, Minn., March 14.—J. A. Holvik, secretary of the Norse-American centennial, to be held this spring in the Twin Cities, and President J. A. Aasgaard of Concordia college, are to be the speakers tonight at a supper in Moorhead for members of the Clay county committee for the centennial. A. E. Hathway, traveling passenger agent of the Great Northern railroad, will also speak.

About 40 persons, including city, village and township chairmen of the committee are expected to attend.

Plans are now under consideration for having two special trains transport the Clay county people who are planning to attend the centennial, at which President Coolidge will speak. Only one special had previously been planned.

A. O. Christensen is the Clay county centennial chairman. The Norse celebration will be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds.

Clay Co.  
Fargo Forum  
N. D.

Mar. 13-1925

## CENTENNIAL MEN TO HEAR HOLVIK

Secretary of Celebration  
and Aasgaard to Address  
Clay Committee

J. A. Holvik of Moorhead, secretary of the Norse-American centennial, and President J. A. Aasgaard of Concordia college, will be speakers at a supper in Moorhead tomorrow evening for members of the Clay county committee for the centennial. A. E. Hathway, traveling passenger agent of the Great Northern railway, will also speak. The supper will be at the New Columbia hotel at 6:30.

About 40 persons, including the city and township chairman and sub-chairmen of the committee, are expected to attend.

Plans are now under consideration for having two special trains carry Clay county people to the centennial at the Minnesota state fair grounds in June instead of one, as at was first considered. A. O. Christensen, Clay county centennial chairman, stated today.

Otis Wentzell is Moorhead centennial chairman. His ward sub-chairmen are: first, Nels Melvey; second, Hans C. Ryen; third, S. A. Peterson; fourth, Swen Larson.

The city and township chairmen for the balance of the county follow the villages being included under their township chairmen:

Alliance, Anthony Swanson, Baker; Barnesville, Pete Swanson, Baker; City of Barnesville, A. A. Trovaaten, Barnesville; Cromwell, Sam Leverson, Hawley; Eglon, John Elton, Hawley; Elkton, C. M. Langseth, Glyndon; Elmwood, G. A. Erstad, Glyndon; Felton, Otto Dahl, Felton; Flowing, Ole Langseth, Averill; Glyndon, C. M. Langseth, Glyndon; Georgetown, scar Randgaard, Georgetown; Goose Prairie, J. G. Buhaug, Hawley; Hitterdal, M. J. Solum, Hitterdal; Hawley, Simon Hanson, Hawley; City of Hawley, Gust Sjordal, Hawley; Humbolt, L. Hammerud, Barnesville; Highland Grove, Nels T. Lunder, Dale; Kragnes, John Holte, Kragnes; Keene, E. Holte, Hitterdal; Kurtz, John Corneliussen, Moorhead;

Morken, Martin Olson, Felton; Molland, B. J. Gunderson, Glyndon; Moorhead, T. S. Reltan, Moorhead; Oakport, R. A. Rice, Glyndon; Parke, Hans Erickson, Hawley; Riverton, A. T. Aakesson, Hawley; Skree, Henry Nelson, Hawley; Spring Prairie, Fred Larson, Glyndon; Tan-

sem, Albert Anderson, Rollag; Ulen, Albert Skrein, Ulen; Vidling, Albert Underdahl, Felton.

Moorhead, Minn., Press  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925



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is Miss Marie Hirst of Phil-  
ia, who recently left the Or-  
the Sacred Heart on special  
sation from Pope Pius, in or-  
at she might be free to marry  
Levering, prominent in Balti-  
social circles. Miss Hirst had  
13 years in the religious

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Clearwater Co.

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One of the many unique features of the Centennial, will be a flag drill which will be composed of 600 St. Paul children, who will be trained for their parts under the direction of Mrs. John O. Lee. The children will be dressed, in the colors of the Norse and United States flags—red, white and blue—most of them wearing reversible capes (one color on each side.) They will first appear as the Norwegian flag, then at a given signal, reverse their capes in such a manner as will transform the Norse flag in the twinkling of an eye to the "Stars and Stripes."

There will be something doing all the time, every day.

Begin to plan now on going, and if you can't go—Boost—and tell your neighbor to boost.

There are a large number of Clay county people who contemplate forming an automobile caravan and going to the state fair grounds in a body. They will carry tents and camping outfits, and be at home wherever night overtakes them.

A. O. Christianson, Clay county chairman reports good success in sale of tickets

Brainerd (Minn.) Independent THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1925

NORSE-AMERICANS IN CLEARWATER COUNTY ARE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC OVER EVENT

Norse-American Centennial in June at Twin Cities Biggest Event In History

The Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Fair Grounds in St. Paul, June 7-8-9, is the biggest thing ever undertaken by Norsemen in America, and every person in Clearwater county who has Viking blood coursing in his veins should feel proud of his lineage, but doubly proud of his American citizenship.

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We have in Clearwater County, according to the last census, 1140 persons who are actually born in Norway and every one of them should be a Booster for the Centennial.

The full programme for the celebration has not yet been completed, but work has been progressed so far that the committee will soon be able to make all announcements

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Some idea of the importance and scope of the exhibit features of the coming Centennial may be obtained from an announcement just made by Dr. Knut Gjerset, Chairman Exhibit committee. There will be 22 different departments of which I will only mention: Pioneer Life, Church, Schools, Farming, Art, etc.

Anyone possessing or knowing of articles worthy of exhibit or having statistical data of value, is urgently requested to communicate with Dr. Knut Gjerset, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Information relative to exhibits of art, music, or household articles, jewelry, chinaware, needle art etc., should be given to Miss Herborg Reque, Centennial Headquarters, 11 Washington Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn

The committee has positive assurance that President Coolidge will attend the Centennial and will speak in the afternoon of Monday June 8. Rt. Reverend Johan Lunde Bishop of Oslo Norway, will bring greetings from the Mother Church.

The famous Academic Choir of Oslo, Norway, will sing at the Centennial, the Luther College Band of Decorah, Iowa, St Olof College Band and St. Olof Lutheran Choir, Concordia College Chorus and Choir, Concordia College Chorus and Choir, and many other musical organizations.

A most interesting and unique feature of the celebrations promises to be the "living flag". This will be featured Monday afternoon, June 8, in connection with President's Coolidge's address in front of the mammoth grand stand. This "living flag" will

be composed of 600 St. Paul children, who will be trained for their parts under the direction of Mrs. John O. Lee. The children will be dressed in the colors of the Norse and United States flags—red, white and blue—most of them wearing reversible capes (one color on each side) They will first appear as the Norwegian flag, then at a given signal, reverse their capes in such a manner as will transform the Norse flag in the twinkling of an eye to the "Stars and Stripes."

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P. L. RENNE, County Chairman

Brainerd, Minn., Dispatch FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1925

A. M. Opsahl has been appointed chairman of Crow Wing county for the Norse-American centennial ticket selling campaign. The centennial will be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Crow Wing Co.

Freeborn Co.  
Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1923

## LOCAL MAN IS CO. CHAIRMAN FOR CAMPAIGN

Month of June Will Witness  
Greatest Celebration Ever Un-  
dertaken by the Norwegian  
Branch of the American People

A. C. Erickson is county chairman for the Norse-American Centennial ticket selling campaign for this county and is now busy getting the city and townships properly organized and is anxious to get in touch with the willing workers of the county.

The month of June will witness the greatest celebration ever undertaken by the Norwegian branch of the American people.

We are to commemorate the arrival of the first organized body of Norwegian pioneers in this country. We believe that every man, woman and child of Norse descent will wish to go down in history as having taken an active part in this centennial and we are going to act on the theory that they are willing to contribute their bit towards its success.

In order to insure the success of this undertaking an advance sale of tickets is necessary. The regular charge at the gate will be fifty cents per single admission. Arrangements have been made to sell coupon books in advance, containing tickets for the entire three days for one dollar or three persons on the same day for one dollar, which would be a saving of fifty cents. The quota for this county has been fixed at 3000 coupon books and Mr. Erickson will appreciate your hearty support in this campaign, the purpose of which, is to underwrite the attendance and the interest of the Norse American people.

Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1923

## More About Coming Norse-American Centennial

Mrs. S. E. HANSON, Co. Chairman

Order for the Norse-American Centennial commemorative medals are now being received at headquarters by the hundreds daily. The price of the medal is \$1.25, postpaid, and no person will be permitted to buy more than one. This does not mean, however, that one cannot purchase medals for other members of one's family, if

desired, but in such case an individual order must be sent in for each medal, together with name and address. The orders are being filed in the order received and each order numbered. Each medal will be sent by mail in a specially made container, and registered, in order that the committee may get a receipt for every medal sent out. None will be sold over the counter, or delivered in person at the time of purchase. As congress has authorized the making of only 40,000 of these medals, it behooves all who desire to obtain one of these valuable mementos of the celebration not to delay in sending in their orders. Send orders to Norse-American Centennial Committee, Medal Dept., 11 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn., accompanied by bank check or draft, express or postal money order. Do not send stamps. Bear in mind that these medals will be more valuable as time passes, particularly since the Norse-American Centennial medal is the first commemorative medal ever authorized by the congress of the United States.

Cong. O. J. Kvale of Minnesota, author of the bill in congress providing for printing of the special Norse-American Centennial two-cent and five-cent postage stamps, has been notified by the postoffice department at Washington that these stamps will be placed on sale on May 17, Norway's Independence Day, in the following seven cities: Washington, the nation's capitol; Chicago, which has the largest population of Norse-Americans; St. Paul and Minneapolis,

where the Centennial celebration is to be held; Decorah, Ia., and Northfield, Minn., where are located, respectively, Luther College and St. Olaf College, the largest Norse-American higher institutions of learning; and Benson, Minn., the home of Cong. Kvale. "And I want it to be known that I had nothing whatever to do with selecting the cities where the Centennial stamps are to be sold," said Cong. Kvale when at headquarters the other day. "This action was taken by the postoffice department without consultation with me, or with anyone else connected with the Centennial celebration, so far as I know. I am not even advised as to whether or not these stamps will be placed on sale at other postoffices later on, but I hope such may be the case." The special Centennial stamps will be in two colors—the first time in American history that such special stamps have been issued in more than one color.

Albert Lea, Minn., Tribune  
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1923

## INFORMATION

Things You Should Know About  
the Norse-American Centennial to Take Place in  
Minneapolis.

### Reduced Railroad Rates

O. P. B. Jacobson, chairman of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission, who is chairman of the centennial committee on transportation, has just been notified that the so-called "northern" railroads—that is, those entering the Twin Cities—have filed with the Western Passenger association at Chicago a special tariff providing for return trip rate for the centennial of a fare and a third. This rate, therefore, is assured of being in effect in the territory west of Chicago. Mr. Jacobson says he looks for the railroads east of Chicago to make the same rate concession and awaits the announcement to that effect soon. It had been hoped to obtain a rate of one fare for the round trip, but in view of the fact that the usual rate for large conventions in recent years has been one and a half fare for the round trip, this extra reduction for the centennial indicates that the transportation committee has done exceptionally good work. The reduction obtained by the committee will no doubt mean that thousands of Norse-Americans living at considerable distances from St. Paul and Minneapolis will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the centennial and also to visit relatives and friends in the middle west.

Representatives of bygdelags met on March 31, to discuss plans for the celebration, but more particularly to select the buildings on the Minnesota state fair grounds where the different bygdelag conventions will be held on Saturday, June 6. This in itself was no easy task when one considers that suitable quarters must be found for holding about twenty-five different conventions on the grounds the same day. Several buildings have already been set aside for the exhibits, hence not available for meeting purposes. While there are about seventy buildings of all kinds on the grounds, not all of them are suitable as convention halls. The bygdelag representatives and committee members lunched together Tuesday noon at the Track hotel on the fair grounds and then spent the afternoon selecting convention locations. Members of the "lags" will be duly notified of the location of the building where their convention will be held.

A. L. Mordt, state chairman for Mississippi for the Norse-American centennial is going about his work in a comprehensive and energetic manner. As an example of what he is doing, it may be mentioned that he has written letters to the various railroad companies of Mississippi asking them in turn to write to their local agents and other representatives for information about people of Norwegian birth or ancestry living in that state. Then he also is appealing to the men and women of Norwegian blood to write to him giving their family history in Mississippi, what they are doing and for anything else of interest that may be useful in connection with the centennial celebration.

MRS. S. L. HANSON,  
Freeborn County Chairman,  
Albert Lea, Minn.

Minn. Eagle  
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1925

## NORWEGIANS WILL FINANCE THEIR OWN CENTENNIAL MEET

**Goodhue County Committee Named to Sell Coupon Books of Admissions for Event**

The Norse Centennial celebration to take place at Minnesota State Fair grounds on June 7th, 8th, 9th, 1925. This means the largest assembly of Norse-Americans in America to this day.

Entertainment will be furnished that will interest every one. This celebration has created quite a furore

not only in the United States but in Canada as well, and, of course, in old Norway.

President Coolidge has promised to appear and speak. The premier of Canada will send one of his statesmen as his representative. Prominent men of Norway's government circles are coming as representatives and it is more than probable that Prince Olaf will attend, besides other men of national and international repute from Norway, among them Dr. Fritjoh Nansen. Six state governors of Norse ancestry have already signified their intention of being present, besides numerous prominent men in all walks of life and of other nationalities, who want to be there to watch the novel gathering and the exhibit in connection therewith.

To raise funds the committee immediately in charge of arrangements has decided that the Norse-Americans themselves arrange for financing the project without soliciting from commercial and other organizations. Plans are to sell one book of three fifty-cent admission coupons to the fair grounds for one dollar. This will admit one person to the grounds all three days or can be used by three persons at the same time. It is proposed to sell these books, or tickets, in advance and Goodhue county has been allotted 3600 coupon books at \$1.00 each.

The time for this advance sale should have been finished by April 1st, but has been extended to May 1st for rural communities. It is proposed to organize each voting precinct and the chairmen in each precinct will be announced very soon.

Henry M. Halvorson of Wanamingo is chairman of the finance committee for Goodhue county. Other members are: O. B. Strand, S. L. Kaldem, P. S. Aslakson, Otto G. Olson, J. E. Norswing, M. S. Kindseth.

Jackson Minn. Pilot  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

Asher O. Nasby has been appointed to have charge of the ticket sale in Jackson county for the Norse-American Centennial which will be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, Hamline, Minn., on June 7 to 9. Coupon books may now be secured at the Jackson National Bank, O. B. Berge's store and the People's store for the small amount of 1.50 and these tickets will be good for the entire program. Mr. Nasby is asking that all who expect to purchase tickets do so at once as the advance sale will guide the committee to some extent on the number they may expect to attend. It is expected that Jackson county will be well represented at the centennial and by purchasing tickets as soon as possible it will greatly assist the committee who have the work in charge.

Willmar (Minn.) Tribune  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1925

## 2000 TICKETS SOLD IN COUNTY

**Norse Centennial Sales Tickets  
Drive Brings Total Sold to  
About 2000**

Practically two thousand tickets have been sold in Kandiyohi county for the Norse Centennial to be held in June. The special sale and special price on tickets closed May 15th.

Besides the regular selling committees tickets were sold by other organizations and individuals. The Sebulaget at Atwater has disposed of a large number in their part of the county.

Great interest is being manifested locally in the Norse Centennial. This is due in general to the character of the event and to certain parts of the program. Among the speakers will be President Calvin Coolidge who will deliver an address at the grandstand at the State Fair grounds on Monday, June 8th, at 2 o'clock.

Senator Shipstead, Rev. E. E. Gynild of Eagle Lake, Judge T. O. Gilbert of Willmar, Miss Gertrude Hillboe, Rev. H. G. Stob, Bishop Lund of Oslo, Norway, Prof. Bothne of Minneapolis, Premier Bracken of Manitoba, Canada, Mayor Nelson of St. Paul, Mayor Leach of Minneapolis, Secretary of State Kellogg, Congressman O. J. Kvale, Senator Norbeck, are among the speakers. Music will be furnished by bands from St. Olof College, Luther College and Augustana College. Merald Tollefson, formerly of Willmar, will render a vocal solo. The St. Olof choir will also appear on the program.

Dawson, Minn., Sentinel  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

## T. S. SLEN APPOINTED MANAGER: OTHER ITEMS

Theodore S. Slen has been appointed county chairman for the advance sale of tickets to the Norse-American centennial to be held June 6 to 9 at the state fair grounds. Mr. Slen plans to organize the whole county with local organizations in the towns and townships. The advance sale of tickets is undertaken for the purpose of raising at this time the funds for necessary arrangements. Three thousand tickets have been allotted to Lac qui Parle county.—Western Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Abert Lund and son, Melvin, motored to Elk River last Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. Lund's sister, Mrs. R. B. Sickle, and husband. They returned Tuesday evening.

Albert Lund took Hans Larson to Glenwood Tuesday morning where he was to board a train to Outlook,

Montana, where he will farm in partnership with Martin Holtan this year.

Mr. Oscar Wilson of Hazel Run had the misfortune of losing the two middle fingers of his right hand in the belt of a grain elevator, last Wednesday. Clankfield Advertiser.

Two Harbors, Minn. Chronicle  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

## Local Norse Caravan To Be Organized Monday Evening

**CHAIRMAN B. M. BERGERSON  
FOR LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS  
HAS CALLED MEETING FOR  
MONDAY EVENING TO MAKE  
PLANS FOR LARGE TWO HAR-  
BORS DELEGATION TO AT-  
TEND NORSE CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION AT HAMLINE  
JUNE 6 TO 9**

Chairman B. M. Bergerson of the Lake county committee to make arrangements for the automobile caravan which will go from Two Harbors to the Norse-American Centennial celebration at the state fair grounds June 6 to 9, has called a meeting of all those who desire to go which will take place at the basement of the Norwegian Lutheran church Monday evening, April 27th at eight o'clock p. m. Reservations will be arranged at that meeting for hotel, garage and parking accommodations and advance tickets in book form at special rates will be sold to those who plan to attend. Sale of the books closes May 1st and in as much as admissions at gates will be fifty cents; visitors will save half the cost by buying books at \$1.00 for admission to the gates for the entire meet.

**Local Company to Furnish Registers**  
The DeLuxe Hotel Register Co. has negotiated a contract to furnish forty of its illuminated registers to the officers of the centennial to facilitate the registration of visitors. Mr. Gibson is rushing out the machines which met with great favor with those in charge who recognized the merit as well as the novelty of the Two Harbors product. Mr. Gibson will send someone from Two Harbors to install the machines and to supervise their use during the four days of the celebration when it is believed that many thousands will record their names as visitors.

### Norwegians Number 2,500,000

Based on statistics furnished by Dr. O. M. Norlie of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, Norwegians in the United States now number 2,500,000, almost as many as now inhabit the land of the midnight sun. This great number had their beginning from the little party which landed in America, October 12, 1825.

In the New York Daily Advertiser for October 12, 1825, appeared an article, headed "A Novel Sight," which says in part:

"A vessel has arrived at this port with emigrants from Norway. The vessel is very small, measuring as we understand, only about 36 Norwegian lasts, or forty-five American tons, and brought fifty-three passengers, male and female, all bound for Orleans county, where

an agent who came over some time since, purchased a tract of land.

"The appearance of such a party of strangers, coming from so distant a country and in a vessel of a size apparently ill calculated for a voyage across the Atlantic, could not but excite an unusual degree of interest.

"An enterprise like this argues a good deal of boldness in the master of the vessel, as well as an adventurous spirit in the passengers most of whom belong to families from the vicinity of a little town at the southwestern extremity of Norway, near the city of Stanvang. Those who came from the farms are dressed in coarse cloth of domestic manufacture of a fashion different from the Americans, but those who inhabited the town wear calicos, gingham and gay shawls, imported, we presume, from England.

"The vessel is built on the model common to fishing boats on that coast, with a single top-sail, sloop-rigged. She arrived with the addition of one passenger born on the way."

The little vessel, whose arrival in New York almost a hundred years ago aroused such interest, was the now famous sloop "Restorationen" (The Restoration). The article printed above was copied by the Baltimore American, as well as many other papers, and was read with general interest.

But the people who saw or read about the strange ship, little realized the importance of its coming; nor did the passengers themselves have any feeling or premonition that they were making history—that they were the forerunners of an exodus of people from Norway to a new world, where they might enjoy more room and greater opportunities.

Marshall Co.

Warren, Minn., Sheaf  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1925

### O. H. TARALSETH NAMED COUNTY CENTENNIAL HEAD

O. H. Taralseth of Warren has accepted the chairmanship for the sale of tickets in Marshall county for the Norse-American centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds in St. Paul June 6 to 9, according to announcement today from L. W. Gorder, vice chairman of the committee of finance.

It is expected that a large number from Marshall county will attend the event, which is to be held in celebration of the first important immigration to this country of Norwegian immigrants. Bernhard Knutson of Thief River Falls is chairman of the Pennington county ticket sale committee. A large number of "lags" representing various communities in Norway will hold conventions in connection with the Centennial and President Coolidge will visit the gathering.

Grand Forks, N. D., Herald  
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

### Centennial Exhibit Committee Appointed In Marshall County

Warren, Minn., May 21.—Appointment of a county committee to gather material here for a Red River Valley exhibit at the Norse-American centennial in the Twin Cities on June 6 to 9, inclusive, was announced from Crookston by C. G. Selvig, superintendent of the Northwest School of Agriculture.

The county committee was asked by M. Selvig to send photos, preferably unmounted, size 6x12, showing farm and other scenes in the county and with legible legend on the back side of each picture, brief statements regarding first settlements made by Norse people in the county, special stories or incidents in the history of the county with feature value and some heirloom or curiosity.

The Red River Valley exhibit will be part of a state exhibit and will not be large. Each of the fourteen counties in the valley will be given a separate panel, Mr. Selvig wrote.

The county committee is as follows: R. C. Mathwig and T. Tunheim of Warren; N. S. Hughes, Argyle; Arthur Shenovd, Viking; Robert J. Lund, Holt; A. C. Kvernes, Middle River; George A. Johnson, Grygla; and H. E. Myhre, Newfolden. Oscar A. Olson of Angus, is a member of the Polk county committee.

Warren, Minn., Sheaf  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 1925

### LOCAL CHAIRMAN NAMED FOR NORSE CENTENNIAL

**Taralseth, County Chairman, Announces List That Will Handle Tickets  
In County Communities**

Announcement of local chairman to handle the ticket selling campaign in Marshall County for the Norse-American Centennial celebration and exposition at the Minnesota fair grounds on June 6 to 9 was made today by O. H. Taralseth of Warren, county chairman for the Centennial ticket campaign.

The list includes Alfred Skarstad, Argyle; Thomas Olson, Stephen; I. N. Lodoen, Alvarado; J. C. Figenskau, Oslo; I. M. Myrbo, Viking; A. C. Kvernes, Middle River; S. O. Ostgaard, Gatzke; Rev John Hjelmeland, Newfolden; A. L. Carlson, Holt; J. T. Peterson, Grygla; Miss Ottine Rokke, Strandquist.

Those in position to know are now variously estimating the attendance for the four day's celebration at from 250,000 to 500,000, according to an announcement from centennial headquarters.

Special trains are being arranged for to carry the crowds from all points of the compass—from Winnipeg and Vancouver, Canada, from Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo, N. D., Chicago, Ill., Madison, Wis., Sioux Falls, S. D., Decorah, Iowa and other cities. Automobile caravans are also being planned from many sections within reasonable

driving distance of the Twin Cities. The railroads west of Chicago have made a rate of one and one-third for the round trip. Eastern roads are expected to make a similar rate.

A world's fair will virtually be crowded into the four days' celebration. The celebration has been officially recognized by four nations—the United States, Dominion of Canada, Norway and Iceland, and these countries will all be officially represented.

President Calvin Coolidge will speak before the grandstand on Monday afternoon, June 8. On the evening of that day, designated as "Governors' Night," it is expected that all six governors of Norse blood will be present and make short addresses. They are: Gov. Theodore Christianson, Minnesota; Gov. J. J. Blaine, Wisconsin; Gov. Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; Gov. A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Gov. J. E. Erickson, Montana and Gov. H. J. E. Erickson, Montana and Gov. H. J. E. Erickson, Montana.

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(From page one.)

L. Whitfield, Mississippi.

The opening day, Saturday, June 6, will be devoted to the national conventions of about 30 "Bygdelags," organizations of Norse immigrants and their descendants from the various "bygds" or counties of Norway. These have memberships ranging from 300 to 5,000.

Sunday, June 7, will be devoted to religious services and concerts. Pastors of various denominations will preach and the music at these services will be rendered by some of the leading musical organizations in the country, including the internationally famous Academic choir of 50 voices from Oslo, Norway, the equally famous St. Olaf Lutheran choir, of Northfield, Minn., the Luther College Concert band of 75 pieces from Decorah, Ia., the St. Olaf College band, Concordia college choir and band, Moorhead, Minn., Augustburg Seminary chorus, Minneapolis, and a male chorus of 500 or more voices from the Norwegian Singers' association. There will also be special concerts and free open air concerts by these musical forces.

Mower Co.

Austin, Minn., Herald  
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1925

## M. A. Nelson Named To Head Mower County Centennial Committee

Martin A. Nelson has been appointed chairman for Mower County for the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds from June 6 to 9 inclusive. In making announcement about the program, Mr. Nelson declared a coupon ticket is being distributed at \$1 for admission to the three-days program.

The purpose and importance of the centennial were pointed out by Mr. Nelson also in a brief statement as follows:

There have been two important migrations from Norway. The first began a thousand years ago, when many of the Norse war-lords, earls and petty rulers refused to bend the knee to Harold the Fair Haired, who had made himself ruler of all Norway, and sailed away to Iceland with all their wealth and many of their retainers. The second began a hundred years ago, when the sloop "Restaurationen" crossed the Atlantic to the land discovered by Leif the Lucky, and started an exodus to the broad, fertile plains of America. The first was a migration of Norse chieftains, proud, wealthy and powerful, but because of the unfavorable conditions that awaited them, they had a hard struggle to maintain themselves. The second was a migration of Norway's common people, plain and simple, without worldly wealth, but who, because of favorable conditions and faithful work, soon acquired a competence and are now numbered among the most prosperous people of the earth.

The purpose of this Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America. In the rush of our present day life we fail to honor, as we should, those plain, earnest God-fearing, modest, but strong and courageous men and women, who did so much for their descendants and the land of their adoption.

We cannot honor too highly the Norwegian pioneers of America. The services they rendered are of inestimable value and importance. They were among the foremost in conquering the wilderness, in developing it into one of the most prosperous, most progressive regions of the world. With ceaseless toil and sacrifice they helped to push the frontiers of civilization from the Great Lakes to the Pacific and by their whole-hearted loyalty to their adopted country, helped to save the Union during the Civil War.

By remembering the noble work done by our fathers we shall be inspired with greater zeal to prove ourselves worthy of being their children by clean living, by useful work for our community and our country.

Some may argue that Norse emigration to America began more than a hundred years ago. Yes, Norsemen landed at various times on our shores before a year 1825, and rendered notable service in the War of Independence, but it was the sailing of the sloop "Restaurationen" and the founding of the first Norwegian settlement in America that marked the beginning of a real migration from Norway to this continent.

This Centennial will be the greatest celebration ever held by Norsemen in America. The program will include speakers and musicians of world-wide fame. The President will represent the government of the United States; the Premier of Canada or a member of his cabinet, will speak for the dominion to the

north; the Primate of Norway will appear for the mother country; a distinguished son of Iceland will represent the famous island where the Norsemen settled a thousand years ago and whence they sailed to America almost five hundred years before Columbus saw the western world.

Norman Co.  
Gary, Minn., Graphic  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1925

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## HAVE CENTENNIAL TICKETS TO SELL

The Editor of the Graphic was recently sent, by Mr. Brattland, the County Chairman for selling tickets to the Norse-American Centennial, a number of tickets for admission to the celebration. These are sold in coupon books of three tickets to the book and cost \$1.00.

It may be said that it is early to buy the books, as it is hard at this time to tell if a person can take it in. This may be the case, but nobody but people of Norwegian blood will be asked to buy these books, of course anybody can buy them, and the Norwegian people should be proud enough of this to donate a dollar or two for this cause, even if they can not take it in.

We agree that all the people can not take it in, but those who possibly can should take it in as it will be something that will not take place again and will be the biggest doing in the history of the Norwegian People in America.

There are others in this locality who have tickets to sell and it don't matter to us who you buy tickets from, but every Norwegian in this County should buy at least one ticket.

We should not be lagging in this case, we should head the list as we are living in a county that most likely got its name on account of the nationality of the people who are or were at that time in a big majority in the county. There is only one Norman County in the state and we should show that we are from Norman County and Norse-men of the right type and even if we can not all go to the celebration, we should do our bit to donate a little to the cause. It is

necessary to sell tickets early so as to get money to defray the expenses of the celebration. It is going to be a big thing and consequently costs some money.

When in town drop in and get a ticket or see one of the other ticket sellers in this locality and get a ticket or as many as you will need, nobody expects you to buy more than one unless you think you are going to use them.

Now show that you are Norsemen by doing your bit in this case. If you don't call on you, you call on us and get your coupon book or books.

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### A PARADE DRIVE TO THE CENTENNIAL

The Sons of Norway Lodge at Halstad, at its last meeting appointed a committee to take charge of and work out a plan to get the Norsemen of Norman County to go to the Norse American Centennial, to be held at the State Fair Grounds in Minneapolis the 6-7-8-9th of June, in a body or a caravan. This "Caravan" must start from a certain point in the County and drive in a parade to the Cities. There seems to be only one "Norman" County in the United States. That being the case we feel that it is up to us to make a showing at this celebration of Norsemen from the United States, Canada, and Norway, and in order to make this a success we must get busy at once. Outside of the fact that it will be a great boost for the Centennial it will also be a great advertising scheme for Norman County. We have a lot of unused land in our County and a demonstration of this kind would attract the attention of people of Norwegian descent that are looking for a place to settle down and build a home. The salvation of every Farming Community is to get their land settled by actual settlers that come to make their homes in that community. The Scandinavians are like other nationalities; they like to settle among their own people. A demonstration of this kind with appropriate banners, could not fail to attract the attention of the hundred thousand of Norsemen assembled for this occasion and consequently be the biggest advertising boost this County has ever put across. The first thing that this committee must have is a registration of all cars that intend to drive down and about how many people in each car. This is absolutely necessary in order that we can make arrangements and provide for entertainment along the road. We do not feel that it will be possible to make the drive in one day and that being

the case we would have to make reservations for stopping over night at some city along the road and also for meals if necessary. The complete plans as to the route and stopping places will have to be mailed out to each car owner who has registered. This is a short outline of the plan in order that you may get an idea of what we intend to do. As the time is short let everybody get busy at once and send in your name to the Chairman of this Committee, stating how many cars and how many people will be going. Get your neighbor to do the same and do it at once. If you are not sure at this time whether you will be going or not, send in your name. If you are not a Norwegian, come with us anyway and hear what President Coolidge has to say. Let us make this a great success and a showing that we can be proud of.

Again let me remind you to send in your name and do it at once so we can complete the arrangements.

John P. Nygaard, Chairman.

Gregor Moe.

E. K. Sampson

Gary, Minn. Graphic  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1925

### NORSE CENTENNIAL NOTES

By the Chairman  
M. A. Drutland

As announced before appointment of sub-chairmen for the sale of ticket coupon books have been made for every one of the Villages in the County, all country stores and some out in the townships. Most of the banks have one or more sub-chairman with a supply of coupon tickets. In all, about fifty-five salesmen are at work selling ticket coupon books and we should be able to complete our ticket sale pretty soon.

If you have not already made your purchase of the number of coupon books you will need for yourself and family then you should do so as soon as possible so that the general committee will be in position to go on with their plans.

Sub-chairman should report every week so that we can make remittance to the general treasurer every week.

The railroads are granting a one-and-one-third rate for return tickets. These rates will no doubt be taken advantage of by many who have moved into the western states, for a visit back east and thus make the occasion a "home coming" for many.

Senator Norbeck, of South Dakota and Representative Kvale, of Minnesota are looking after the matter of securing President Coolidge for an address in the afternoon of Monday, June 8th and this is now positively assured.

Dr. Knut Gjerset of Luther College, is chairman of the Exhibits committee and has planned 22 different departments of exhibits: 1. Pioneer Life. 2. Church. 3. Schools. 4. Farming. 5. Press. 6. Literature. 7. Men in Public Service. 8. Art. 9. Charity and Mutual Aid. 10. Women's Department. 11. Societies and Organizations. 12. Music. 13. Engineering and Architecture. 14. Trade and Commerce. 15. Norwegian Ski Sport in America. 16. Labor. 17. Sons of Norway. 18. Daughters of Norway. 19. Men in the Medical Profession. 20. Industries. 21. Builders and Benefactors. 22. Norse-Canadian Exhibits.

Anyone possessing or knowing of articles worthy of exhibit in any of the above departments or having statistical data of value, is urgently requested to communicate with Dr. Knut Gjerset, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Information relative to exhibits of art music, or household articles (including antique furniture or jewelry, chinaware, tapestries, needle art, etc.) should be given to Miss Herborg Reque, Centennial Headquarters, 11 Washington Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. I. L. Tuve 1203 7th St. SE., Minneapolis is in charge of the publication of a Cook Book of Norse recipes, which will be sold at a nominal price during the celebration. It is the intention to make this Cook Book as complete as possible, containing all manner of recipes for Norwegian dishes, many of which threaten to become unknown in this country unless steps be taken to preserve them and make them available to all who appreciate distinctive Norse cooking. Persons having "tried and true recipes" for distinctly Norse dishes are requested to send them, to Mrs. Tuve, without delay.

The Bygedelags will be held on June the 6th and arrangements have been completed so that each different "Lag" will have a building where its convention will be held. This will be advertised in due time.

The idea of a caravan for an overland drive to the Centennial is spreading. Many counties are now reported to be working on that plan. The Norman County Committee in charge of that feature are organized for action and many have expressed their intention of going in the caravan.

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Will Celebrate 100th Anniversary of  
Settlement of Norwegians in  
America. Coolidge to Speak

What is destined to be one of the greatest gatherings in America during the coming summer is the Norse American Centennial which will be held at Minneapolis on June 6-7-8-9. Official representatives of three governments will be there, America, Norway and Canada. It will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first great influx of Norwegians in this country which began in 1825. This settlement it is said was due to a band of Norwegian quakers who came here and sent back such good reports of the country that Klen Pearson and Knude Olson Edie came over and looked the country over. Their reports were also favorable and the next year a large settlement came to New York. More followed and eventually settlements were extended westward until the country surrounding the great lakes was settled.

Minnesota is largely settled by Norwegians as well as the Dakotas and Montana. In fact there will be five Norwegian governors at the Centennial, namely the governors from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Montana and Mississippi.

President Coolidge will be there and give an address on June 8. A chorus of fifty voices from the university of Oslo, Norway will be there and take part in the program. The Glog's choir and band from Northfield, Minnesota will also take part.

The United States government has authorized the striking off of a centennial medal in the United States mint. 40,000 of these will be coined. The design is by James Earle Frazier who designed the buffalo nickle, victory medal and other memorials. Special centennial postage stamps will be issued also.

Exhibits of relics from pioneer days will be shown also—tapestries, weaving, embroideries, jewelry etc. Exhibits are solicited for the occasion. Painting and sculpture work will be shown.

An auto caravan from Norman county, Minnesota bearing the slogan "The Normans are Coming" will be one of the interesting events. Special rates of one and a third fare will be granted. A number from this vicinity are planning to attend.

## SAUGSTAD NAMED TO HEAD TICKET SALES IN COUNTY

ORGANIZATION TO BE PERFECTED  
IN CONNECTION WITH  
NORSE CENTENNIAL

An organization will soon be perfected to handle the advance sale of season tickets for the Norse American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State fair grounds June 7-8-9, according to John Saugstad who has been appointed general manager for the west half of Polk county.

Mr. Saugstad states that things will soon be in line and everyone will be given an opportunity to buy one or more tickets to help make the Centennial a success. He says it is hoped at least 4,000 tickets will be sold in this part of the county.

One of the features of the event will be the exhibition of relics and curios, works of art, and handicrafts of every description which have either been made in this country or in Norway. Mrs. H. Holte of Crookston has been appointed chairman of exhibitions for Polk county. She requests that any one who has articles of the foregoing description send them either to her to be forwarded to the fair grounds, or to send directly to St. Paul. All exhibits must be received not later than April 25. Packages or boxes should be addressed to Norse-American Centennial Exhibit, Woman's Building, Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

The purpose of the Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse immigration to this continent. The Centennial will be the greatest celebration ever held by Norsemen in America, an attendance of 200,000 expected. No less than 2,700 Norwegian Lutheran congregations, Norwegian colleges, seminaries and academies, numerous societies and organizations are actively taking part in the preparations, it is reported.

The program will include speakers and musicians of world-wide fame. President Coolidge, the Premier of Canada, Crown Prince Olaf and Dr. Fritjof Nansen from the mother country, and a distinguished man of Iceland will be present at the Centennial.

## NORTHFIELD MAN IS CENTENNIAL MANAGER

S. H. Holstad Is in General Charge  
of Arrangements for Immigration  
Celebration.

S. H. Holstad, Minneapolis business man, well known in Northfield, where he has made his part-time home and where his children have attended the local schools, has been made general manager of the Norse-American immigration centennial, which will be celebrated at the state fair grounds on June 6 to 9.

Mr. Holstad's headquarters are three of the best rooms in the New Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis, tendered to his use by the hotel management free of charge as a contribution toward the arrangements for the celebration. Mr. Holstad is assisted in his work by four secretaries, and he himself devotes nearly his entire time to the task.

Mrs. Geo. H. Ellingson of this city attended a meeting and luncheon of the general committee at the Nicollet hotel last week, at which plans were laid for the advance ticket sale. Mrs. Ellingson reports that enthusiasm ran high and that prospects appear good for a big celebration. The program at the luncheon included talks by committee chairmen and musical numbers directed by O. I. Hertsgaard, also well known in Northfield. The meeting was attended by about 400 people.

The Rice county chairman for the centennial is Prof. J. Jorgen Thompson of St. Olaf college.

Feb. 25 --  
**REV. FARSETH  
APPOINTMENT  
HONORED WITH**

A signal honor has been conferred upon a local minister, Reverend Harald Farseth of Our Savior's Lutheran church. He has been appointed chairman of Saint Louis county, for the Norse Centennial which will be held in the Twin Cities in June.

It is expected that besides a record representation from Saint Louis county, one of the largest gatherings of Scandinavian people in the history of the Norse activities will be in Saint Paul at this time.

Hibbing, Minn., Tribune  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1925

will be a success.

## DELEGATION TO REACH 1,000

Large Numbers from Mesaba  
Range to Attend Norse  
Centennial

More than a thousand Norwegians from the Mesaba range will be in attendance at the Norse Centennial this year, according to a preliminary survey made by the committees in charge on the range.

Rev. Harald Farseth of Hibbing is chairman for St. Louis county. He

has appointed O. N. Berg of Virginia to handle the east end of the range and Gus Lian of Hibbing will handle the west end of the range.

The St. Louis County chairman called attention today to the announcement that range people who plan to attend the centennial must secure their tickets from the local committees before May 15, if they wish to take advantage of the \$1 rate. After that the tickets will be increased to \$1.50.

A big campaign will be carried on in an effort to dispose of as many tickets as possible on the Mesaba range.

There will be reduced rates on all railroads and bus companies are expected to reduce their rates.

The centennial is advertised as the biggest gathering of its kind in the United States.

*Jodd Co.*  
Long Prairie, Minn., Leader  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### Will Boost Norse Gathering

Henry Sweno has been named as chairman for the townships of Little Sauk and Round Prairie, and will assist County Chairman L. J. Ramstad in plans to have a large representation from Todd county in attendance at the Norse Centennial celebration to be held at the state fair grounds, St. Paul, June 6, 7, 8 and 9. The Leader referred to the coming celebration in detail in its issue of last week.

Long Prairie, Minn., Leader  
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

## CELEBRATION WILL BE EPOCH-MAKING EVENT

Norse-American Centennial Celebration  
June 7 to 9 will be an Im-  
portant Event.

Expected that President Coolidge will  
Attend and Deliver an Address—  
Elaborate Programs.

The celebration of the Norse Centennial promises to be one of the biggest and most interesting events that has taken place in the state in many years.

The dates for the celebration of the centennial are June 7, 8 and 9 and the place is the Minnesota state fair grounds.

The celebration is in honor of the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first Norse immigrant ship. Famous men and women from the Scandinavian countries will be here and among the speakers will be Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States.

People from all over the northwest are arranging for automobile excursions to the centennial one or more days during the celebration. L. J. Ramstad, Long Prairie, is chairman of arrangements for Todd county and will be glad to hear from any such excursion planned for Todd county.

The city papers, in articles regarding the celebration, estimate that there will be more than one hundred thousand visitors in the cities each day attending this great celebration. In all likelihood hotel accommodations will be out of the question, but elaborate picnic and camping arrangements can be provided at the fair grounds and parks.

One of the most elaborate programs has been arranged that has been provided for any celebration in recent years. The opening day of the celebration is Sunday, June 7, and it will be devoted to religious services entirely. There will be addresses in both the English and the various Scandinavian languages. Some of the leading Scandinavian church choirs and chorus clubs of the United States will

be present to sing. That evening there will be a concert by the famous St. Olaf College band. Other musical numbers include selections by the Lutheran college band, St. Olaf Glee club, Augustanna College choir, besides solos by vocal and instrumental by prominent musicians. Monday, June 8, is given over to reunions, addresses, music and many other things of interest to the Scandinavian visitors. It will be a great place for reunions as there will be people present from all over the United States, as well as the Scandinavian countries. At 2 o'clock in the

afternoon, President Coolidge is scheduled for an address. Prominent men of the country will accompany him and be on the platform. Throughout the day and evening there will be a series of speeches by prominent Scandinavian citizens and the program will contain much music.

The program on Tuesday, June 9, will be a continuation of the program of the two previous days, speeches and music being the features. During the three days, arrangements are being made for many conferences of many Scandinavian societies. The celebra-

tion will conclude with a great pageant Tuesday evening illustrating different phases of Norse-American life.

Chairman Ramstad wishes The Leader to announce that the precinct chairmen who have not remitted to him for ticket sales, do so at once so that he can make his report to the state committee.

*Wabasha Co.*  
Lake City, Minn., Leader  
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

### NORSE CENTENIAL

Many from Lake City are planning on attending the Norse-American Centennial which will be held in St. Paul and Minneapolis June 6 to 9. Mrs. B. J. Loss of this city is county chairman for Wabasha county. Among those on the program are: Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States; Bishop Lund of Oslo, Norway; former Governor Preus of Minnesota; United States Senator Henrik Shipstead; Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, secretary of state; Hon. Peter Norbeck of Redfield, S. D.; Hon. O. J. Kvale of Benson, Minnesota; Mayor Arthur Nelson of St. Paul; Mayor George E. Leach of Minneapolis; Consul C. J. Bjorke of Vancouver, British Columbia; Hon. Thomas H. Johnson of Winnipeg, official representative of Canada; Premier Bracken of Manitoba, Canada; Hon. O. P. B. Jacobson of Minneapolis; Hon. Ole Sageng of Dalton, Minnesota; Judge G. J. Lomen of Nome, Alaska; Hon. Knud Wefald of Hawley, Minn.; Judge Aorrison of Chicago; Mrs. Susie Stageberg of Red Wing, Minn.



Wright Co.  
Buffalo, Minn., Journal  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

## U. S. AIR SQUADRON AT NORSE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL FETE

### MEDALS AND POSTAGE STAMPS TO BE SOLD IN HONOR OF CELEBRATION

An airplane squadron will be one of the attractions at the Norse-American celebration June 6 to 9, at the State Fair grounds.

The sale of tickets has gone beyond expectations and centennial headquarters has notified all chairmen to have all reports of the advance sale in by May 15, after which time no tickets will be sold at reduced price.

Mrs. Alma L. Mithun, chairman for Wright county, has advised local chairmen to have their report in by May 10, and report to Dr. E. Klavness of Monticello, county chairman of finance. So popular has been the advance sale of tickets that \$1500 was sold in St. Paul in one day. Tickets are on sale in Buffalo at Thomesen Brothers and Meyer Brothers until May 10 at the reduced prices.

The oldest living Norse American Civil war veteran attending the centennial celebration will be accorded unusual honors and will be a guest along with President Coolidge. The oldest claimant to the honor thus far is John Johnson of Sauk Center.

A \$10,000 exhibit of the natural resources of Minnesota authorized by the recent legislature will be made at the state fair grounds during the celebration under the direction of State Commissioner of Agriculture Holmberg.

The Norse-American Centennial medals authorized by congress and minted by the U. S. government are being sold rapidly at \$1.25 and as only 40,000 were authorized the supply may be soon exhausted and they will become more valuable as time passes. They are sold by mail direct from the Norse-American headquarters, 11 Washington Ave., Minneapolis.

The special Norse-American Centennial 2-cent and 5-cent postage stamps will be placed on sale by Paul and Minneapolis and other cities on May 17, Norway's independence Day.

Watsonwan Co.  
St. James, Minn., Plaindealer  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925

For coupon books to the Norse-American Centennial at the State Fair Grounds June 6, 7, 8, and 9, 1925, call on any one of the following precinct chairmen: Ben Olseth, St. James; Ole Holle, Madelia; O. E. Sundt, La Salle; Ole Kolstad, Godahl; J. Brogger, Butterfield; Claus Syverson, Ormsby; P. T. Laingen, Odin; Hilmer Blackstad, Echols. The coupon books are now for sale for \$1 each, which also may entitle the holder to half fare on the railroad. Buy your tickets now so that we can report 2,00 strong from Watsonwan county. (Advertisement)

Counties indicated

Ortonville, Minn., Independent  
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

## COUNTY NORSE WILL ASSEMBLE AT CENTENNIAL

Tickets Already Sold Number More  
Than 120 And Many More Indicate  
Purchase Later.

More than 120 tickets to the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the State Fair grounds from June 6 to 9, inclusive, have been sold to Big Stone county Norseman and their wives, according to report received from the Reverend S. M. Moe, of Clinton, county chairman of ticket sales.

Most of these, Reverend Moe intimated, plan on making the trip by train as the majority of them are not used to driving a car in the larger cities to say nothing of driving them in the cities during a convention such as the forthcoming Centennial.

Buffalo, Minn., Journal  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

### ADVANCE SALE OF TICKETS AT LOWER PRICE FOR NORSE AMERICAN FAIR

The tickets for the Norse-American Centennial at the State Fair Grounds on June 6 to 9 are being sold in advance at three for one. Tickets have been put on sale by Mrs. Alma L. Mithun, county chairman, at Thomesen Brothers and Meyers Brothers in Buffalo. The three tickets are good for one person three days or for three persons one day. The admission tickets will be 50 cents each after the advance sale closes.

Preston, Minn., Times  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925

games may be looked for.

K. D. Olson of Harmony made a short stop in town Monday, but long enough to induce P. N. Gilbertson to act as chairman for Preston Village and township in the interest of the Norse-American Centennial. Mr. Olson is county chairman working in conjunction with thousands over the world to make the centennial, to be held at the state fair grounds June 7-8-9, one of the greatest events in history. The Times will have more to say regarding this later.

Alexandria, Minn., Echo  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### REV. A. T. TJORNHOM HEADS THE NORSE TICKET SALE FORCE

Rev. Tjornhom has been elected county chairman of the ticket sale for Norse Centennial celebration to be held in Minneapolis during June. He has elected sub-chairmen throughout the county and the tickets will be on sale in every town in the county. Fred Foslien is chairman of Garfield; K. Orlando Sattre and Thomas Bordson of Evansville; Peter Hoplin and C. A. Ringdahl of Brandon; C. A. Prestrude of Alexandria; Ed Olsen, Nelson, Carl A. Hanson, Osakis; James Hove of Carlos. Tickets will be sold up until May 15, and it will be possible to get them from any of the above mentioned men.

Benson, Minn., News  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1925

cial celebration.

### DEGRAFF FAST GOING OVER THE TOP

H. T. Larson, banker and local chairman of the DeGraff Committee having in charge the sale of admission tickets to the Norse-American Centennial to be held in June, informs us that DeGraff is fast going over the top in buying their quota of 50 tickets.

Such a Centennial can come only once in the life time of a person. The program will consist of speaking by people of renown and ability music by some of the best talented in the world and exhibits of the most varied customs of the past. Mr. Larson states further that the fine points that will be brought out by his program is fully appreciated by our local people irrespective of their European ancestry. It is the success and failures of the past that guides the future and which we here in the United States, the greatest country in the world, desire to take an invoice of and use in our melting pot for the purpose of building up a still better quality of living conditions for the future.

Spring Grove (Minn.) Herald  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

Peter Jensen.

### NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Every adult of Norwegian blood is urged to purchase a ticket for the Centennial Celebration at St. Paul June 6-9, even though they will be unable to go. They will be supporting an undertaking of which they should be proud.

The celebration will commemorate the coming of the first company of Norwegian immigrants from Norway to this country, and is arranged for the purpose of bringing to mind the debt that the Norwegians of this country owe to the country of their adoption. They came here, few in number, and with nothing but their energy and ambitions, and today there are between two and three millions of them and they have acquired homes and riches in this country of opportunities. It is also the intention of the celebration to remind the Norwegians of the contribution which they should make to their adopted country.

It probably would be safe to venture the guess that it will be the scene of the largest gathering of Norwegians that the world has ever seen.

The president will be present, unless unexpectedly prevented. Official representatives of the Norwegian government will also be present.

All expenses are covered by the sale of tickets.

Don't miss it. But if you cannot go, support the undertaking by buying a ticket. Mr. O. B. Nelson has charge of the sale.

Bellingham (Minn.) Times  
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

P. H. Blom has been appointed local chairman for the sale of tickets to the Norse-American centennial celebration to be held at the state fair grounds June 7th, 8th and 9th. Mr. Blom has tickets on hand and those intending to buy tickets should call on him.

Glenwood, Minn., Tribune  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

B. K. Savre and A. P. Braenae of Glenwood were here Saturday in the interests of the Norse-American Centennial, which is to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds at St. Paul, June 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Glenwood, Minn. Herald  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1925

A. P. Anderson and B. E. Ormseth have been appointed to sell tickets at Farwell for the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 7, 8 and 9. The advance price of the tickets are one dollar for three tickets. Tickets can be had at the First National bank. Every Norse-American should buy a set of tickets and help to make this centennial celebration a grand success.

Lake Park, Minn., Journal  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

### NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

Nes. T. Lundeh of Dale was in Lake Park Monday selling season tickets to the Norse-American Centennial at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds in the Twin Cities on June 6, 7, 8 and 9th.

Ye editor purchased a ticket and we hope it will be possible to attend as we believe that it is going to be one of the greatest gatherings of its kind as well as one of the most interesting and educational.

Willmar, Minn., Gazette  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

## Booster Meeting At Lake Lillian Next Wednesday

A Rouser to Stimulate Interest in Norse-American Centennial Being Arranged by A. H. Vick.

A. H. Vick is making plans for a big meeting to be held at Lake Lillian next Wednesday evening. Mr. Vick is chairman for the eastern part of the county in the undertaking of arousing a public interest in the forthcoming Norse-American Centennial celebration which opens in the twin cities on June 7. The Centennial event is one of great interest to people of Norse lineage and of great interest to the public in general.

There will be speakers and music for the Lake Lillian meeting next Wednesday, April 29. The meeting is to be held in the building known as the "bus barn," and will open at 8:00 o'clock. The speakers will be Charles Johnson, county attorney, Rev. A. M. Arntzen, pastor of the Free Church, and Rev. Alfred Anderson, pastor of the M. E. church at Lake Lillian. The Lake Lillian band will play and there will be other musical numbers. All are invited to attend the meeting.

Mpls Journal  
Feb. 23-1925.

## 4,000 to Sell Tickets For Norse Centennial

With more than 4,000 women as workers, the ticket sale for the Norse-American centennial celebration at the State Fair Grounds in June was launched at a luncheon at the Nicollet hotel today.

The sale will last until March 23, and every woman in the Norwegian societies of Minneapolis has been enrolled as a ticket seller. The luncheon today was staged by the woman's auxiliary to the centennial committee of Minneapolis. Mrs. Theodore M. Tollefson, chairman of the auxiliary, presided. Short talks on the progress of plans for the celebration were given by Mes. Iver L. Fosseen and O. M. Leland Kenyon.

Blomming Prairie (Minn.) Times  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

## MRS. LELAND TO SPEAK ON NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

The Lutheran Ladies Aid will hold their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, April 8th, at the church. The members of the social committee will serve a 15c lunch. Mrs. Mabel Johnson Leland of Kenyon, State Chairman of the women's auxiliary of the Norse-American Centennial will speak. The meeting opens at 3 P. M. All are invited.

## Members of Other Races Buy Tickets to Make Norse Centennial Success

"I'm Irish, but Here's \$5," St. Paul Physician Writes to Chairman of Committee Boosting Festival.

"I'm Irish, but I'm with you to make the celebration a big success."

This is the note that accompanied a \$5 check for tickets to the Norse-American Centennial celebration in June sent to the committee Monday by a well-known St. Paul physician.

"The committee is daily receiving similar assurances of interest and support from non-Norwegians," said Mrs. Jens Nordseth, chairman, advance ticket sales committee, "and it is only natural because the celebration is not for the Norse and Icelanders alone any more than the exposition at Chicago commemorating Columbus' discovery of America was only for Italians.

### BUYS 50 TICKET BOOKS.

"The forthcoming celebration and exposition is to commemorate an event of importance in American history, a milestone that of tremendous influence in the upbuilding of this country, especially the northwest and west.

Mrs. Nordseth reports that one of



MRS JENS NORDSETH

St. Paul's oldest and best known retail grocery firms bought a block of 50 ticket books.

At 7:20 today Rep. O. J. Kvale, Benson, Minn., who arrived from Washington Monday night, will speak from WCCO, the Gold Medal radio station. He will emphasize particularly the participation of the United States government in the celebration.

### COOLIDGE TO SPEAK

"I brought word to the committee from the White House," said Rep. Kvale today, "that it is Pres. Coolidge's desire to speak on the afternoon of Monday, June 8, instead of in the evening. He expects to be accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, also by Secretary of State F. B. Kellogg and Mrs. Kellogg."

Rep. Kvale also announced that he had been advised by the post office department that the special Norse-American Centennial two and five-cent postage stamps will soon be ready for sale.

Ortonville, Minn. Star  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1925

### MISS ADA JALLO MADE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Mabel Johnson Leland, of Kenyon, Minn., state chairman of the women's activities of the Norse Centennial to be held in Minneapolis in June, has appointed Miss Ada Jallo, of Odessa, as chairman of Big Stone county to gather historical data and relics.

Beardsley (Minn.) News  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

### NORWEGIANS PLAN COUNTY EXHIBIT

The Norwegians of Big Stone county are making plans to have this section properly represented at the coming Norse-American Centennial celebration at the state fair grounds in June.

Mrs. C. G. Kindson has been appointed in charge of the work for Browns Valley and Foster townships and she requests that everyone in these townships having any relic brought from Norway be delivered with its history either to her or left at the Citizens State bank by May 4. On that date they will be taken to Ortonville where the exhibit for Big Stone county will be arranged.

Ortonville, Minn., Journal  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

## NORSE EXHIBIT GETS ATTENTION

### Display at Pioneer Store Intended for Showing at Norse Centennial at State Fair Grounds

The display of Norwegian relics brought to Big Stone county by early settlers of this community and treasured by themselves or their decedents, have been gathered together by the committee in charge of the Big Stone County exhibit at the Norse Centennial to be held at the State Fair Grounds June 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, is being shown in the Pioneer Store display window this week, and is attracting much attention.

The display is made up of articles of every nature brought here in the early days by settlers of this community who came here from Norway and includes many beautiful and attractive items, as well as many items that were treasured as relics in the homeland all of which were homemade.

It would be impossible to give an adequate description of the many beautiful old pieces, the attractive shawls and blankets, jewelry, silverware, etc., that were made before the days of the machinery that now does such work. One item of special interest is a hand-made snuff box which dates back to the days of 1701, then there is an old trunk said to be the first trunk that came into this county from Norway. It was brought here by Ole Bolsta, one of the first settlers in the county.

This display has been gathered up from the homes of the county by the Big Stone County committee Miss Ada Jallo of Odessa, chairman, and is primarily intended for showing at the Norse Centennial. The exhibit will remain on display for the balance of the week at the Pioneer Store and will then be taken to Beardsley and Clinton for showing before being taken to State Fair Grounds for exhibit.

**Lakeville, Minn. Leader**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925**

Mrs. B. L. Sundahl, last week collected old Norwegian relics and treasures in Dakota county to be exhibited at the Norse centennial at the Minnesota fair grounds, June 6 to 9.

**Jackson (Minn.) Republic**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925**

**CENTENNIAL EXHIBITS**  
**FROM JACKSON CO.**

To Be Displayed in Oscar Berge's Store Next Week. Watch the Window for This Display

Mrs. S. G. Reinertsen, Auxiliary chairman for Jackson County, asks that those who have planned to contribute something toward the Centennial Exhibits, to be shown at the State Fair Grounds in June, bring their articles to Berge's store on Saturday, April 18. These articles will be on display in one of Berge's windows until April 25th, when they will be properly listed, insured and sent to the State Fair Grounds.

Attach to each article something of interest in regard to its history; also state its value. Owner name must also be included.

Miss Reque, Chairman of Exhibits on the Women's Auxiliary, informed Mrs. Reinertsen at Headquarters last week that the utmost precaution is being taken to protect the donors of exhibits. They will be listed here by the county chairman and a duplicate slip given to each contributor.

The articles will be insured while in transit and while on the Fair Grounds.

Small articles of value will be exhibited in locked glass cases.

They feel reasonably sure that there will be few if any losses.

**Baudette, Minn., Region**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925**

**CHAIRMAN FOR**  
**COUNTY NAMED**

**MRS. G. J. OLSON APPOINTED TO**  
**COLLECT EXHIBITS FOR**  
**NORSE CENTENNIAL**

Mrs. C. J. Olson of Baudette has been appointed woman chairman for Lake of the Woods county for the Norse-American Centennial, which is to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6, 7, 8, and 9th. Among Mrs. Olson's duties is to collect exhibits for the Centennial, and she is very anxious to receive them, but they will have to be in her hands not later than a week from Saturday, May 23. In order to give you an idea of what is wanted, the following letter of instructions to Mrs. Olson is printed:

We are collecting relics and curios of all kinds either from Norway or early pioneer days here, which are of historical value as illustrating our race, heritage and the development of our people during the last 100 years in this country.

We will exhibit handicrafts such as weaving, tapestries (Aaklaer) embroideries and laces of all kinds, jewelry and metal work of all kinds, wood carving and china either made in Norway or having Norwegian designs or handicrafts made by Americans of Norwegian descent.

The last type will be in the nature of a competitive exhibit and will illustrate the combined influence of the home life of both countries on the arts and crafts. Norwegians have always excelled in wood carving; it would be interesting to demonstrate this fact by a fine exhibit of wood carving.

For the music exhibit we would like old instruments such as salmodicum, langeleig, violins, pianos, in fact, musical instruments of all kinds either from Norway or made people here either of Norwegian birth or extraction whose work is recognized; also original scores and pictures of composers and musicians.

If possible, have a historical sketch with each article stating when it was made or brought to this country or any interesting or instructive information about the design, etc.

There will be an exhibit of painting and sculpture. A competitive exhibit of recent work by artists of Norwegian birth or extraction and a loan exhibit of work by Norwegian masters or recognized artists of Norwegian descent.

We would be very grateful for names and addresses of private owners of Norwegian art or of artists of Norwegian descent whose work has been accepted at some art exhibit.

The committee will pay express charges to and from exposition grounds and insurance in transit and while at exposition grounds. Blanks for listing your exhibits will be supplied on request either by your state chairman or local city chairman of exhibits or by Herborg Reque at Norse-American Centennial Headquarters, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis Minn.

**Minnesota (Minn.) Mascot**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925**

**ART EXHIBIT**  
**AT CENTENNIAL**

**Various Articles Desired for Exhibit**  
**at Norse Centennial. Mrs. N.**  
**L. Otterstad County Head**  
**of Women's Auxiliary.**

The Norse-American Centennial of the United States and Canada will hold an Art Exhibit in connection with its centennial at the Woman's Building at the State Fair Grounds Mrs. (Rev.) N. L. Otterstad, of Cottonwood, has been appointed chairman for Lyon county of the Women's Auxiliary and will have charge of the gathering of exhibits from this county.

The purpose of the centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events that mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent, and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America. Consequently, it was deemed fitting, as a part of this program, to present the works of art, in painting and sculpture, by Norwegian artists abroad, and those of Norwegian birth or extraction residing in the United States or Canada.

The Art Committee has sent out a general invitation to a large number of Norwegian-American artists, to send in their recent work in a competitive exhibit. But in addition to this the committee feels that it

would like to have, as a loan exhibit, paintings from Norwegian masters, and likewise works of recognized Norwegian-American artists. Arrangements are, therefore, being made to receive art exhibits—paintings and other articles as well—from all who are willing to extend their help in this manner.

Anyone having articles suitable for the exhibit, which he is willing to lend for this event, should get in communication with the county chairman, Mrs. N. L. Otterstad, of Cottonwood. She has the proper blanks to accompany exhibits and will furnish them to all who write to her. The exhibits are to be sent to Miss Herborg Reque, Norse-American Centennial Headquarters, New Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis.

The following is a list of articles most desired for the exhibit. Look it over and see if you haven't some articles that might make the exhibit more worth while:

1—Fine Arts—

Painting  
Sculpture

2—Arts and Crafts—

Weaving  
Tapestries  
Embroidery  
Laces  
Wood-carving

3—Relics and Curios—

Brasses  
Copper  
Pewter  
Cooking utensils, etc.

4—National Costumes

5—Jewelry and Household Silverware.

6—China

7—Music—

Old instruments  
Original scores  
Portraits of musicians

The committee will pay express charges to and from the exhibit, and all articles loaned will be insured while in transit and while at the centennial grounds.

This centennial will bring to the Twin Cities thousands of Norse-Americans who wish to attend the greatest celebration ever held by Norsemen in America and the hearty co-operation of all is hoped for so as to insure the success of the art exhibit of this great festival.

Litchfield, Minn. Review  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1925

Mrs. M. O. Silseth has been appointed chairman for Meeker county, by the Norse-American Centennial Woman's Auxiliary Central Committee, organizing the women in the county for the exhibit at Minnesota state fair grounds for the Norse-American Centennial celebration, June 6, 7, 8.

Rochester, Minn. Bulletin  
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1925

### Norse Club Sends Articles to Exhibit

Forty articles collected by the Norse club of Olmsted county of which Mrs. Oscar C. Ronken is president, will be included among the thousands of priceless heirlooms and antiques exhibited at the Norse Centennial which opens in the Twin Cities Saturday.

The articles loaned by local people of Norse descent will be included in the twenty-one exhibits of which the greatest number are arranged in the Horticultural building at the State Fair grounds.

Among those from Rochester who have already planned to attend the Centennial are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ensgaard, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Ronken, Mr. and Mrs. Tollef Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Amundson, the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence O. Hanson, Mrs. A. Malen, Mrs. L. O. Sveon, Mrs. W. W. Thompson and daughter, Lucile, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hanson and many others.

St. Paul, Minn., News  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1925

## NORSE 'PEP FEST' SET FOR MONDAY

### Centennial Committees to Meet to Learn of Progress Made.

The St. Paul Women's committee for the Norse-American centennial will hold a pep festival Monday afternoon.

The meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. at the Saint Paul hotel and will be presided over by Mrs. O. J. Brack, chairman, Ramsey county auxiliary of the centennial committee.

All members of the following committees are invited: Ticket sales, hospitality, welfare, exhibits and reception.

Mrs. Manley Fosseen, Minneapolis, member of the general centennial committee, will be the principal speaker. Short talks are also expected to be made by Miss Elisa Farseth and Mrs. W. O. Storlie, chairman and secretary, respectively of the women's executive committee.

Mrs. Jens Nodsrseth, chairman, ticket sales committee for St. Paul, will make a report on the advance ticket sale.

A group of songs will be sung by the interview quartet.

Northfield, Minn., News  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1925

—Mrs. A. A. Rowberg has been appointed chairman of the Women's committee in Rice county for the Norse Centennial. Publicity concerning the centennial and the work of gathering relics of historic interest in the county illustrative of the Norwegian contributions to America constitute the chief business of the committee.

St. Cloud, Minn., Times  
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1925

### Mrs. E. A. Henderson Has Tickets for Norse Event

It is to celebrate the coming of the sloop "Restorationen" and the beginning of the first permanent settlement of Norwegians in this country in 1825 that the Norse Centennial celebration is to be staged at the Minnesota fair grounds.

The President of the United States and the Premier of Canada will attend. The university choir from Norway will sing, there will be an historical pageant, and a peasant wedding in costume, as well as a rather remarkable exhibit of pictures, furniture, brass and copper ware and hand-woven articles.

Mrs. E. A. Henderson, chairman of the Women's auxiliary of Stearns county still has tickets which may be procured for \$1.00 for the three days' sessions (or may be used for three people on one day). The same tickets will cost \$1.50 at the gates.

Hibbing, Minn., Tribune  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1925

### Exhibits Asked

The Norse American Centennial will be held in Minnesota at the State fair grounds, at Hamline, Minnesota during June, Norwegian people from the United States, Canada and some from Europe will attend the Centennial.

Among the exhibits that will attract much attention at the centennial will be the women's exhibit.

There will be fine arts, pictures, paintings, sculpture work, weaving, tapestry, embroidery, lace, woodwork, curios, books, brasses, copper, pewter, cooking utensils, jewelry, household silver, china, music, portraits of Norsemen, and as many other things as the committees can collect.

It is stated by the local committee that should anyone in Hibbing have anything to contribute to this display that it will be given the best of care, and returned to the owner in perfect condition after the centennial.

The local committee includes Mrs. Gunderson, Mrs. Remskaug, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mrs. J. S. Brandt and Miss Alma Jacobson.

Prahan (Minn.) Journal  
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1925

### WE WELCOME YOU

Having been appointed representative in these parts by the Committee in charge of preparations for the Norse-American Centennial celebration to be held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds June 7, 8 and 9.

I wish in behalf of those sponsoring these festivities to extend to you a most sincere welcome to attend and rejoice with us in this our Centennial.

We want all our Scandinavian brethren along, and sincerely hope you may be able to attend. Our program list is now ready, but would require too much space in our local paper, so I shall just give a brief outline of the same.

The entire day Sunday, June 7, will be devoted to divine festivals with speakers and choirs from the different parts of United States and Norway.

June 8, President and Governors day which need no further explanation as we all want to see and hear our President Calvin Coolidge Monday at 2 P. M.

Tuesday, day of representatives, representing the following countries, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland and Canada.

June 8 and 9 are also days of athletics to entertain those interested in the same. Not to forget the fleet of air-ships coming from Washington.

Anyone wishing to see the entire program list, can, by calling the Co. Chairman of the women's Auxiliary of the Norse-Centennial.

Pertle. Minn. Journal  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

## Articles Wanted for Big Norse Exhibit

The following from Mrs. N. Holte of Crookston is self explanatory.

The Norse-American Centennial which will be held at the State Fair Grounds June 6th to 9th, will have as one of its attractions an exhibit of various articles that are interesting and of value either for its age, beauty or as a historical relic, etc.

Some of these articles asked for are:

1. Fine Arts,  
Sculpture Painting
2. Arts and Crafts,  
Weaving Tapestries  
Laces Embroideries  
Wood-carving
3. Relics and Curios,  
Copper Brasses  
Pewter  
Cooking utensils, etc.
4. National Costumes,  
Jewelry, & China,

7. Music,  
Old Instruments  
Original Scores  
Portraits of Musicians

I am appointed County Chairman to collect these articles and am asking you to kindly help through your paper in this work, to get these articles in just as soon as possible, as the Committee on arrangements has to know what there will be to exhibit and to get them all marked, classified and arranged which will mean a great deal of work.

We want to make this exhibit a real interesting one, and with everybody's cooperation and support it can be made one of the big features among the many attractions of the Norse-American Centennial.

These articles will all be numbered and taken good care of, and returned to its owner in the same condition as received, as soon as the exhibition is over with.

Please mail the articles to my address, and I will forward them for exhibition and see that they are well taken care of.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. H. Holte, Crookston, Minn.

Note—In case it is more convenient leave such articles with Ed Mossefin, who has been asked to assist in the work of collecting them. He will forward them on for you.

Oklee, Minn., Herald  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

## The Norse American Centennial Celebration

Kindly allow me space to say a few words in behalf of the Norse-American Centennial Celebration and Exposition to be held at the State Fair Grounds in the Twin Cities on June 7th, 8th, and 9th next, and to urge upon all, both Norse and non-Norse, to make it a point to visit the Twin Cities and attend said celebration, which will be an epoch making event in the history of the Northwest.

Increasing interest in the event is daily manifested, and every effort is being made by the various committees in charge to make the event a memorable one, and everything points to that their efforts will be crowned with success.

Among noted speakers who will be there to deliver addresses may be mentioned, President Calvin Coolidge, who will speak on June 8th. President Coolidge will be accompanied with Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg and Mrs. Kellogg, and Secretary Kellogg no doubt will deliver an address. The following State Governors and Ex-Governors will take part in the speaking programs;

Blaine of Wisconsin, Christianson of Minnesota, Sorlie of North Dakota, Gunderson of South Dakota and Erickson of Montana, also ex-governors Preus and Nestos. These are all of Norwegian birth or decent and lending their aid in making the event a success. A number of prominent women will also speak on the occasion. And the musical programs and concerts promise alone will amply repay anyone for attending. Among the musical organizations that will take part in the programs and concerts may be mentioned. The St. Olaf College band and the St. Olaf Choir, The Luther College band of 75 pieces of Decorah, Iowa; the Augsburg Seminary Chorus and band of Minneapolis, The Luther Seminary Chorus, St. Paul, and other musical organizations as well as a number of noted vocal and instrumental soloists.

In connection with the general Celebration there will be an Exhibition embracing 22 different departments and articles of a high class in nearly every line will be exhibited.

The Women's Auxiliary Committee, in whose behalf I am writing this, is working to locate and obtain the loan of articles for this Exhibition, and I have been asked to aid in obtaining the loan of articles suitable for this purpose, that may be owned by Norse residents in this county. No doubt in many homes there may be heirloom brought from Norway, or articles made here by norsemen and women in the lines of art, music, utensils, needle-work, chinaware, tapestries, furniture, antiques, etc., that will make creditable exhibits and anyone having anything in these lines that they will kindly loan the Committee for the occasion, we will be glad to hear from.

Any article thus loaned the committee will be duly receipted for and will be insured and every precaution taken to have them returned to the owners in as perfect condition as received.—Mildred Sortedahl.

Lamestown, N. D., Alert  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1925

## WANT NORSE RECIPES FOR CENTENNIAL BOOK

The committee of the Norse-Centennial, which meets at Minneapolis June 6 to 9 calls attention to the fact that the Women's Auxiliaries of Minneapolis and St. Paul are preparing for publication a Cook Book of Norse recipes, which will be sold at a nominal price during the celebration. It is the intention to make this Cook Book as complete as possible, containing all manner of recipes for Norwegian dishes, many of which threaten to become unknown in this country unless steps be taken to preserve them and make them available to all who appreciate distinctive Norse cooking. Persons having tried and true recipes for distinctly Norse dishes are requested to send them, with name and address of sender to Mrs. I. L. Tuve, 1203 7th St. S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota, without delay.

Oregon

Florida Mississippi  
MARCH 19, 1925  
Mississippi

PORTLAND, ORE., TELEGRAMS  
APRIL 17, 1925

### OREGON NORSEMEN MAY SEE BIG FAIR

Norse-Americans of Oregon are organizing to make representation for their people at the Norse-American centennial to be held in the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6-9.

The celebration is in commemoration of the "Restoration" which came to America in 1825, bringing a band of 53 persons, who formed the vanguard of the immense Norse immigration of the past century.

Congress has ordered the issue of special stamps for the centennial and President Coolidge will attend in person and speak at the celebration June 8.

From all parts of the country Norse exhibits are being sent to the centennial and the committee in Oregon is asking folk of Norse descent to co-operate in making Oregon's share of the exhibit noteworthy.

Mrs. Edith H. Charlston, 1146 Williams avenue, chairman for Oregon, asks communication from all who are able to help. Her telephone is Walnut 3262.

## Mr. A. L. Mordt Has New Job New Assignment Will Aid His Work

We are printing below a letter to the M. & O. Railroad Company written by Mr. A. M. Mordt, which is self explanatory.

Gentlemen:

I have recently been appointed to the State Chairmanship of Mississippi in connection with the Norse-American Centennial in Minneapolis, and I am soliciting your assistance in connection with the movement as there is a great opportunity for real constructive publicity for our great Magnolia state.

For your information, I may say that the Norse-American Centennial is a 100-year celebration in memory of the first Norwegians that came to the United States as permanent settlers. As you no doubt know, Norway claims having discovered North America in the year 1000, through Mr. Lief Erickson's daring crossing of the Atlantic, but this centennial has nothing to do with the discovery of the United States. As said, it is only a commemoration of the first real settlers sent here by that little Nordic country, Norway.

As Chairman representing the State of Mississippi, I have been asked to gather such information as may be of interest to the Convention. I would like to get in touch with any Americans of Norwegian descent in our Magnolia state, and would appreciate it very much if you will write your local agents and representatives in the South and ask them to find out for me all they can about the people of Norwegian blood in the South, calling attention to this matter and requesting all people who claim Norse blood to communicate with me at once as I would like to have as much of a record of what the

Norsemen have done and are doing in Mississippi as the time will permit. If we handle this right we ought to be able to get a delegation from Mississippi to the Convention.

I shall have a chance to address thousands of people at Minneapolis, and through my special connections I shall be given an opportunity for publicity among the Scandinavians of the Middle West and the North West that is bound to be valuable to the State of Mississippi, and this publicity will reach even across the Atlantic.

All local papers should take the matter up and make investigations and have men and women of Norwegian blood or lineage write me, in English or Norwegian, giving me a full record of their family history in Mississippi and what they are doing; and they should also send me photographs and anything else that they think might be of interest to this celebration in Minneapolis. I hope you will cooperate with me to the fullest extent, as I believe the results will justify all we can do.

I remain,

MERIDIAN, MISS. STAR  
MARCH 13, 1925

### WANTS INFORMATION OF U. S. PEOPLE OF NORWEGIAN DESCENT

An effort is being made to secure information of Americans of Norwegian descent in Mississippi, especially what they are doing and have done for the state, in connection with the Norse-American Centennial in Minneapolis.

A. L. Mordt of Columbus, Miss., has been named state chairman of the centennial and he hopes to secure constructive publicity for Mississippi and perhaps a delegation from this state to attend the meeting. Mobile and Ohio railroad officials are also giving assistance to Mr. Mordt.

Bainville, Mont., Tribune  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

S. S. Moen has been appointed county chairman for the Norse-American Centennial to be held in St. Paul June 7, 8 and 9, and together with other Norse-Americans has been busy with the sale of advance tickets for the event. He is meeting with a ready response and wishes to state that anyone wishing further information regarding the centennial to see him, Henry Lowe or Rev. O. J. Hagen. We understand that several from here are planning on attending.—Culbertson Searchlight.

Glasgow, Mont., Democrat  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925

## J. W. WEDUM HEADS LOCAL COMMITTEE NORSE CENTENNIAL

BIG CELEBRATION JUNE 7, 8, 9,  
WILL COMMEMORATE FIRST  
SETTLEMENT OF AMERICA BY  
NORWEGIANS, IN 1825.

Jas. W. Wedum of this city has been named Valley county chairman for the Norse-American centennial celebration to be held June 7, 8 and 9 at the Minnesota state fair grounds in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Norwegian settlers in the United States, which occurred in 1825. As co-workers in the raising of a quota assigned to this county and to arouse interest in the celebration, Mr. Wedum has appointed Rev. O. J. Akre of Hinsdale, Rev. A. Bue of Opheim and Alfred Lee of Nashua.

It is understood that several Valley county people of Norwegian descent are planning to attend the big celebration, which will be marked by the presence of President Coolidge a large delegation of Norwegian notables, and a great many prominent American of Norse lineage. The affair will take on world importance.

Glasgow, Mont., Courier  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925

## WEDUM IS NAMED COUNTY CHAIRMAN NORSE CENTENNIAL

Norwegians Will Celebrate One  
Hundredth Anniversary Of  
First Settlement In The United  
States June 7-8-9.

## FIVE GOVERNORS TO ATTEND

Government Co-Operates By Issuing 40,000 Medals—Delegates From Every State In Union To Be Present.

James W. Wedum, of the Lewis-Wedum company of Glasgow, has been appointed as county chairman for the Norse-American centennial celebration which is to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 7th, 8th and 9th, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the Norwegians who established the first settlement in the United States in 1825. Mr. Wedum has appointed the following community chairmen to co-operate in procuring exhibits and raising the quota assigned to the county:

Rev. O. J. Akre, Hinsdale.  
Rev. A. Bue, Opheim.  
Alfred Lee, Nashua.

A number of Valley county Norwegians have already signified their intention of attending the centennial, among them Rev. A. N. Livdahl of Glasgow and J. B. Christophersen, clerk of the district court in Valley county.

The project for this celebration has met with such enthusiastic response, not only in Minnesota and the northwest, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in old Norway itself, and the success of the affair seems beyond question.

### World Affair Aspect

The promise of President Coolidge to come and participate on Monday, June 8, and the probability that some high representative of the Dominion government will be here, as well as the promised coming of the delegates from the Norwegian Storting and government give the celebration the aspect of a real world affair. The official delegation from Norway will include a member of the cabinet, a member of the Storting (Parliament), and Karl Wefring, former secretary of war. Other official delegates will come to represent the Norwegian state church, the University of Oslo, and Nordmandsforbundet.

### Reception By Governor Christianson

While the opening day will be devoted to "Bygdelag" meetings, most of them concluding with a dinner or banquet, arrangements are being made for a public reception Saturday evening by Gov. and Mrs. Theodore Christianson of Minnesota, in the rotunda of Minnesota's state capitol in St. Paul. One of the most promising indications of the broadening of interest in the centennial is contained in the announcement that Minnesota's executive and his estimable wife will be assisted in arrangements for this reception by the St. Paul Allied Women's organizations, comprising 52 different bodies, civic, professional, political, social, religious and fraternal, having a combined membership of 10,000 women.

### Norse Governors In Line

In the receiving line with Gov. and Mrs. Christianson will be the five other Norse governors and their wives, namely: Gov. J. J. Blaine of Wisconsin; Gov. A. G. Sorlie, North Dakota; Gov. Carl Gunderson, South Dakota; Gov. J. E. Erickson, Montana; and Gov. H. L. Whitfield, Mississippi. Others in the receiving line will be official representatives of three governments: the United States, Canada, and Norway, besides some of the centennial officials.

### Interesting Norse Exhibits

An extensive exhibit during the centennial celebration is being planned and sponsored by Dr. Knut Gjerset. The program includes the following:

Pioneer life, church, schools, farming, press, literature, men in public service, art, charity and mutual aid, domestic service, societies and organizations, music, trade and commerce, engineering and architecture, labor. The Women's auxiliary has for its outline of exhibits: fine arts, arts and crafts, relics and curios, national costumes, jewelry and household silver, china, music.

### Frida Hansen's Tapestry

One of the exhibits that deserves special mention is a piece of tapestry woven by Madame Frida Hansen of Norway, a piece that took the first premium in Paris in 1900 and has since been exhibited in the art centers of Europe and in many eastern cities of the United States. It is 14x16 feet, and represents seven goddesses riding south through the sea on the backs of swans, taking with them the sun, heat and flowers which they brought north to form the summer days. The garments of the goddesses are woven in sterling silver thread producing a truly wonderful effect.

### Every State Organized

The Women's auxiliary has a state chairman in almost every state in the



Union, in an attempt to gather worth while exhibits and to arouse interest for the coming event. And most of the chief cities in the country have their city chairman and exhibits. The men have organized the counties for the sale of coupon books, which give reduced rates of admission to the fair grounds. This advanced ticket sale is the only means of financing the great undertaking, so the committee is urging every true American citizen of Norse extraction to buy a coupon book for the great cause, even though he may not be able to attend the celebration.

#### Stamps And Medals

The United States government has authorized the making of special two and five cent stamps with "Restorationen" the sloop that brought the first 52 emigrants from Norway, printed in black and red on the two cent stamp and in blue and black on the five cent stamp, the only bi-color postage stamps issued by our government with the single exception of the \$5.00 stamp.

Congress has also recently authorized the striking off of 40,000 medals commemorative of the Norse-American centennial. This is the first time in American history that congress has authorized a commemorative medal. They are to be struck off at the United States mint at Philadelphia. The design shows an heroic Viking chieftan setting foot on American soil, with a small Viking ship riding the sea in the background.

#### Mayor Leach Gives Prizes

Mayor Leach of Minneapolis has sent \$100 to be given in three prizes to the pupils in Oslo, (Christiania) Norway, who make the three best models of a Viking ship. Mayor Leach's only condition is that the three winning models must be sent to this country in time to be exhibited at the centennial celebration. The winner in a similar contest in the Minneapolis schools was a twelve-year-old boy of Bohemian-Swedish extraction. Mayor Leach also donated the money for the Minneapolis contest.

#### The Living Flag

A most unique and interesting feature of the celebration promises to be the "living flag." This will be featured on Monday afternoon, June 8, in connection with President Coolidge's address in front of the mammoth grandstand at the Minnesota state fair grounds. This "living flag" will be composed of 600 St. Paul children, who will be dressed in the colors of the Norse and United States flags, red, white and blue, most of them with reversible capes (one color on each side). They will first appear as the Norwegian flag, while "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet" is sung—and then at a given signal, the children will reverse their capes in such manner as will transform the Norse flag in the twinkling of an eye to the "Stars and Stripes."

#### Music At The Centennial

True to the traditions of the Norse race as a music-loving people, the musical program being arranged promises to be one of unrivalled excellence in Norse-American history. Norway will be represented by the famous University of Oslo (Christiania) Academic choir of 50 trained

voices, which will make its first visit to America on account of the centennial. Norse-Americans will offer such, renowned organizations as the St Olaf College choir and band, the Luther College concert band, the Augustana College chorus, Sioux Falls, S. D., the Augsburg Seminary chorus and band, Minneapolis; Concordia College band and chorus, Moorhead, Minn.; Luther Seminary chorus, St. Paul; and a large male chorus composed of Norse singers from various cities.

The historical pageant which will be given June 9, in the evening, at the concluding climax of the biggest gathering in America in 1925, will be another wonderful and inspiring feature. It will depict in both stationary and moving tableaux, in most colorful fashion, one of the most interesting chapters in American history.

OMAHA FOR WORLD HERALD  
APRIL 30, 1925

### NEBRASKA TO ATTEND NORWEGIAN CENTENNIAL

Mrs. Reinhardt Ulvilden, 2708 Caldwell street, is chairman for Nebraska of the Norse-American Centennial celebration, which will be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds in Minneapolis, June 6 to 9 inclusive. Mrs. Ulvilden is the wife of the Rev. Reinhardt Ulvilden, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran church, Thirtieth and Izard streets.

The celebration will be attended by several hundred thousand Americans and Canadians of Norwegian descent in celebration of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants on the sloop "Restaurationen," October 12, 1825.

Historic pageantry showing the important events in the settling of the immigrants will be shown during the celebration, and there will be several thousand singers gathered at the centennial.

Omaha has been invited to send the choir from Our Savior's church.

Mrs. Ulvilden is expecting a large number of Omaha and out-state people of Norwegian descent to take advantage of the special fare offered by the railroads to the centennial city.

Newman Grove, Nebr., Reporter  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1925

### EVERY NORWEGIAN ASKED TO BUY A TICKET

The committee in charge of the Norse American Centennial Anniversary are asking every Norwegian in America to buy a ticket to the celebration which will be held in Minneapolis next month. In this way they can finance the big undertaking. If every Norwegian buys a ticket whether or not he attends the fund thereby created will be large enough to meet all expenses. They have appointed Gullik Oss as local agent for the sale of tickets. The price is \$1.00 if purchased in advance or \$1.50 at the time of the anniversary.

North Dakota  
Columbus, N. D., Reporter  
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1925

Rev. G. Hegg sent the writer a very well gotten up booklet, which describes and illustrates the program and activities planned for the Norse American Centennial being held in the Twin Cities this week. We have the book at our office and anyone interested in looking it over is cordially invited to come in,

Falstad, Minn., Journal  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925

### Norse Centennial

The sale of tickets is improving and remittances are coming in. The ticket salesmen should return to the county chairman the receipts by those who purchase tickets so that the same can be sent into the general committee. In that way every purchaser of coupon books gets credit and his name is entered in the record of those who have helped to support the Centennial enterprise.

Maddox, N. D., Reporter  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### NORSE CENTENNIAL

The Norse Centennial is in June. All men and women, boys and girls of Norse blood are going to attend. In order that you may attend, you will have to have tickets. There are many and large expenses connected with the putting on a celebration of this kind. The income derived from the sale of tickets is the only way in which these expenses can be paid. There are many who can not go who are buying tickets. They do this to help the cause. Those who buy tickets in advance from ticket sellers in the county get their tickets cheaper than those who wait until the celebration starts.

The tickets are sold in books, three tickets to the book. These books cost \$1.00. Later on these books will cost \$1.50. At the celebration these books will cost \$1.50. These books are good for three admissions. They can be used by three persons on one day or one person can use them one each.

with Dakota State Chairman

Minot, N. D., Press  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

## SPECIAL TRAIN TO NORSE CENTENNIAL RECEIVES SUPPORT

STATE CHAIRMAN JOHN J. LEE  
ENTHUSIASTIC OVER  
PROPOSAL

Just two months from now it would be very nice to have 125 or more real American Norwegians gather in Minot to board a special train bound for the State Fair grounds in St. Paul, June 6 to 9.

It has been quite definitely settled that the railway fare will be one and one third. Such a low rate should be an inducement to travel by rail rather than by automobile. An effort is being made to have the return ticket good for 30 days.

### Many Reservations Now

All who wish to attend the Centennial or who wish to join with this special train for a business or pleasure trip are requested to send their name and address to Spencer Folkedal, Minot, N. D.

Considerable sentiment is being aroused throughout the State of North Dakota to the end that this state may be generously represented on this memorable occasion.

### Letter from State Chairman

Mr. Folkedal has received a letter from John J. Lee, of Bismarck, North Dakota, chairman for the Centennial, which carries thoughts that are timely and worthy of reproduction. Mr. Lee's letter is as follows: "My Dear Mr. Folkedal:

I notice by the Northwest Press that you have been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangement for a special train to carry passengers from Minot to the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, June 6 to 9, 1925. As chairman in North Dakota for the Centennial I want to congratulate you on this appointment and thank you and your committee for the publicity that you are giving to this work. I can not think of anything more fitting and proper than to have a special train from Minot to this wonderful celebration given in honor of the first real Norwegian settlers coming to Ameri-

"That you will get enough passengers to fill the train there is no question, because this special is only put on once in a hundred years. We can easily stop work for five days in one hundred years in commemoration of those who made it possible for us to enjoy the opportunities and protection of the land that we now call the United States, the most powerful and unselfish nation on the face of the earth.

"Let us all cooperate in making this celebration a success. It will bring about a better understanding of what our people has accomplished in America started by a small group of our people one hundred years ago. A reunion of this kind will teach us the necessity of perpetuating the spirit of honesty and good citizenship so truly exemplified by our fore fathers in this country."

Minot, N. D., News  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1925

## CHAIRMAN JOHN J. LEE OF CENTENNIAL PLANS TELLS OF JUNE EVENT

Nestos and Swain Add Appeals For Interest of Entire Northwest

### INCREASES CORDIAL RELATIONS ABROAD

The Norse-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 6 to 9, 1925, is a celebration in memory of the first real Norwegian settlers in America. These people left Stavanger, Norway, in a small ship on July 4, 1825, with 53 passengers and landed in New York October 9, 1825.

As state chairman in North Dakota for the Centennial John J. Lee of Minot, now warden at the state penitentiary, announces that preparations are well under way to make this celebration in honor of the first Norwegian immigrants of a century ago one that will surpass any other celebration of its kind that has ever taken place in the United States.

"It is a real birthday party," declares Mr. Lee, "given in honor of those who paved the way for our people to come to America, the land with unlimited opportunities and possibilities.

### Faith And Courage

"They brought with them faith in God, nerve and courage, and strong healthy bodies and minds, and with unshrinking determination to help develop the dormant resources in a land yet in its infancy. They made this country their choice. They endured the hardships that follow clearing the

timber and breaking the prairie and the organization of sub-divisions of our government. They truly exemplified service above self. They brought with them from their father-land spirit of loyalty to God and government, a Christian spirit of love for home and society, and this has been a powerful factor in commanding our neighbors' respect. Their labor was performed with a forward, and we have

herited from them their future hopes and expectations.

"This one-hundredth anniversary will throw the spotlight on our people, and give our fellow citizens a chance to look us over and to estimate our value as a national asset in matters of race, religion, education, patriotism, and good citizenship generally. It will give every American of Norse descent a better knowledge of his racial heritage, that is, of the history, achievements, and characteristics of his people, from the earliest times down to this day. This will enable him correctly to place himself and his sturdy pioneer ancestors in America as a part of the great Nordic race and will give him courage and renewed inspiration in his efforts to realize the highest ideals of American citizenship.

### Chiefs Of Two Nations

"President Coolidge has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on June 8, and Lord Byng, the governor-general of Canada, will be present. The Norwegian Storthing will also be represented.

"Tickets will be sold to defray the expense of this celebration. It should be considered a privilege to have the opportunity to buy a ticket to the Norse-American Centennial. Buy a ticket whether you can attend or not."

### Everyone Should Attend

Everyone interested in the Centennial, which should include all citizens of the great northwest, is urged to attend the event by former Governor R. A. Nestos of this city, who says: "The celebration at the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6 to 9, is one that should command the special interest, enthusiasm and cooperation of every American born in Norway, or in whose veins flows Viking blood.

"The interest should not be confined to these, however, but every citizen of the great northwest, who is informed as to the splendid contribution made by the people of Norse birth or descent, in the 'Winning of the West', in clearing the forests and breaking the sod, and in the building of homes, schools, churches, farms and business institutions, should be vitally interested in this great celebration and in the event it commemorates.

"In order to aid the committees in their great work, every citizen interested in the success of this celebration, whether he intends to go or not, should buy one or more tickets of admission before the close of April."

### Event for Whole Nation

An outstanding event for the entire nation, is what President C. C. Swain of the Mayville Normal school characterizes the Norse Centennial, and Mr. Swain in connection with the great celebration, makes the following statement:

"The Norse-American Centennial celebration is destined to be an outstanding event not only for the Norwegians of this country but for the nation as a whole. It will also serve to strengthen the cordial relationships that have always existed between our nation and the land of the midnight

sun. The satisfaction that must come to a comparatively small nation like Norway to have made such a large and effective contribution to American civilization should in a measure compensate for the loss of many sons and daughters who chose to seek fortune on foreign soil. In this celebration, given merited national support, Norway will receive the recognition of a nation that never will be too powerful to be unjust or too influential to be ungrateful.

"Our real greatness has been and must continue to be in the ideals and hopes which have animated us from the beginning. To this end the Norwegians have also made their contribution. Men and women by the thousands, who were born in a foreign land, will find a great pleasure in attending this celebration. For them this occasion will be a great pageant depicting the realization of their dreams and the fulfillment of their ambitions. The hardships of pioneer days will be forgotten, as in sermon and in song they hear, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant.'

#### Recall Spirit of Pioneer

"The celebration will not only be a great event for the pioneers of this great northwest. It will also be a mighty occasion for their sons and daughters. The young people will be reminded of their responsibility to carry on and improve upon the civilization that they have inherited. Upon a foundation already laid, the young people must build a new American civilization, but the same elements of industry, thrift, frugality, foresight, honesty, and reverence that characterized the pioneers must be used. The celebration will rebuild the spirit of the pioneer in the souls of the men and women of this generation. To this end the Norse-American Centennial will serve the individual and the state. For youth and old age, for state and nation, let us give this celebration our co-operation and support."

Grand Forks, N. D., Herald  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1925

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### Nestos Lands Plan For Norse Centennial

Bismarck, April 13.—Former Governor R. A. Nestos, in a letter to J. J. Lee of this city, lauded the idea of the Norse-American centennial celebration, to be held at the fair grounds at Minneapolis, June 6-9. Mr. Lee is chairman for North Dakota arrangement of details and in the campaign for the sale of tickets.

Mr. Nestos writes as follows: "The celebration at the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6th to 9th is one that should command the special interest, enthusiasm and co-operation of every American born in Norway, or in whose veins flows Viking blood.

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Fargo, N. Dak., Trib  
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 19

## NORTH DAKOTANS INDORSED NORSE CENTENNIAL AIM

### Governor Sorlie and Others Laud Northmen For Contribution

From The Forum-Tribune  
Bismarck Bureau

Bismarck, N. D., May 2.—Many prominent North Dakotans have indorsed the Norse Centennial, celebrating the first settlement of Norwegian colonists in the United States, and will attend the celebration at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 6 to 9, according to Warden John J. Lee of the state prison, who is North Dakota chairman.

Among the citizens who have indorsed the centennial idea are Governor A. G. Sorlie, Congressman O. B. Burtness, Justice Sveinbjorn Johnson of the supreme court, and former Justice Harrison A. Bronson of Grand Forks. Statements obtained by Mr. Lee follow:

Governor A. G. Sorlie: "The Norse-American Centennial is an event of importance to the entire country. We Americans of Norse ancestry are proud and thankful that our forefathers chose to settle in the United States. We are proud of the contribution the Norse people have made in the development of this country, and that Norse settlers brought with them independence of thought, high ideals and true culture."

O. B. Burtness, congressman of the First district: "The celebration should become of tremendous value to the United States as a whole, and to those of its citizens of Norse origin, in particular. It will tend to create even a more cordial relation than now exists between our country and Norway, and that will be beneficial to both nations. The result should be a greater appreciation of the contribution made to America by Norse immigrants."

Harrison A. Bronson, former chief justice of the North Dakota supreme court: "Every American should be, and is, proud of an ancestry that has continuously given through its blood and its people, most loyal devotion to our nation, whether in peace or in war, and most earnest consideration and co-operation through citizenship of choice, to the maintenance and perpetuation of our constitution and the upbuilding of our nation. Such service, the blood of the Norsemen in America has rendered."

Sveinbjorn Johnson, associate justice of the North Dakota supreme court: "The Norse-American Centennial next June will direct attention to the contribution the Norsemen have made to American progress and civilization. Its real message is a challenge to the Norsemen of today and tomorrow to exemplify in character and conduct the traits of integrity and reverence that made the pioneers outstanding figures wherever they lived."

Williston, N. D., Farmer's Press  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

## NORTH DAKOTANS PLAN EXCURSION TO CENTENNIAL

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*Burke Co.*

Bowbells (N. D.) Tribune  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1925

## Norse-American Centennial Celebration at Minnesota State Fair Grounds in June

The Norwegians of the country are holding a centennial celebration at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 7th to 9th inclusive, and are expecting some member of the royal family of Norway, perhaps the crown prince, to visit this country for the occasion. The celebration will be under the auspices of the Norwegian Bygdelags. Practically all the Norwegian societies of the country, including the churches of that nationality, will cooperate.

Organization is complete and officers and committees have been appointed. For Burke county, Albert Jacobson of Coteau has been appointed chairman of the finance committee. Mr. Jacobson was in Bowbells the fore part of the week, and is busy picking assistants for the work. Tickets will be sold in advance for the event in order to finance the initial work. It is expected that special trains will run and special excursion prices will be offered on all railroads. All this and many further particulars will be published at a later date.

Stanley, N. D. Promoter  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1925

## CENTENNIAL MEN ARE CHOSEN

County chairmen have been chosen for the various counties in the state and the quotas of visitors expected from the various counties at the Norse-American centennial, which will be held at the Minnesota fair

grounds June 6 to 9 inclusive, are announced. Mountrail county's quota of visitors is estimated at 900. Cass county's quota is the largest in the state being 2,800.

The following are the chairmen of the counties in this section of the state:

M. Ringen, Minot,	
Ward County, -----	1,900
Albert Jacobson, Coteau,	
Burke County, -----	900
O. M. Kinlen, Stanley	
Mountrail County -----	900
Geo. P. Homnes, Crosby,	
Divide County, -----	816
O. J. Helland, Williston,	
Williams County -----	1,230

The various county chairmen will appoint assistants in the different counties so that a complete check-up may be made. In some counties a caravan of autos will be used by the large number that expect to go to Minneapolis to attend the centennial.

*Bottineau Co.*

Bottineau, N. D. Advocate  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

### NORSE CENTENNIAL

The last week of April (23 to 30, inclusive) will be officially designated as "Centennial week"

During this week the various organizations throughout the country from Oregon to Virginia will do their utmost, urging all who can do so to buy books, even though not now planning to attend; as the success of the undertaking requires a considerable outlay of money.

The gratitude to our adopted country, as well as pride in our ancestry, should prompt us to make this small contribution.

The centennial celebration to be held in Minneapolis June 6, 7, 8 and 9 will be the biggest affair in the history of the Norwegian people in America.

All native Norwegians, and those of Norwegian descent, should think enough of this event to donate one or more dollars for this occasion.

Let's go!

Yours for success,  
—L. J. Glomseth,  
Chairman for Bottineau Co.

Bottineau, N. D. Advocate  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1925

L. J. Glomseth, who is the Bottineau county representative for the coming Norse centennial, which will be held in Minneapolis in June, states that he is appointing precinct solicitors wherever it is possible to do so. Those who pay a dollar for a coupon book are entitled to three admissions; rated at 50 cents each. Where no local representative is chosen the applicant may write to Mr. Glomseth.

Gascoyne, N. D. News  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1925

### The Norse-American Centennial.

A notable occasion will be the Norse-American Centennial to be held at the state fair grounds, between the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, on June 7, 8 and 9 this year.

The centennial commemorates, in particular, the first emigration from Norway to the United States in the year 1825, when the "Restoration" a small sailing sloop arrived from Norway at New York harbor with forty-seven Norwegian emigrants, all of whom settled in the state of New York.

The event will be of particular interest to all Americans of Norse birth or ancestry, because of its sentimental as well as of its social and educational features.

It will be a meeting place for friends and relatives living in different sections of the country. Congress has authorized 40,000 commemorative medals to be struck off; President Coolidge is to attend and deliver a speech, probably in the afternoon of Monday, June 8th; six thousand school children will form a living flag—first the flag of Norway, and this will be transformed in the twinkling of an eye, by means of reversible capes worn by the children, into Old Glory this typifying the rapid transformation of the Norse emigrant into an American citizen. There

will also be interesting exhibits of many kinds, and the entire Centennial is designed to be a review of one hundred years of citizenship as exemplified by Americans of Norse birth or ancestry.

No doubt many Bowman county people will so time an auto tour "back east" as to attend the Centennial, and as many as can are urged to do so.

Coupon books of tickets to the entire celebration, good for all three days for one person, or one day for three persons, will be on sale in several localities in the county, to be announced later, at one dollar per book. All who can do so are urged to buy books, even though not now planning to attend, as the success of the undertaking required a considerable outlay of money, and gratitude to our adopted country as well as pride in our ancestry alone should prompt us to make this small contribution. Bowman county's quota is 200 tickets. Let us maintain our reputation for going over the top.

**Bowman, N. D., Pioneer  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1923**

## **NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL**

The advance sale of coupon-books of three tickets at one dollar per book will close on May 15, at which time all returns must be in at the Minneapolis Headquarters. No coupon books will be sold after that time, and admission will be fifty cents for each day.

So kindly get your tickets now, either of the undersigned or of one of the following:

- Martin Ness, Bowman.
- L. M. Anderson, First State Bank, Rhame.
- L. Sgkjelset, First State Bank, Rhame.
- P. A. Wick, Rhame.
- E. W. Christopher, Bank of Scranton, Scranton.
- T. Finsness, Finsness' store, Scranton.
- H. W. Ness, First State Bank, Gascoyne.

Buy a coupon book whether you are going or not, for the success of the Centennial depends upon it, as the overhead expense is estimated at not less than \$50,000.

Fargo, N. Dak., Tribune  
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1923

# 30,000 SET FOR STATE QUOTA MARK

Cass County Under J. H.  
Dahl Allotted 2,800  
Block

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### Will Exhibit a Race

"This 100th anniversary will throw the spotlight on our people, and give our fellow citizens a chance to look us over and to estimate our value as a national asset in matters of race, religion, education, patriotism, and good citizenship in general," Mr. Lee comments.

It will give every American of Norse descent a better knowledge of his racial heritage, that is, of the history, achievements, and characteristics of his people, from the earliest times down to this day. This will enable him correctly to place himself and his sturdy pioneer ancestors in America as a part of the great Nordic race and will give him courage and renewed inspiration in his efforts to realize the highest ideals of American citizenship.

J. G. Halland of Fargo also pays tribute in a statement to facts bearing on the history and development of the northwest.

C. C. Swain, president of the Mayville State Normal school comments as follows:

"The celebration will not only be a great event for the pioneers of this great northwest. It will also be a mighty occasion for their sons and daughters. The young people will be reminded of their responsibility to carry on and improve upon the civilization that they have inherited. Upon a foundation already laid, the young people must build a new American civilization, but the same elements of industry, thrift, frugality,

foresight, honesty, and reverence that characterized the pioneers must be used. The celebration will rebuild the spirit of the pioneer in the souls of the men and women of this generation. To this end the Norse-American Centennial will serve the individual and the state. For youth and old age, for state and nation, let us give this celebration our cooperation and support."

Divide Co.  
Minot, N. D., News  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1925

## MAKE RESERVATIONS AT ONCE FOR NORSE CENTENNIAL SPECIAL

YOU CAN GET ANY KIND OF  
TRAIN AND SERVICE  
YOU DESIRE

Spencer Folkedal, chairman of the Sons of Norway committee to arrange for a special train to the Norse Centennial, has been informed by the Great Northern Railway that patrons along the Great Northern line and branches west of Minot can buy their return tickets from any town west of here with a stopover privilege at Minot to join Minot people in making up the special train. This should be interesting news to people from Grenora and Stanley.

Mr. Folkedal announces that he would like to have those who want to join in this special train excursion to send in their names. When they send in their names they should state whether they want to travel by day or by night. If a majority of the excursionists prefer a night train, the train will leave here in the evening. If a majority wish to travel by day that train will be run. If a day train is to be run the railway company will want to know whether they shall equip this train with a dining car. They will not run a diner unless that service will make it pay them to run it. If this train travels by night we also want to know how many passengers want to use a sleeper. When you send in your name state just what kind of service you want. The service the majority wants will be the service we will have.

### Auto Caravan

Geo. P. Homnes, one of the leading attorneys of the state and chairman for Divide county of the Norse-American Centennial, sends word that interest in the Centennial is growing daily and that plans are already under way to organize an automobile caravan from that county. For the benefit of other country chairmen we shall quote from a statement by Mr. Homnes, as follows: "Already some of those who plan to go by car have perfected a preliminary organization. The object is to make all advance arrangements for the comfort and protection of those who are going this way, perhaps to make reservations for lodging, garage room or camp site, plan the route and get advance information on all matters of importance."

This is a splendid idea and well worthy of consideration by all county chairmen within reasonable driving distance of the Twin Cities. The Women's Hospital Committee is at your service in all matters concerning hotel arrangements in Minneapolis or St. Paul. Address Mrs. Sophia Wetteland, Chairman, care Norse-American Centennial Head quarters, 11 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

### All Should Attend

That Chairman Homnes also has an excellent idea of local publicity is evidenced by an article in the Crosby Farmer's Press, from which we quote:

"Every man and woman of Norse descent who can by any possibility spare a week or ten days in June should attend this great event. It is the first great gathering of its kind in American history. It will be a great and grand review of 100 years of American history as exemplified in American citizenship of Norse ancestry. It will be educational, inspirational and entertaining in the highest degree. Those now living will never again have the opportunity of attending or enjoying anything just like it. Friends and relatives, parted for years, will find each other in this great reunion, revive old memories, live again in the past, witness the pageant of 100 years of progress, and come home better Norsemen and better Americans"

### Norse War Vets to Form Guard

St. Paul-Minneapolis, April 14.—When President Coolidge visits the Norse-American centennial here in June he will have as a guard of honor United States veterans of the Civil Spanish-American and World wars of Norwegian birth or ancestry.

Directors of the centennial began today a search for the oldest living Civil war veteran of Norse ancestry, who will be a special guest and act on the guard of honor. Oley Nelson of Sliter, Iowa, president of the Scandinavian Veterans' association, is chairman of the committee selecting this guard.

Northwood, N. D., Gleaner  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

NIAL JUNE 7-8-9, 1925

Will Be Held at Minneapolis. A Grand Review of 100 Years of American History of the Activities of Those of Norse Descent Living in the U. S. A.

George P. Homnes, ticket sales chairman of Divide Co., N. D. says:

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This is a splendid idea and the Women's Hospitality Committee is at the service of the local chairmen in all matters concerning hotel arrangements in Minneapolis or St. Paul. Address Mrs. Sophia Wetteland, Chairman, care Norse-Centennial Headquarters, 11 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Information has been received from Congressman O. J. Kvale, one of Minnesota's five Norse-Americans in Congress, and who introduced the bill to have Congress authorize the striking off of 40,000 commemorative medals for the Norse-American Centennial, to the effect that the design submitted by James Earle Frazier has been approved by the federal fine arts commission and that the dies will be finished in a few weeks.

Let it be especially noted that this is the first time in American history that Congress has authorized a commemorative medal. By this action the Norse-American Centennial has been most signally honored. Let us all

try to be duly appreciative of this distinction officially accorded our celebration and exposition. In this connection a brief description of the medal will not be out of place. It is to be octagonal in shape, of silver identical with that in our silver coins, and approximating the silver half dollar in size. The design shows an heroic Viking chieftain setting foot on American soil, with a small Viking ship riding the sea in the background. The Board of Directors of the Centennial expects to make proper announcement in the near future as to how the sale of these medals will be handled. There will be only 40,000 of them struck off—this is the maximum number authorized by Congress.

In view of the fact that certain newspapers (without the knowledge or consent of the Centennial publicity department) have recently printed items making it appear doubtful that President Coolidge will attend the Centennial, we are glad to advise all concerned that almost positive assurance of his coming was received the other day by Oscar Arneson, publicity chairman. This assurance came in a letter from Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, stating that he and Mrs. Kellogg will accompany the presidential party to the Centennial. Further assurance was also received in a letter from Sen. Peter Norbeck, of South Dakota, expressing the President's desire to speak in the afternoon of Monday, June 8, rather than in the evening. "There has never been any doubt in my mind but that President Coolidge would come," declared Cong. Kvale at Centennial headquarters a couple of days ago.

Some idea of the importance and scope of the exhibit features of the coming Centennial may be obtained from an announcement just made by Dr. Knut Gjerset, chairman, Exhibits committee. We shall at this time not attempt to go into detail, but shall only enumerate the 22 different departments of exhibits planned viz: 1. Pioneer Life. 2. Church. 3. Schools. 4. Farming. 5. Press. 6. Literature. 7. Men in Public Life. 8. Art. 9. Charity and Mutual Aid. 10. Women's Department. 11. Societies and Organizations. 12. Music. 13. Engineering and Architecture. 14. Trade and Commerce. 15. Norwegian Ski Sport in America. 16. Labor. 17. Sons of Norway. 19. Men in the Medical Profession. 20. Industries. 21. Builders and Benefactors. 22. Norse-Canadian Exhibits.

Anyone possessing or knowing of articles worthy of exhibit in any of the above departments, or having statistical data of value, is urgently requested to communicate with Dr. Knut Gjerset, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Information relative to exhibits of art, music, or household articles, (including antique furniture or jewelry, chinaware, tapestries, needle art, etc.) should be given to Miss Herborg Reque, Centennial Headquarters, 11 Washington Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Attention is also called to the fact that the Women's Auxiliary of Minneapolis and St. Paul are preparing for publication a Cook Book of Norse recipes, which will be sold at a nominal price

during the celebration. It is the intention to make this Cook Book as complete as possible, containing all manner of recipes for Norwegian dishes, many of which threaten to become unknown in this country unless steps be taken to preserve them and make them available to all who appreciate distinctive Norse cooking. Persons having "tried and true" recipes for distinctly Norse dishes are requested to send them, with name and address of sender, to Mrs. I. L. Tuve, 1203 7th St. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn., without delay.

A most interesting and unique feature of the celebration promises to be the "living flag." This will be featured Monday afternoon, June 8th, in connection with President Coolidge's address in front of the mammoth grandstand at the Minnesota

state fair grounds. This "living flag" will be composed of 600 St. Paul children, who will be trained for their parts under direction of Mrs. John O. Lee. A special stand will be built for the children so that all the tens of thousands of children may see it. The children will be dressed in the colors of the Norse and United States flags—red, white and blue—most of them with reversible capes (one color on each side). They will first appear as the Norwegian flag, while "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet" is sung—and then at a given signal, the children will reverse their capes in such manner as will transform the Norse flag in a twinkling of an eye to the "Stars and Stripes." Besides the magnificent spectacle afforded, the change from one flag to the other will also visualize the ease and willingness with which Norse immigrants are transformed into loyal American citizens. This one feature of the dozens planned for the Centennial will in itself be well worth the price of admission and is sure to leave a vivid and lasting impression upon all fortunate enough to view it.

The historical pageant which will be given on Tuesday evening, June 9th, as the concluding climax of the "biggest gathering in America in 1925," will be another wonderful and inspiring feature. Work on this is going forward, but detailed announcement cannot be made as yet. Suffice to say at this time that the pageant will depict in both stationary and moving tableaux the history of the first century of Norse-American and Norse-Canadian development, visualizing in most colorful fashion one of the most interesting chapters in American history.

The famous Academic Choir of Oslo, Norway, is to sing at the Centennial and later make a concert tour of the leading American cities. Other big music features are planned for the celebration. Bygdelag will have conventions on Saturday, June 6, and there will be big religious services and concerts on Sunday, June 7.

The "so-called" "Northern" railroads entering the Twin cities, have made a rate of a fare and a third affecting the territory west of Chicago, and similar action regarding the territory east of Chicago is anticipated, which means that people at considerable distances, will attend the

Centennial and employ the opportunity to visit relatives and friends in the Middle West.

Bygdelaag representatives met March 21 to discuss plans for the celebration and select suitable buildings—no easy task—for the 25 or more lag conventions, from the 70 buildings on the fair grounds. Members of "Lags" will be duly notified of the location of the building where their convention will be held.

Anyone who knows of Norwegian families now living in Mississippi, is requested to notify Mr. Mordt, whose address is 1531 Kenilworth Ave., Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

Advance Ticket sales—purchasers making a slight saving—are going well. 34 county chairmen in various states have recently been appointed.

Waverly, Minn. Star.  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

Mrs. C. L. Roholt has been appointed local chairman of the Norse-American Centennial, which will be held in the Twin Cities.

George P. Homnes, ticket sales chairman for Divide county in Western North Dakota, sent word that interest in the Centennial is growing daily and that plans are already under way to organize an automobile caravan from that county. For the benefit of other county chairmen we shall quote from a statement by Mr. Hamnes, as follows: "Already some of those who plan to go by car have perfected a preliminary organization. The object is to make all advance arrangements for the comfort and protection of those who are going this way, perhaps to make reservations for lodging, garage room or camp site, plan the route and get advance information on all matters of importance."

This is a splendid idea and well worthy of consideration by all county chairmen within reasonable distance of the Twin Cities.

Foster Co.  
Carrington (N. D.) Independent  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

## NORSE IN BODY TO LEAVE COUNTY FOR CENTENNIAL FETE

Pilgrimage to Minneapolis for Norwegian Centennial is Plan of Fosterites

COOLIDGE TO TALK TO YEAR'S BIGGEST CROWD

June Celebration Commemorates Landing of First Boat Load of Noraks

E. T. Halaas has been named as chairman for Foster county for the Norse-American centennial celebration and exposition at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 6 to 9, which is expected to be the largest gathering of people in America during the year, 250,000 to 500,000 visitors being expected.

Mr. Halaas has received coupon books with three tickets each that will be sold now at \$1. They entitle the holder to attend the big programs at the fair grounds that otherwise would cost 50c each.

The railroads are making a rate of a fare and a third and the government will issue special 2 and 5 cent memorial stamps to mark the hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first ship full of Norwegians on our shores. President Coolidge will speak June 8 and many notable governors, senators and public men will also be there for talks.

The famous bands from the Norwegian colleges will be in attendance as well as the big choirs and choruses. The navy has been asked to send the great dirigible "Los Angeles" for the centennial, also 50 airplanes.

It will be a little world's fair in addition. The arts, relics, manufactures, etc., of old and new Norway will be exhibited and there will be athletic sports and contests.

A pageant depicting the life of the Norse pioneers in this country will be staged the evening of June 8 in which many hundreds will participate.

Miss Agnes Kjorlie, of the Carrington schools, has been named as chairman for women for Foster county.

There will be several score people from Foster county at the centennial, the present plan, Mr. Halaas announces, being to form a procession and proceed to the cities in a body.

Grand Forks, N. D., Herald  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1925

## County Will Participate in Centennial

Grand Forks county is being organized in a way to participate in the Norse-American centennial of the United States and Canada, which is to be held at Minneapolis and St. Paul June 7, 8 and 9 according to a statement issued Friday by Dr. A. Arneberg, of this city, who has been appointed county chairman for the celebration.

Two thousand bunches of three tickets each, admitting three persons to the centennial for one day or one person for all three days, have been received by Dr. Arneberg and will be distributed throughout the county to those who wish to attend and to others who wish to take part in making the 1925 centennial a success, he said. Sub-chairmen in Grand Forks and in other cities and towns throughout the county, will be appointed soon so that the entire territory will be covered.

### Coolidge to Talk

Dr. Arneberg declared that Scandinavian people from throughout the United States and Canada would attend the centennial as it is the main Norse-American event of a hundred years. President Calvin Coolidge is scheduled for an address June 8 while a group of representatives from Norway will bring greetings.

A tentative outline of the program calls for the national convention of Bygdelags and other organizations on June 6. Religious services, talks by citizens of Norway, and a music festival are scheduled for the Sunday, June 7. Besides the President's address June 8 there will be short talks concerning activities of Norwegians in America, and a historical pageant will be the feature of the closing day's program.

### To Keep Relics

All Scandinavians and all other Americans will be asked to take part in the centennial as its purpose is to foster the best foreign traditions that are transplanted in America. Dr. Arneberg pointed out. He stated that the best Americans were those who had kept the faith and traditions of their forefathers alive, whether they were from Norway, England, Germany or any other civilized nation.

One of the aims of the Norse-American centennial will be the establishment of a Scandinavian Historical Society at the University of Minnesota so that the relics of interest from the Northland could be kept for future generations.

All those who wish to secure further information about the centennial are invited to call Dr. Arneberg.

Fargo, N. Dak. Forum  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1925  
6,000 From Grand Forks  
May Attend Norse Fete

Grand Forks, N. D., April 11.—Dr. A. Arneberg has taken charge of organizing Grand Forks county for the Norse-American centennial observance to be held in the twin cities in June. It is expected that 6,000 tickets for the observance will be disposed of in Grand Forks county alone.



McKenzie Co.

Arnegard, N. Dak. Farmer  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

A. A. Stenehjelm, county chairman for the Norse-American Centennial celebration and exposition to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds June 6-7-8-9, informs the writer that Mr. Morris Lee of Alexander heads the list in the sale of tickets for the Centennial. Mr. Stenehjelm stated that the sale of tickets is satisfactory and that McKenzie county will be well represented at this continuous program at Minneapolis.

Stanley, N. D., Promoter  
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925

Mountrail Co.

## MANY MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PEOPLE MAY ATTEND NORSE CENTENNIAL

The advance sale of tickets for the Norse Centennial will close Saturday evening May 16th. From reports received from the various parts of Mountrail County quite a large number are planning on attending the celebration.

The railroads have made arrangements to put in effect a special rate of one fare plus one third for a round trip ticket. The ticket is good until the 20th of June. The fare from Stanley to Minneapolis and return will be \$24.92 and special rate tickets may also be obtained at all other stations. A special train from Minot is being arranged for with Spencer Folkedahl of Minot as committee in charge. He announces that patrons along the Great Northern line and branches west of Minot can buy their return tickets with a stopover privilege at Minot to join Minot people in making up the special train. This should be interesting to people here and other towns west of Minot. Those who desire to go on special train should make the necessary arrangements at once.

Secretary of State Kellogg, while in Minneapolis this week, conferred with those in charge regarding the arrangements during the president's stay. President Coolidge comes to Minneapolis for the sole purpose of attending the Centennial. The most important session will be on Monday afternoon June 8th when President Coolidge will speak before the grand

stand. Preceding him will be Frank B. Kellogg, secretary of state and Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota.

A notable feature will be the "Living Flag" by 420 St. Paul school children depicting first the flag of Norway, which will be unfolded into the Stars and Stripes.

"We want it distinctly understood" says S. H. Holstad, managing director, "that while the Centennial celebration is being arranged for the Norse-Americans, it is by no means for them alone. We want as many as possible of our fellow Americans in and out of the Twin Cities to come and rejoice with us in the notable achievements of the last 100 years.

Elsewhere in the Promoter in this issue you will find a complete program of the four big days, which are educational, entertaining and inspiring. Turn to page six and look it over.

Those who have received tickets to sell in the various localities of the county will make their report and return all unsold tickets and the money for the tickets sold to the undersigned on Saturday May 16th.

To those who have sacrificed their time and effort in placing the tickets before the public, I wish to express my sincere thanks, for your hearty co-operation

Yours truly,  
O. M. Kilen.

Stanley, N. D., Promoter  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL AT MINNEAPOLIS JUNE 6-9

On July 4th, 1825 a company of fifty-three passengers under the leadership of Kleng Person left Stavanger, Norway and on the 9th of October, 1825 landed in New York. They were the first real Norwegian settlers in this country.

In commemoration of this event, there will be held at the State Fair Grounds in Minnesota at Minneapolis a Centennial celebration which will take place on June 6 to 9th in honor of those immigrants of a century ago, one that will surpass any other celebration of its kind that has ever been held in the United States.

It should be a matter of pride for every one of Norse ancestry to exert himself to the utmost to make this celebration a really great and worthwhile affair.

The proposition of financing this great undertaking has been solved by the sale of tickets. Chairmen have been named for the various counties of the several states. The undersigned has been appointed as chairman of Mountrail county and has selected a number of assistants in the various parts of the county. Those sub-chairmen will make it a point to

see that every person in their respective communities are given a chance to buy at least one coupon book.

The following are selected and tickets have been sent them so they are now ready to supply the wants of those who want tickets:

- John Karlgaard ----- White Earth
- Christ Thronson ----- Powers Lake
- Ben Pederson ----- Powers Lake
- Harold Borg ----- Lunds Valley
- Oscar Haugen ----- Lostwood
- C. A. Christofferson ----- Palermo
- Marcus C. Lukkason ----- Blaisdell
- Ole Hove ----- Tagus
- Peder Anderson ----- Osloe
- Olaf Eidem ----- Oakland
- P. J. Lee ----- Blaisdell
- L. E. Ringoeh ----- Kickapoo
- George Sorenson ----- McAlmond
- A. O. Haugerud ----- Sanish
- Adolph Lien ----- Howie
- Louis Johnson ----- Liberty
- Martin Aadness ----- Van Hook twp
- Finar Nessel ----- Van Hook
- Hans J. Sjol ----- Parshall

Anyone who would like to assist to sell tickets, kindly let me know and a supply will be sent.

O. M. Kilen.

Pembina Co.

Pembina (N. D.) Echo  
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1925

# Norse-American To

**Program Full of Interesting Events;  
Special Car May Leave  
From Here**

Many of our readers will be interested to know that it will be possible for those who wish to take in the Centennial to travel in a special Pullman car. If thirty-four persons want to travel that way they can go for a total expense of less than twenty-five dollars, which includes sleeper white at the Twin Cities.

Mr. Ole Lovik, who is chairman of Pembina County, desires to have the names of all those who contemplate making the trip. The St. Paul Association and the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association are cooperating with other organizations to provide ample accommodations at reasonable prices. Regular prices will prevail during the entire period of the celebration.

The celebration proper will last three days and the program is literally filled to capacity with interesting events.

The program opens June 7th and Divine Festal Services will be held in the Hippodrome, Minnesota State Fair ground, in the egrand stands and in the Horticulture Building, all in the Fair Grounds. At these special services many of the best speakers and singers in the United States will appear. The St. Olaf Choir and Band and the Academic Mixed Choir of Norway will furnish part of the music for the occasion.

Monday afternoon Governor Theodore Christianson will introduce President Coolidge, who will be the principal speaker of the day. Other prominent men who will speak on Monday are Hon. J. A. O. Preus, Hon. Henrik Shipstead, Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, Hon. Peter Norbeck of South Dakota, Mayor Nelson of St. Paul, Mayor Leach of Minneapolis and Premier Brackin of Manitoba. Tuesday there will be a number of fifteen minute addresses by prominent men from all parts of the country and the famous Augustana Choir, of Sioux Falls, S. D., will give many selections.

## Big Dirigible Expected

According to most recent information from Washington, the big Navy Dirigible, "Los Angeles" will come to the Twin Cities for the celebration. Fifty airoplains of various sizes are also expected. The 109th Aero Squadron has volunteered to supply the 600 men necessary to man the ropes to hold the big dirigible at anchorage so that the crew may land and take supplies aboard.

Pembina, N. D. Express  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL WILL BE HELD IN JUNE

**Monstrous Gathering of Norsemen  
Will Take Place at Minnesota  
State Fair Grounds**

Every man and woman of Norse decent who can by any possibility spare a week or ten days in June should attend this great event. It is the first great gathering of its kind in American history. It will be a great and grand view of one hundred years of American history as exemplified in American citizenship of Norse ancestry. It will be educational, inspirational and entertaining in the highest degree. Those now living will never have the opportunity again of attending or enjoying anything just like it. Friends and relatives, parted for years, will find each other in this great reunion, revive old memories, live again in the past, witness the pageant of a hundred years of progress, and come home better Norsemen and better Americans.

The ticket allotment for Pembina county is 450. That means that at least 450 people will go from this county. These tickets are now on sale. Men are being appointed in various parts of the county to sell them. Inquire of your neighbor, or tell him. Talk about going. The more you talk about it the more certain you will be to go,—and you may get your neighbor started. After that it will be easy. Much easier to go than stay at home.

There will be caravans of cars from all parts of the Northwest. Already some of those who plan to go by car have perfected a preliminary organization. The object is to make all advance arrangements for the comfort and protection of those who are going this way, perhaps make reservations for lodging, garage room or camp site, plan the route and get advance information on all matters

of importance. Don't think, or say, you are not going but tell your neighbor to come along. You owe it to yourself and to your family. If you never take another vacation, don't miss this one. It is going to be the greatest event in your life.

If you desire further information write or call on Ole Lovik, of Drayton, who has charge of the Pembina county ticket sale.

Remember the dates, June 7, 8 and 9 1925, at Minneapolis.

Rugby, N. D. Tribune  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

On June 6-7-8 and 9 at the Fair Grounds in St. Paul-Minneapolis, will be held a celebration commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the beginning of immigration from Norway to the United States. This will be the largest gathering ever held in the history of the United States and it is estimated that from 50,000 to 100,000 visitors from outside the Twin Cities will attend.

A very good program of singing and speeches has been arranged and President Coolidge will give an address on June 8th. Nearly all foreign countries will also be represented and an opportunity will be had to see and hear numerous noted and distinguished men not only from our own country but also from foreign lands. This will be the opportunity of a lifetime to attend a gathering of this nature and all that possibly can, should plan to go to Minneapolis at that time. The celebration is particularly of interest to Americans of Norwegian birth, as it will give them a chance to meet friends and old acquaintances, as there will be meetings of all "Bygdelag" on the grounds at the celebration.

On account of the great expense of advertising the meeting and making all preliminary arrangements it is necessary to raise a lot of money before the meeting, and in order to do this, tickets have been put on sale at a reduced price. The regular admission to the Fair Grounds will be 50 cents for each meeting or program. The advance tickets are sold at \$1.50, which will admit holder to all meetings for the four days of the celebration. The reduced rate tickets will be taken off the market May 15.

A special train will be run from Minot and the time of departure will be appreciated by the men more than anything else. The disabled will surely give their hearty cooperation in the efforts of the government agents to secure that the celebration

Pierce Co.

## NORSE CENTENNIAL TO BE CELEBRATED SOON

The hundredth anniversary of the first Norse emigration to America will be celebrated at Minneapolis on June 7th to 9th. An elaborate program has been prepared by the committees in charge, and no efforts are being spared to make this event a fitting one in commemoration of the landing of the first ship-load of Norse emigrants in America.

Below we give an outline of the plans which have been made of the work that is being done.

The program for Sunday, June 7th, the opening day of the celebration proper, is not yet fully completed but we are able, at this time, to give a fairly complete outline of this day's program.

Sunday will be devoted exclusively to religious services and concerts. There will be two big services at ten o'clock in the morning, both in the Norwegian language. The services to be held in the Hippodrome, a building which will seat about seven thousand people, will be in charge of Reverend B. E. Bergesen, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Chairman of the Centennial Program committee. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. H. G. Stub of St. Paul, President of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America. The musical program at this service will be given by the Luther College Concert Band of seven or eight pieces, of Decorah, Iowa, the Luther Seminary Chorus of St. Paul and the Norwegian Singers Association.

The other services in Norwegian at 10 A. M., will be given at the Grand Stand, with Reverend H. K. Madsen of the Norwegian Methodist Church, preaching the sermon. The musical program will be given by the Augsburg Seminary Chorus and Band of Minneapolis and the Norwegian Singers Association. The last named organization will sing, at both services, "Den Store Hvide Flok" (The Great White Host), by Grieg, Norway's most famous composer.

Rt. Reverend Johan Lunde, Bishop of Oslo, Norway, will bring greetings from the Mother Church at both of these Norse services.

At eleven o'clock, before the Grand Stand, there will be English services, with sermon by Reverend O. H. Slettens, Minneapolis, of the Lutheran Free Church. The music will be provided by the famous St. Olaf Lutheran Choir and St. Olaf Band from Northfield.

At the Horticultural Building at eleven A. M., there will be special young people's services under direction of Rev. N. M. Ylvisaker, Minneapolis, with sermon by Professor J. A. Aasgaard, President of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. The musical program will be given by the Concordia College Chorus and Band or the musical forces from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

At two-thirty P. M., there will be a mass meeting at the Hippodrome, presided over by Rev. Bergesen, Chairman of the program committee. At this gathering the official address of welcome to the Centennial celebration, will be delivered by Professor Gisle Bothne, General Chairman of the Centennial Committee. Professor Bothne is Dean of the Scandinavian Department at the University of Minnesota. At this meeting also, there will be short addresses by Bishop Johan Lande and Professor Kristine Bonnevie, the only woman who holds a full professorship at the University of Oslo, Norway, and one of the few women in the world

similarly honored. There will also be responses from the official representatives of the Norwegian Government, the "Storting" (Parliament) University of Oslo, "Nordmands-Forbundet" and others. The internationally famous Academic Choir of fifty trained, mixed voices, from Norway, will sing. It is also expected that the Norwegian Singers Association Chorus will sing at this meeting. The official responses to the address of welcome will be delivered by T. O. Gilbert, President of the Sons of Norway.

From one-thirty to five o'clock, Sunday afternoon, it is planned to have a series of open air concerts in front of the Grand Stand, par-

ticipated in by most of the musical organizations engaged for the celebration. There will be a concert at the pavilion from six to seven-thirty P. M., by the Luther College Concert Band.

A grand concert, in which several of the leading musical organizations, also vocal and instrumental soloists will take part, will be given at eight P. M., before the Grand Stand.

So-called "amplifiers," or loud speakers will be installed in front of the Grand Stand which will enable as many as 150,000 people to hear both the addresses and music.

From copies of newspapers recently received from Norway, as well as direct information from certain organizations in the Old Country, it appears that plans are already well along for several celebrations also in Norway to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the departure of the little sloop, "Restaurationen" for America, on July 4th, 1825. A whole week's celebration is planned to be held at Akershus. The dates for this monster celebration are June 23rd to June 30th and the committee in charge comprises the leading men and women of Norway, including the Foreign Minister, President of the Storting, the Commanding General of the Army, Commanding Admiral of the Navy, President of the University of Oslo and the presidents of all leading organizations of various kinds.

Plans have also been made for a big celebration on July 4th at Stavanger, the port from which the "Restaurationen" sailed for America, with its vanguard of fifty-two Norse emigrants, on July 4th, 1825. Many hundreds of Norse-Americans have already planned to attend the Norse-American Centennial celebration in the Twin Cities, June 7th to 9th, and then leave immediately afterwards for Norway to participate in the big doings over there.

Word has just been received from Honorable Laurits S. Swenson, United States Minister to Norway, that he will be unable to come to America for the celebration here, much as he personally would like

to do so. He has been urgently requested by officials of the Norwegian Government, and others, to postpone his planned vacation trip to his home in Minneapolis and remain in Norway that he may officially represent the United States, as well as the Norse-Americans, at the various commemorative celebrations to be held in the Mother country. Minister Swenson advises that he has acceded to these requests and has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address at the Stavanger celebration on July 4th

All of the thirty-two male choruses, comprising the Norwegian Singers' Association of America, have been invited to participate in the Centennial celebration through Mr. T. F. Hamann, Minneapolis, corresponding secretary of the association. Although it is presumed that many of these organizations

will not be able to attend in full strength, it is hoped that enough of the individual members will come so as to form a large male chorus to sing Sunday, June 7th, and possibly at other doings during the celebration. St. Paul and Minneapolis organizations will furnish about two hundred singers, so it is hoped that a chorus of at least 500 voices will be available. An invitation is also extended to Norse male choruses that do not belong to the Norwegian Singer's Association, as well as the individual singers to join this special Centennial Choir. All singers who are willing to participate are requested to write at once to Mr. T. F. Hamann, 4009 Harriett Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota, preferably not later than May 1st. Hamann announces that the following songs are expected to comprise the repertoire: Landkjending, Naar Fjordane Blaaner, Gud Signe Norges Land, Vikingssoner, Beautiful Saviour, The Flag Without a Stain, and the national anthems, The Star Spangled Banner and Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet.

We Norsemen are particularly proud of the important part taken in the late world war by men of Norse blood and the committee is very desirous that Norse-American, ex-servicemen participate in the Centennial celebration to the largest

possible extent. For this reason, every ex-serviceman of Norse ancestry is urged to send his name and address to the Norse-American Centennial Committee, 11 Washington Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minnesota, at once. Parents, or other relatives or friends of men who were killed in action or died in service, are also earnestly urged to send in the names of such, together with the town or the address from which they entered the service and the unit to which they belonged, also where and when they died.

Mr. E. G. Quamme, President of the Federal Land Bank at St. Paul, who is also Chairman of the Centennial Finance Committee, is anxiously awaiting word as to which county chairman will be first to go "over the top" on ticket sales. The quotas for the various committees have been made as fairly as possible, based on statistics as to the number of Norse-Americans in each county. There is no contest on, but the Publicity Director will venture to say that the chairman of the first county that disposes of its quota of tickets, will have some free smokes at Mr. Quamme's expense.

Mr. L. W. Gorder, who has immediate charge of the ticket sales campaign, announces that 142 counties are now organized for the campaign with from 15 to 75 ticket salesmen each and that other counties are being organized as rapidly as county chairmen are appointed. Here is a "tip" for county chairmen. On April 2nd, at Sioux

Falls, S. Dak., a banquet was held under direction of County Chairman Monserud for all the village and township chairmen of Minnehaha County. Governor Carl Gunderson, of South Dakota, was the principal speaker and from all reports it was a most successful affair. This is certainly a splendid way in which to give impetus to the ticket sales campaign and we venture to say that Minnehaha County will be among the first to go "over the top."

Mr. C. O. Teisberg, Chairman of the Manufacturers and Industries Committee of the Centennial, desires to have the name and address of all Norse-Americans engaged in manufacturing of anything from pins to threshing machines. Also of inventors who have invented anything that is of general interest to the public, even though the invented article is not being manufactured or on sale. There are many inventions patented that are really worth while, but are not on the market, frequently because of lack of capital. In such cases this committee would like very much to have the inventor's model on exhibit. Manufacturing concerns desiring to exhibit their products must be owned or controlled by men of Norse or Icelandic ancestry.

It is to be hoped that all who receive this Bulletin will exert themselves to help the committee, as outlined above, that the industrial exhibits be as large and interesting as possible.

Professor Gisle Bothne, General Chairman of the Centennial, has just returned from a ten days' trip in the interest of the Centennial celebration. He visited Duluth, Virginia and Crookston, Minnesota, Fargo and Grand Forks, North Dakota and Winnipeg, Canada. Professor Bothne spoke to large and enthusiastic audiences in most of these cities. He reports the work on behalf of the Centennial is very well organized in all the places he visited. He was especially impressed with the wonderful activities displayed by the Canadian committee, which has headquarters at Winnipeg. While at Winnipeg, Chairman Bothne also had a conference with Premier Bracken of the Province of Manitoba, who promised his personal co-operation in helping make the Centennial celebration a success. On his return from this trip, Chairman Bothne was more optimistic than ever as to the success of the coming celebration. "I found a great deal of enthusiasm everywhere, and hundreds of Norse-American men and women working hard in their respective communities to make the Norse-American Centennial celebration an event of which everyone of Norse blood may have reason to be proud," said Chairman Bothne.

### THE NORSE CELEBRATION

#### If You Want to Attend Notify Slope Chairman in Bismarck

Judging from reports there will be a large number of people from Bismarck and vicinity going to the great Norse American Centennial celebration in Minneapolis in June. According to reports from headquarters at Minneapolis all hotel space in twir city hotels is fast being signed up for that period, and since it is evident that upward of a quarter of a million people will come in to the cities for that occasion, which is nearly ten times as many as the hotels can take care of, it begins to look as though it might be best to provide one's own sleeping quarters. And at the suggestion of a few I have taken the matter up with the Northern Pacific railway company and received substantially the following information:

If at least 25 people buy return tickets from Bismarck to Minneapolis and back, a standard sleeper can be chartered, this to be attached to train No. 4 leaving Bismarck Friday evening, June 5th, arriving at Minneapolis at 7:30 a. m. on the 6th, there to be placed on a siding convenient for the occupants and as near to the Minnesota fair grounds as possible, to be furnished with porter and all regular and necessary conveniences, to be used there by these same passengers as sleeping quarters during the Norse-American Centennial celebration, and be attached to train No. 1 leaving Minneapolis at 11:00 p. m. on the evening of June 9th, arriving at Bismarck at 11:30 the next day. The requisition of such a car must be made at least four weeks before June 5th. Aside from the ticket which each passenger must have, the sleeper will cost approximately \$357.50 for 25 people, and if there are more people, it will cost just a little more on account of the surtax. A tourist sleeper can be furnished under similar conditions at about \$200.00.

The ordinary sleeper has twelve sections and a stateroom. By filling it to its capacity it will accomodate about 48 to 50 people. And if a crowd of nearly that many will make use of the opportunity it will make very cheap sleeping accommodations,—and be sure of a place to sleep. Railroad fare for the occasion is one and one-third for the round trip, \$20.39 Bismarck to Minneapolis and return.

In order that we may know what to expect I am sending this information to people in the Slope country. If you have any idea of going to Minneapolis by train, please write me immediately as to whether or not you would like to go along on the plan

All Norskies should buy a ticket for the Centennial, whether they go or not. You owe this to yourself and to your country. Get your tickets now from J. I. Hegge or some other ticket seller and do not wait for someone to ask you to purchase tickets. It is impossible for the ticket agents to see everybody at their own expense.

The railroad fare to Minneapolis will be \$18.80 for the round trip.

A sleeping car from Maddock to Minneapolis will be arranged for, the same to remain on the track near the fair grounds and usea while there instead of going to hotels. If interested see J. I. Hegge at once.

All Bismarck will travel in Minneapolis the day before the Centennial, or June 6. Attend your Bygdetag and Centennial at the same time.

All tickets should be purchased before the 15th of May in order for the county to get proper credit. Before said date the tickets are \$1.00 for the three days. After that date the tickets will be \$1.50.

If you want a silver medal at \$1.25, give your order to J. I. Hegge.

Anyone desiring hotel accommodations should arrange for same early. J. I. Hegge will you any information desired.

Dickinson, N. D., Press  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1923

### Belfield Pastor is County Chairman Of Norse Centennial

Rev. J. G. Rugland of Belfield has been appointed chairman for Stark county for the Norse-American Centennial to be held in St. Paul June 6 to 9. President Calvia Coolidge will speak to the Centennial on Monday, June 8. It is expected that the festivities will draw a large number from western North Dakota. Those from Stark county who plan to attend should confer with Rev. Rugland.

### APPOINTED STEELE COUNTY CHAIRMAN

E. H. Gilbertson of Finley has been appointed county chairman for the Norse-American Centennial to be held in Minneapolis on June 7-8-9, and is now busy appointing sub-chairmen in the different townships.

The purpose of the Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America. There have been two important migrations from Norway. The first began a thousand years ago, when many of the war-lords, earls and petty rulers refused to bend knee to Harald the Fair Haired, who made himself ruler of all Norway, and sailed away to Iceland with all their wealth and many retainers. The second began a hundred years ago, when the sloop "Restaurationen" (The Restoration) crossed the Atlantic to the land discovered by Leif the Lucky, and started an exodus to the broad, fertile plains of America. The first was a migration of Norse chieftans, proud, wealthy and powerful, but because of the unfavorable conditions that awaited them, they had a hard struggle to maintain themselves. The second was a migration of Norway's common people, plain and simple, without wealth, but who because of favorable conditions and faithful work, soon acquired a competence and are now numbered among the most prosperous people of the earth.

This Centennial will be the greatest celebration ever held by Norsemen in America. The program will include speakers and musicians of world-wide fame. The President will very likely appear in person in behalf of the government of the United States. The Premier of Canada or a member of his cabinet will represent Canada. Distinguished officials from Norway will be present. Crown Prince Olav has been invited to attend.

Advance tickets will be sold at \$1.00 covering the entire three days. These same tickets will be sold at the gate at \$1.50. It is expected that whether or not one can attend, all Norse-

men will contribute \$1.00 to make it a success, as it is a big undertaking. The names of all contributors will be permanently recorded.

Pingree, N. Dak., Record  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### The Norse-American Centennial

#### Celebration in St. Paul--June

Professor Gisle Bothne, General chairman of the Centennial, has just returned from a ten days trip in the interest of the Centennial celebration. He visited Duluth, Virginia and Crookston, Minn.; Fargo and Grand Forks, N. D., and Winnipeg, Canada. Prof. Bothne spoke to large and enthusiastic audiences in most of these cities. He reports the work on behalf of the Centennial is very well organized in all the places he visited. He was especially impressed with the wonderful activities displayed by the Canadian committee, which has headquarters at Winnipeg. While at Winnipeg, Chairman Bothne also had a conference with Premier Bracken of the Province of Manitoba, who promised his personal co-operation in helping make the Centennial a success. On his return from this trip, Chairman Bothne was more optimistic than ever as to the success of the coming celebration. "I found a great deal of enthusiasm everywhere, and hundreds of Norse-American men and women working hard in their respective communities to make the Norse American Centennial celebration an event of which every one of Norse blood may have reason to be proud," he said.

A special Pullman service to St. Paul will be arranged from Jamestown with a stop over of three days the cost of which would amount to approximately \$22.84. Any one planning on making the trip should make reservations directly to Sigurd Grande, chairman for Stutsman county, before May 15th.

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Finley, N. D., Press  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

### INTEREST SHOWN IN NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

In connection with the Norse-American Centennial to be held in Minneapolis on June 7-8-9, E. H. Gilbertson, County Chairman, announces the appointment of the following sub-chairman:

- Knut Furos, Finley Village
  - A. B. Mickelson, Finley Village
  - P. A. Jorgenson, Sharon Township and Village
  - Hjalmar Solwick, Franklin Township
  - I. M. Sund, Finley Township
  - K. B. Ask, Greenview Township
  - Herby Rygg, Sherbrooke Twp.
  - E. A. Erickson, Primrose Twp.
  - C. A. Sund, Melrose Twp. & Blabon
  - N. H. Holman, Edendale and Broad-lawn Townships
  - Melvin Roseth, Willow Lake Twp. and Luverne.
  - E. J. Odden, Golden Lake Twp.
- Most of these chairmen report considerable interest in the drive to make the Centennial a complete success. The appointment of chairmen in the remaining townships in the county will be made soon.

Valley City, N. D., Times Record  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1925

According to information received in a letter by N. O. Holberg, county chairman for the Norse-American Centennial meeting at the Minnesota State Fair grounds June 6-9 of this year, former Governor R. A. Nestos of North Dakota, paid Centennial headquarters at the New Nicollet hotel, Minneapolis, a visit recently while passing through the city en route to deliver a series of Chautauqua lectures throughout the South, that will keep him busy for about three months. According to the letter, Mr. Nestos reported great and showing interest in the coming celebration in all parts of North Dakota and ventured the guess that not less than 25,000 people from this state will be Centennial visitors. From other reports from North Dakota, the letter says, officers of the Centennial are inclined to believe Gov. Nestos has made a very conservative estimate.

Washburn (N. D.) Leader  
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1925

### BUY A TICKET FOR THE NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

The time for the Norse-American Centennial celebration in Minneapolis is drawing near—June 6 to 9—and the county chairman Rev. Harold Hansen, of Washburn urged that the people of the county buy tickets for the festivities. Quite a few people still cling to the idea that if they are not going to attend the celebration they certainly do not want to buy tickets. Bear in mind however, that you are not so much asked to buy tickets as to contribute a dollar or two towards

the success of one of the many great birthday parties that mark the history development of the U. S. A.—the nation of nations.

As this particular event is of special interest to the Norwegian-Americans, it is natural that they are doubly interested and chiefly called upon for contributions. Therefore give a dollar or two when asked for it and don't let this "ticket" worry you. If you are not going to use it keep it as a souvenir. It is also your receipt for having contributed to one of the history making events of our country.

Columbia, N. D., Press  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1925

O. I. Ronning has been appointed Sub Chairman of this community for the Norse-American Centennial, Minnesota State Fair Grounds, June 7, 8, and 9, 1925 for the purpose of selling Admission Tickets.

Coupon Tickets good for three admittances at any outside gate—3 tickets for \$1.00.

The committee instructs Mr. Ronning to sell these tickets to the people, whether they intend on going or not as the committee needs lots of funds for this Centennial Celebration.

Steele, N. D., Press  
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

### R. R. Rates To Norse Centennial

To the Press:

Will you kindly make it known to the readers of the Press that if we can get 40 who will be willing to go together and hire a sleeper for the Norse-American Centennial the railroad will furnish one from Steele to the Cities, will park it near the Fair Grounds for their use while attending the Centennial, and return to Steele for about \$30.00 per passenger. Also that the railroads will give a special rate of a fare and one-third for round trip, or in other words \$18.84 from Steele and return. Tickets will be on sale from June 4th to 9th and good for return up to and including the 20th. Further, if we can get 25 to go from this county the railroad will furnish a special Day Coach for the county.

Now, then if we are going to do this I want to know soon, so talk it over with others and let me know at once, and I will attend to the rest.

O. E. ERICKSON, Tappen, N. D. Chairman for Norse American Centennial.

# NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL STARTS NEXT SATURDAY

The Twin Cities will be the scene of one of the most notable expositions in history, June 6 to 9, when the Norse-American centennial celebration, marking the marking the passage of 100 years of Norwegian immigration to America, will be held.

The round trip fare via the Soo Line from Plaza is \$24, which is little more than the regular one-way fare. Many from the Plaza country who were planning to make the trip by automobile have changed their minds on account of the recent heavy rains and will take advantage of the low rates offered by the Soo Line.

Resembling in many respects a world's fair, and having a number of features which such expositions have lacked, the centennial celebration will attract nearly 250,000 visitors from the United States, Canada and Norway. These, mingling with the populace of Minneapolis and St. Paul will constitute the largest gathering in the history of this country in point of attendance. This celebration is the fruit of six years of tireless work done by a large group of prominent Norwegian-Americans.

The exposition will serve to reveal the important part Norwegian-Americans have played in moulding the United States into the greatest nation, agriculturally

industrially, in religion, science, art, literature, politics and sport, as well as every other conceivable field of human endeavor. The extent of Norse-American contributions to the making of the United States, and the wide range which they cover, will be suggested by the numerous exhibits placed at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, where the celebration proper will be held, commencing with religious services, Sunday, June 7.

The United States government recognizing the Norwegian-American element as one of the nation's principal racial groups has extended whole hearted support to the world wide move to make the celebration a success. Likewise, the government of Norway, headed by King Haakon, has given its support and encouragement to the exposition and the men directing it. This encouragement from official sources combined with the inherent desire of the Norwegian people to join with the American kinsmen in commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the Norwegian "Mayflower" party, has resulted in the passage of two large ocean steamers over the Atlantic, bearing Norway's contingent to the exposition.

The Twin Cities will play host during the celebration to a large

group of outstanding leaders in the political, industrial and religious life of both nations. The official delegation of the United States government will be headed by President Coolidge and Secretary of State F. B. Kellogg. More than a score United States Senators, congressmen and governors, the majority of them of Norwegian lineage, also will be there. Heading this group will be United States Senator Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota and United States Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota.

Heading the delegation representing the Norwegian government will be Christian Bryn, the Norwegian ambassador to the United States; Lars Oftedahl, the Norwegian minister of labor and C. J. Hambro, of the Norwegian storthing. Norwegian educational institutions will be represented by Dr. Frederick Strang, president of the University of Oslo. William Morgenstjerne will rep-

resent the Norwegian World association; Hans Seland will represent the Norwegian Farmers Association; J. C. Solberg, Oslo Rotary Club; and G. A. Larson, the Draughtsmen's Association of Norway.

Thomas H. Johnson, Winnipeg, will be the official representative of Canada. Premier Bracken of Manitoba, will accompany him to the Twin Cities. Greetings from

the premier of British Columbia, where large numbers of Norwegian immigrants have settled, is to be brought to the celebration by C. J. Bjarke, Norwegian consul at Vancouver.

Bishop Johnan Peter Lunde of Oslo and Dr. H. G. Stubb of St. Paul, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, will head delegations of clergymen representing church groups of the two countries.

A number of musical organizations, some of which have won international fame, will appear on exposition program. These include the world famous Saint Olaf's college choir, the Norwegian Singers Association of America, the Augustana, choir Sioux Falls; St. Olaf male quartet and band; Luther college band of Decorah, Iowa; Our Savior choir of Omaha; joint church choruses of Grand Forks.

The Minnesota state exhibit at the state fair grounds, supervised by a committee headed by N. J. Holmberg, will feature early pioneer life. It will deal with agriculture and husbandry, mining, fisheries, forestry, horticulture and scenery.

An exhibit dealing with Norwegian-Americans in trade and commerce will be displayed under the supervision of Arne Kildal of New York. He will deliver a historical address on the subject.

Minot, N. D., Press  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

## CENTENNIAL TICKETS MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE

The time for the Norse-American Centennial celebration in Minneapolis is drawing near, and as a member of the staff of volunteers who are helping the county chairman, Mr. M. Ringen in the sale of tickets, I wish to state that quite a number of people still cling to the idea that if they are not going to attend the festivities, they certainly do not want to buy tickets. Kindly bear in mind that you are not so much asked to buy tickets as to contribute a dollar or two towards the success of one of the many great birthday parties that mark the historical development of our own U. S. A., the nation of nations.

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—J. O. BERGHEIM.

Maddock, N. D., Standard  
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1925

## Subscribe for Standard

CENTENNIAL NEWS

Are you going to Minneapolis to the Norse-American Centennial June 7, 8 and 9 and see the large airship Los Angeles and fifty others come in from Washington at the same time?

Lake Norden, S. D., Enterprise  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1925

### Arousing Much Enthusiasm for Norse Centennial Celebration

The committee which has in charge the advance sale of tickets for the Norse Centennial celebration at the Twin Cities on June 6, 7, 8 and 9 is arousing considerable enthusiasm and the indications are that this section will be well represented at the event.

Among the famous speakers who will be present are President Calvin Coolidge, Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State of the United States, Hon. H. H. Bryhn, Norway's minister to this country, Rt. Rev. J. P. Lunde, bishop of Oslo, Norway.

Among the musical organizations who will be present are the Academic Choir of 50 voices from Norway, the St. Olaf choir and band, Luther college concert band, Augsburg seminary glee club, Concordia college choir, Augustana college choir, Waldorf college choir, and the Norwegian Singers Association male chorus.

SIoux Falls, S. D., Press  
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925.

### SEEK OLDEST NORSE VET.

If He Can Be Found He Will Help Guard Coolidge.

Pierre, S. D., May 21.—If the oldest Norse-American veteran of the civil war residing in South Dakota will step forward and make himself known to Hans Ustrud, executive chairman for South Dakota of the Norse-American centennial celebration in the Twin cities, June 7, 8 and 9, he will be honored by being made a member of the honorary bodyguard at the centennial for President Calvin Coolidge, who will be the principal guest and speaker at the celebration.

Mr. Ustrud announced today his quest for the oldest Norse-American veteran of the civil war in South Dakota, and declared that he anticipates some sharp rivalry for the honor among South Dakota wearers of the blue who are of Norse descent.

It is possible, Mr. Ustrud announced, that more than one of South Dakota's oldest Norse-American civil war veterans will be honored with a place in the president's bodyguard. Veterans who believe themselves likely contestants for the honor are asked by Mr. Ustrud to communicate with him at Pierre, so that he may ascertain what veterans or veterans

Sioux Falls, S. D., Press  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1925

## S. D. BOOSTING BIG CENTENNIAL

### County Chairmen Named to Help Secure Large Norwegian Attendance

(From The Press Bureau  
at State Capital)

Pierre, S. D., Mar. 28.—The members of the state executive committee in charge of arrangements in South Dakota for interesting the Norwegians of the state in the big Norse-American Centennial celebration to be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 6 and 7, inclusive, have approved the naming of county committees in each county of the state and has communicated with each committeeman asking for cooperation in securing a big attendance from this state and in raising a small fund which will be necessary for defraying the expenses of a headquarters in Minneapolis.

The state committee, which is composed of H. A. Ustrud, chairman; J. H. Johnson, Pierre, secretary, and O. P. J. Engstrom, treasurer, has announced the following county committees:

Aurora county: J. T. Jacobson, Plankinton; Gunner Dahl, Mt. Vernon; Lars Bruce, Letcher.

Beadle county—R. O. Richards and O. S. Hagen, Huron.

Brookings county—H. C. Halverson, Sinal; C. O. Trygstad, Brookings; Julius, Martinsen, Volga.

Brown county—O. A. Groch, Aberdeen; Tom Berg and Chris Hauge, Westport.

Brule county—George Abild, Pukwana; Martin Strand, Kimball.

Butte county—Oscar Reppen, Newell.

Campbell county—G. G. Thibault and Martin I. Larson, Mound City.

Charles Mix county—August Loken, Wagner; Enoch Norbeck and Adolph Rasmussen, Platte.

Clark county—P. O. Rasmussen and Thomas F. Fjelland, Clark; E. W. Anderson, Willow Lakes.

Clay county—Henry G. Grangaard, Peter Leikvold and C. J. Gunderson, Vermillion.

Codington county—Hans Mathieson, Erick Hegna and H. H. Lovald, Watertown.

Corson county—M. H. Lund, O. G. Dahl and Melker Johnson, McLaughlin.

Custer county—William Williamson Custer.

Davison county—August Carlson and Henry Helgerson, Mitchell; John A. Johnson, Mt. Vernon.

Day county—A. T. H. Bosland, Waubay; Lars Fjeldahl, Webster; D. J. Davidson, Bristol.

Deuel county—J. A. Thronson, Clear Lake; G. A. Lovre, Toronto; L. C. Solberg, Gary.

Dewey county—Henry Olson, Firesteel; Hans M. Johnson, Isabel.

Edmunds county—C. H. Rebrud, Ipswich.

Grant county—Louis Anderson, Albee; Norman Nelson, Stockholm; O. R. Olson, Summit.

Gregory county—Sam Lunn, Bonesteel; Knut Flisram, Bonesteel; Torsten Graven, Burke.



Watertown, S. D., Public Opinion  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1925

# NAME COMMITTEES NORSE CENTENIAL

## Hans Mathiesen, Erick Hegna and H. A. Hogstad Designated in Codington County

(By Associated Press.)

Baltic, S. D., March 24.—Committees in fifty-five South Dakota counties to sponsor plans for participation of South Dakotans of Norse descent in the Norse Centennial celebration at Minneapolis next June 6 to 9 were announced by H. A. Ustrud, chairman of the state committee. Julius H. Johnson of Pierre is secretary and O. P. J.

Ustrud of Pierre treasurer of the state organization.

The county committees include:

Ahrore: J. T. Jacobson, Plankinton; Gunnar Dahl, Mt. Vernon; Lars Brue, Letcher.

Beadle: R. O. Richards, Huron; O. S. Hagen, Huron; Andrew Martin, Huron.

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Clay: H. L. Grangaard, Peter Leikvold and C. J. Gunderson, Vermillion.

Codington: Hans Mathiesen, Erick Hegna, Watertown; H. H. Hogstad, Florence.

Corston: M. H. Lund, O. G. Dahl, M. Johnson, McLaughlin.

Custer: William Williamson, Custer; Oscar Jetlie, Fairburn.

Davison: August Carson, Henry Helgerson, Mitchell; John A. Johnson, Mt. Vernon.

Day: A. T. H. Bosland, Waubay; Lars Fiksdahl, Webster; D. J. Davidson, Waubay.

Deuel: J. Thronson, Clear Lake; G. Lovre, Toronto; L. C. Solberg, Gary.

Dewey: Henry Olson, Firesteel; Hans M. Johnson, Isabel.

Grant: Louis Anderson, Albee; Norman Nelson, Stockholm; O. R. Olson, Summit.

Gregory: Sam Lunn, Knut Flisran, Bonesteel; Torsten Graven, Burke.

Haakon: E. M. Larson, James Nelson, Philip; Rev. Ellef Olson, Sansarc.

Hamlin: C. S. Arneson, Bryant; Gust Nelson, Estelline; John Brandt, Hayti.

Hanson: Martin Olson, Oscar Rognstad, Fulton; Ole Lassegard, Mitchell.

Harding: George O. Sletten, Rev. Olaf Olson, Buffalo; Albert Albertson, Bullock.

Haakon county—E. M. Larson and James Nelson, Philip.

Hamlin county—G. A. S. Arneson, Bryant; Gust Nelson, Estelline; John Brandt, Hayti.

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Hughes county—Julius H. Johnson, Herman Sterud and J. T. Nelson, Pierre.

Hand county—J. P. Jenson, Westington; and Gilbert Larson, Menno; C. O. Carlson, Freeman.

Hyde county—John Vollum, Knut Hewick and Ben Hagen, Highmore.

Jackson county—Rev. O. H. Olson, Powell; C. L. Scotsvold, Cottonwood.

Kingsbury county—Charles A. Alseth, John J. Ostroot and H. M. Larson, Lake Preston.

Lake county—Hans Urdahl and Carl Steensland, Madison; C. J. Johnson, Rutland.

Lawrence county—Nels Brekke, Spearfish; G. Frederickson, Nemo; Martin Johnson, Lead.

Lincoln county—T. T. Sexe and A. A. Isaacson, Canton; Oscar Fladmark, Hudson.

Lyman county—Jorgen J. Boe, Anton Sater, and S. Holmersgaard, Presho.

McCook county—J. E. Osterberg and John Anderson, Salem; Henry Anderson, Untyville.

McPherson county—Henry W. Knutson, Leola.

Marshall county—Carl J. Mohn, M. J. Staven and Otto Kaas, Britton.

Meade county—H. Johnson and G. Gullickson, Sturgis.

Miner county—Peter Gudahl, Carl Holvig and Henry Hauge, Howard.

Minnehaha county—Iver Oien, Crooks; P. Bernhardt, Sioux Falls; C. T. Hegness, Baltic.

Moody county—J. P. Kluge, Coleman; O. A. Hove and Andrew Hasvold, Flandreau.

Pennington county—L. A. Munson, Quinn.

Perkins county—Gustav Sundahl, Lemmon; L. T. Larson, Lodgepole; John Quaal, Stroom.

Potter county—Einar Jordeth, Gettysburg.

Roberts county—O. A. Hofstad, Sisseton; A. Prestwick, Summit; Rev. T. Gunderson, Claire City.

Spink county—Senator Peter Norbeck, Redfield; N. J. Odegaard, Mellette; August Nelson, Doland.

Turner county—E. H. Odland, Hurley; T. J. Gunderson, Parker; Elmer Severson, Centerville.

Union county—A. L. Larson, Burbank; A. C. Ringsrud, Elk Point.

Walworth county—Julius Skaug, Mobridge.

Yankton county—W. O. Nelson, Yankton; Einar Johnson, Volin; Rev. C. V. Smeby, Mission Hill.

Belbach county—J. G. Brende and G. E. Pladsen, Dupree.

Faulk county—John Bentsen, Cresbard.

Bon Homme county—C. G. Lawrence and Emil Lange, Springfield.

Fall River county—H. J. Bestul, Edgemont.

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Meade: H. Johnson, G. Gullickson, Sturgis; Edward Thompson, Marcus.

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Fall River: H. J. Bestul, Edgemont.

Mellette: R. Week, Woods.

Perkins: Martin Johnson, Draper.

Sturgis: Albert Norby, Fort Pierre; A. J. Johnson, Sansarc.

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Brookings Co.  
Bruce, S. D. Herald  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1925

## COUNTY COMMITTEE NORSE-AMERICAN ARE CHOSEN

The State Executive committee in charge of arrangements in South Dakota has appointed county committees in the various counties of the state. The committee for Brookings county is H. C. Halvorson, of Sinai; Carl Trygstad, of Brookings and Julius Martinson of Volga. This committee will endeavor to interest the people of Norwegian extraction in this big centennial celebration which will be held on the state Fair Grounds of Minnesota, June 6-9 inclusive.

The centennial is in commemoration of the beginning of the modern immigration to this country. One hundred years ago a little ship of 45 tons "Restauration" after called the "May Flower of the North" landed in New York with 53 passengers. This marks the beginning of a large emigration from Norway which with their descendants are now variously numbered from 2 3/4 to 5 million people.

The celebration will without doubt be the largest in point of numbers ever held in the twin cities. It is backed by the Young People's League which holds its biennial meeting at this time by over 30 "Bygdelay," 3000 Lutheran congregations, Sons of Norway and a number of other organizations. Special rates will be given by the railroads and thousands will go by their own cars.

President Coolidge will be present and speak. Norway will probably be represented by Crown Prince Olaf, Dr. Nausen, the famous explorer and other men of renown. A university male chorus from Norway will sing as will also the famous St. Olaf choir. Luther college band and other great bands will furnish music. Besides a number of special entertainments there will be a peasant wedding (Bendebryllup) and a historical pageant.

The Centennial Committee for Brookings County has appointed committees in the cities and townships to aid them in creating interest in the great celebration to be held June 6th to 9th, inclusive. These men will boost in their respective communities and will also have season tickets to offer. It is hoped by this committee that the public and especially every one of Norse extraction will assist by purchasing these advance tickets. The price is three tickets for \$1.00.

All committees are serving without pay. The income from the sale of tickets goes to finance the big affair on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. The number of tickets sold will also give the committee in the Twin Cities an idea of how many people will attend. Indications are that this will be the biggest thing of its kind ever staged in this country. It is backed by all "Bygdelay" organizations, 3000 congregations, and a number of other organizations and all railroads of the northwest have now promised reduced fares.

The following are the committees appointed, the first named in each town to act as chairman, who will receive the tickets from the chairman of ticket sales, and account to him for the same:

Alfred Martinson is the Chairman of the ticket sales.

### BRUCE CITY:

Edwin Holm

### BROOKINGS CITY:

O. J. Otterness

E. E. Haugen

Oscar Johnson

John Bjorge

### VOLGA CITY:

Julius Martinson

John C. Hammer

### SINAI:

H. C. Tommervik

Hans Erickson

Edw. Evenson

### BANGOR TOWNSHIP:

Lewis Olson

Tom Tvedt

Andrew Berg

### WINSOR TOWNSHIP:

Jacob Hogstad

H. T. Hermanson

### OAKWOOD TOWNSHIP:

Tom Jacobson

Ole Anderson

### VOLGA TOWNSHIP:

John Gruseth

Albert J. Nelson

### OLSO TOWNSHIP:

Nels Rude

Ed. Hamre

John Berg

### MEDARY TOWNSHIP:

John Lunden

Andrew Bortnem

### BROOKINGS TOWNSHIP:

Ole Odegaard

Iver Steen

### STERLING TOWNSHIP:

Albert Odegaard

Olaf Hegg

Ole Erickson

### EUREKA TOWNSHIP:

John Johnson

### HENDRICKS TOWNSHIP:

Ellef Sandro

Andrew Froiland

### PRESTON TOWNSHIP:

R. O. Tollefson

### ARGO TOWNSHIP:

Osmund Stagstad

### OAK LAKE TOWNSHIP:

John Blomberg

O. H. Anderson

Volga, S. D. Tribune  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1925

## BROOKING COUNTY COM-

## MITTEES FOR NORWEGIAN CENTENIAL ARE APPOINTED

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Alfred Martinson, Volga chairman ticket sales.

Brookings City: O. J. Otterness, E. E. Haugen, Oscar Johnson, and John Bjorge.

Volga City: Julius Martinson, John C. Hammer, Ole Oines.

Bruce City: Edwin Holm.

Sinai: H. C. Tommervik, Hans Erickson, Edw. Evenson.

Bangor Township: Lewis Olson.

Tom Tvedt, Andrew Berg.

Winsor Township: Jacob Hogstad, H. T. Hermanson.

Oakwood Township: Tom Jacobson, Ole Anderson.

Volga Township: John Gruseth, Albert J. Nelson.

Oslo Township: Nels Rude, Ed. Hamre, John Berg.

Preston Township: Rob. Tollefson.

Medary Township: John Lunden, Andrew Bortnem.

Brookings Township: Ole Odegaard, Iver Steen.

Sterling Township: Albert Odegaard, Olaf Hegg, Ole Erickson.

Eureka Township: John Johnson.

Hendricks Township: Ellef Sandro, Andrew Froiland.

Argo Township: Osmund Flagstad.

Oak Lake Township: J. Blomberg, O. H. Anderson.

The chairman of each of these committees will be seen by a member of the county executive committee in the near future and furnish them with the necessary tickets. We are hoping that Brookings county will be well represented at the Centennial.

H. C. HALVORSON  
CARL TRYGSTAD  
JULIUS MARTINSON  
Committee for Brookings County.

Mitchell S. D. Republican  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1925

## Mitchell Men are Named to Act for Norse Centennial

John Releson, Judges O. C. Releson and O. S. Leeland of Mitchell, have been named as the Davison county committee for the Norse-American Centennial to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., on June 7, 8 and 9.

H. A. Ustrud, chairman of the state executive committee.

These men have been urged by the state committee to boost the sale of tickets for this huge event, at which President Coolidge will be one of the principal speakers. Special rates of fare and a third have been granted over the Milwaukee and Omaha railroad for this event, which amounts to \$14.88 over both roads. Tickets are good from June 4 to 20, inclusive.

Clark (S. D.) Review  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

## HON. ELMER ANDERSON HEADS NORSE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY

Announcement is made of the county committees over South Dakota that will sponsor plans for the participation by the Norwegians of the state in the Norse Celebration at the Twin Cities next June 6 to 9, at which time the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in the American Northwest territory a century ago will be celebrated. A delegation of representatives from Norway will attend. The other members from Clark county are P. O. Rasmussen and Thos. L. Fjelland.

Webster, S. D. Reporter-Farm  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL TICKET SALE CAMPAIGN

Andrew Kopperud, Day county chairman, has received instructions for the intensive drive which will be put on for advance sale of tickets for the centennial celebration. This is known as "Centennial Week" and every man and woman having to do with the advance sale of tickets is most urgently requested to work harder than ever during this particular period to assure the financial success of our celebration. Comparatively few of our people realize the tremendous expense involved in putting on this celebration. Thousands and tens of thousands of dollars are required to defray such expenses as rental of the Minnesota State Fair Grounds; printing and stationery; postage and advertising; clerical help; installation of loud speaking equipment (which alone will cost about \$3500.00); staging, costuming and floats for the big pageant; raised platform and costumes for the living flag; insurance of various kinds, including insurance of all exhibits both

in transit and while at the fair ground and a thousand and one items of expense which run into many thousands of dollars. With true characteristic Norwegian independence, the board of directors of the centennial decided at the outset that they would not ask for cash contributions from the business interests of Minneapolis and St. Paul, or from individual Norse-Americans and others, to finance the celebration. This means that the celebration must be financed principally through the sale of admission tickets. We believe everybody concerned should be advised of this situation, that they may fully realize the tremendous importance of the advance ticket sales campaign and exert themselves to the limit to insure the financial success of the undertaking.

Clear Lake, S. D. Courier  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

At a meeting of representative Scandinavians from different parts of South Dakota, held at Pierre on February 24th, a committee was selected for each county of the state to awaken interest in and promote attendance at the Norse-American Centennial celebration to be held on the Minnesota fair grounds June 6th to 9th inclusive. President Coolidge with military escort composed of Norwegian ex-service men of the world war, will be in attendance. Crown Prince Olaf of Norway is also expected to be present. The "Studentor Koret" of Oslo, Norway, the famous St. Olaf choir of Northfield, Minn., and the Luther College Concert Band will furnish vocal and instrumental music. The committee appointed for Deuel county are John A. Thronson, chairman; G. A. Lovre, Toronto; and L. C. Solberg, Gary. These gentlemen will give you any information you may desire regarding the celebration. The Courier will endeavor to keep you posted in regard to the matter in subsequent issues.

Brvant (S. D.) Review  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1925

Committees have been appointed from fifty five South Dakota counties to sponsor plans for the participation of South Dakotans of Norse descent in the Norse Centennial celebration at Minneapolis next June 6 to 9, according to H. A. Ustrud, chairman of the state committee. The Hamlin County committee is as follows: G. A. Starneson, Brvant, Gust Nelson, Estelne, John Brandt, Hayti.

Madison, S. D. Sentinel  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1925

## Local Interest In Norse Centennial

Much local interest is being manifested in the great Norse Centennial celebration to be held in Minneapolis June 7 to 9, inclusive. The opening day will be Sunday, June 7, and from all indications there will be a large attendance from this section.

The local chairmen in Lake county include Hans Urdahl, Rev. Sybilrud, Carl Stensland, Knute Peterson, Rev. Austin of Nunda and J. C. Schutz of this city. This committee of chairmen will hold a meeting Friday night of this week at which time plans are to be formulated for due local publicity, with a view to encouraging attendance at the centennial. For Norsemen this will be the greatest event ever held in the northwest, a celebration that will attract people from all over this country and Canada as well as many visitors and entertainers from the old country. President Coolidge has signified his intention to attend.

The admission ticket for the three-day celebration has been placed at the very reasonable price of \$1.00.

Madison, S. D., Leader  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1925

## HANS URDAHL HEADS NORSE COMMITTEE

DISTRICT GROUPS TO ARRANGE CELEBRATION PLANS ARE APPOINTED.

Hans Urdahl was elected president, and J. C. Schutz secretary-treasurer, of the Lake county Norse-American Centennial committee, in a meeting held here last night.

The following district committees were also appointed: Lake Madison church, Charles Johnson, chairman, Martin Dahl and Mons Alme; Lake Park church, Anton Westby, chairman, and Peter Moen; Prairie Queen church, Olaf Overskel, chairman, and Adolph Bortnem; Rutland, Albert Halseth; Nunda, the Rev. O. G. Austin; Trinity Lutheran church, Madison, Knud Peterson, chairman, J. A. Johnson and C. A. Stensland; Junius, Oleander Olson; Orland, Ed Erickson. District chairmen are asked to consult Mr. Schutz for further information regarding plans for the Centennial.

Canton, S. D., Leader  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1925

## Sexe County Chairman For Norse Centennial

T. T. Sexe of this city has received official notice of his appointment as county chairman of the Norse Centennial to be held in Minnesota early in June. Mr. Sexe will appoint local committees in each township and city to assist him in securing a large Lincoln county delegation. A special car is being planned for local people, and this coach, at Sioux Falls, will become a part of a special train.

Howard, S. D., Pioneer  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1925

## Norse Centennial Will Be Big Event

The Norse American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, June 6, 7, 8 and 9, next, gives promise of being the most interesting affair ever pulled off in our northwest.

Every man, woman and child with good Norse blood wants this affair to be a tremendous success. They will all want to participate, even though they cannot all be present. The Norwegian king and queen will be there, President Coolidge, Hughes, Taft and Root have signified their willingness to be present. Both our army and navy will have their representatives. The largest airship, the "Los Angeles," will be there, moored to its mast.

Bear in mind that we are commemorating an American historical event in which every person is individually interested. This event marks the beginning of a new chapter in American history in the development of which he and his forebears took an intensely active part. It is the incorporation of this chapter into everyday American history which our Centennial celebration aims to accomplish. Its accomplishment will be measured by the success of the Centennial.

Every county in the United States that has any Norse population has been drafted to do its duty in selling admissions to the Centennial.

Miner county has a large Norwegian population and the local chairman, Peter Gudahl, has been drafted to sell admission tickets, and he will be helped in this work by Carl Holvick and Henry Hauge, the other two members of the committee.

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Howard, S. D., Pioneer  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

## Many Features At Norse Centennial

As the time draws nearer, increased interest is being manifested throughout this section in the Norse-American centennial celebration to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, St. Paul, on June 7, 8, and 9. Several Miner county residents of Norwegian ancestry are already laying plans to witness the celebration, according to those in charge of creating enthusiasm for the event in this territory.

The Miner county centennial committee composed of Hon. Peter Gudahl, Carl Holvick and Henry Hauge has received considerable information regarding the special features which will be carried out.

A most interesting and unique feature of the celebration promises to be the "living flag." This will be featured in connection with President Coolidge's address in front of the grandstand at the Minnesota state fair grounds. This "living flag" will be composed of 600 St. Paul children.

The historical pageant which will be given on Tuesday evening, June 9, as the concluding climax of the "biggest gathering in America in 1925," will be another wonderful and inspiring feature. This pageant will depict in both stationary and moving tableaux the history of the first century of Norse-American and Norse-Canadian development, visualizing in most colorful fashion one of the most interesting chapters in American history.

Besides numerous entertainment features, much attention will be given to exhibits which will include practically every phase of Norse-American life and the progress it has made in the last 100 years.

A special rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip to the celebration has been made by all railroad companies entering the Twin Cities. Tickets of admission will be \$1 for the three days of the centennial and are being sold locally by the committee.

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## Monserud to Head Committee For Norse Centennial Plans

### As General Chairman He Names Those Who Will Aid Him; Elaborate Program For Minnesota Affair

N. O. Monserud, Norwegian vice consul here, has been named general chairman of the Minnehaha county committees, which are preparing for the Norse-American centennial to be held at Hamline, Minn., on June 7, 8 and 9.

The centennial will commemorate the Norwegian pioneers of America and their work in developing the Northwest. This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first Norwegian immigrants at New York city.

### Have Interesting Program

The program will include, according to Mr. Monserud, talks by the President or a prominent member of his cabinet, the premier of Canada or a representative of his government, Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, Dr. Fritjof Nansen, noted explorer and a representative of Iceland.

Backed by all Norwegian organizations, societies, schools and churches, a large attendance is expected from Minnehaha county, according to Mr. Monserud. It is believed that special rates will be given on all railroads between here and the Twin Cities.

### Start Ticket Sale

Advance sales of tickets for the centennial will start at once, Mr. Monserud indicated. This will insure adequate financing for the celebration and also give the committee in the Twin Cities some idea of how many people will attend the celebration.

Places named as ticket agencies in this county are: Sioux Falls, Barnhart's Drug store, Cataract Book store, Fremand office and Augustana college; Dell Rapids, First National bank; Garertson, First National bank; Colton, Colton Savings bank; Humboldt, post office; Valley Springs, Minnehaha county bank; Brandon, Brandon Savings bank; Corson, State Bank of Corson; Baltic, Dakota State bank; Lyons, Farmers State bank; Crooks, Borgen's store; Rowena, Rowena State bank; Renner, Renner State bank; Sherman, Sherman State bank; and Hartford, Oscar Hanson garage.

### Committees Are Named

In order to obtain a large attendance from Minnehaha county, the fol-

Following executive committee was announced by Mr. Monserud: A. L. Berg, Baltic; Carl Mannerud, Sioux Falls; A. G. Risty, Corson; P. Bernhardt, Sioux Falls; O. J. Stordahl, Lyons; Martin Berg, Sioux Falls; Carl Morstad, Sioux Falls; B. J. Nytro, Renner; Sven Odnoy, Sioux Falls; Erick Oyan, Baltic; Rev. C. O. Solberg, Sioux Falls; Erick Berdahl, Garretson; J. B. Severson, Valley Springs; Wollert Hildahl, Sioux Falls; Siverin Norlin, Sioux Falls; A. N. Graff, Sioux Falls; Christ Berg, Colton and L. K. Larson of Dell Rapids.

Committees from various towns in the county announced include: Dell Rapids, L. K. Larson, Rev. B. J. Rothnem, Dr. Grove and Matt Hermanson; Colton, Christ Berg, C. N. Peterson, Rev. A. N. Brudvig, N. K. Austin and A. P. Amundson; Corson, A. G. Risty, Christ Wirstad, O. E. Fauske and O. T. Rovang.

Garretson, Erick Berdahl, Thomas Vangnes, Rev. O. T. Mason and John Egge; Augustana college, Rev. C. O. Solberg, Prof. O. A. Solheim, Prof. G. H. Gilbertson and Prof. Hjalmer A. Jacobson; Rowena, Thomas Iverson, Phil Jacobson and H. C. Siverson.

Humboldt, J. N. Jensvold and Henry Hoveland; Baltic, A. L. Berg, C. T. Hegness, A. T. Bervin, Erick Oyan, Rev. H. Solum, and E. J. Elgaaen; Renner, B. J. Nytro, Ben Mekvold, H. C. Wilkenson; Brandon, Martin Graff, Rev. T. A. Johnson, Theodore Iverson and Paul Ode; Valley Springs, J. B. Siverson, Lew Christenson and Dr. L. O. Hanson.

Lyons, A. J. Stordahl, Allen Hildahl and R. T. Sundal; Crooks, Olla Borgen and O. M. Gunderson; Sherman, Andrew Berg, E. D. Estenson and Rev. A. J. Evenson; Hartford, Oscar Hanson.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1925

## PICK COMMITTEES FOR NORSE EVENT

### N. O. Monserud to Head Group in County for Centennial in Twin Cities

N. O. Monserud, Norwegian vice consul, has been appointed chairman of the committee in Minnehaha county which will have charge of preparations for the Norse-American Centennial, to be held in the Twin Cities in June. Fully 2,000 residents of this county are expected to attend the Centennial, which will mark the 100th anniversary of the coming of the first Norwegian immigrants to this country. Numerous church and lay organizations will hold their annual meetings at the same time.

An executive committee for the county has been named as follows:

A. L. Berg, Baltic; Carl Mannerud, Sioux Falls; A. G. Risty, Corson; P. Bernhardt, Sioux Falls; O. J. Stordahl, Lyons; Martin Berg, Sioux Falls; Carl Morstad, Sioux Falls; B. J. Nytro, Renner; Sven Odnoy, Sioux Falls; Erick Oyan, Baltic; Rev. C. O. Solberg, Sioux Falls; Erick Berdahl, Garretson; J. B. Severson, Valley Springs; Wollert Hildahl, Sioux Falls; Severin Norlin, Sioux Falls; A. N. Graff, Sioux Falls; Christ Berg, Colton, and L. K. Larson of Dell Rapids.

Committees for the various towns in the county, as announced by Mr. Monserud, are as follows:

Dell Rapids: L. K. Larson, Rev. B. J. Rothnem, Dr. Grove and Matt Hermanson. Colton: Christ Berg, C. N. Peterson, Rev. A. N. Brudvig, N. K. Austin and A. P. Amundson. Corson: A. G. Risty, Christ Wirstad, O. E. Fauske and O. T. Rovang.

Garretson: Erick Berdahl, Thomas Vangnes, Rev. O. T. Mason and John Egge. Augustana college: Rev. C. O. Solberg, Prof. O. A. Solheim, Prof. G. H. Gilbertson and Prof. Hjalmer Jacobson. Rowena: Thomas Iverson, Phil Jacobson and H. C. Siverson.

Humboldt: J. N. Jensvold and Henry Hoveland. Baltic: A. L. Berg, C. T. Hegness, A. T. Bervin, Erick Oyan, Rev. H. Solum, and E. J. Elgaaen. Renner: B. J. Nytro, Ben Mekvold, H. C. Wilkenson. Brandon: Martin Graff, Rev. T. A. Johnson, Theodore Iverson and Paul Ode. Valley Springs: J. B. Severson, Lew Christenson and Dr. L. O. Hanson.

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The advance ticket sale is to start soon. The entire Centennial is to be financed by the sale of tickets and no contributions are to be asked. Places in the county where tickets will be sold are as follows:

Sioux Falls, Bernhart's drug store, Cataract Book store, Fremad office and Augustana college; Dell Rapids, First National bank; Garretson, First National bank; Colton, Colton Savings bank; Humboldt, postoffice; Valley Springs, Minnehaha County bank; Brandon, Brandon Savings bank; Corson, State Bank of Corson; Baltic, Dakota State bank; Lyons, Farmers' State bank; Crooks, Borgen's store; Rowena, Rowena State bank; Renner, Renner State bank; and Hartford, son garage.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

## TO HOLD BANQUET TO MAKE PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL

### Governor Gunderson to Meet With County Committee on Norse Commemoration

Members of the general county committee of the Norse-American Centennial, which will be held in the Twin Cities in June, will meet in a banquet at 6 tonight in the Cataract hotel to discuss plans for the event.

Governor Carl Gunderson will be among the banquet guests, and on account of his Norwegian parentage, is expected to take a deep interest in the Centennial.

On the county committee, of which N. O. Monserud is general chairman, are 60 members. Representatives of women's organizations also will be present at the banquet, along with other guests.

Speakers for the occasion will be Dr. C. O. Solberg, president of Augustana college, Rev. A. N. Brudvig of Colton, Rev. B. J. Rothnem of Dell Rapids, and Rev. Henry Solum of Baltic. The Augustana trio will play a few of the Scandinavian classics, and Miss Marie Toohey violin solos. Mrs. P. Bernhart and Wallert Hildahl are on the program for readings.

The Centennial is being held to commemorate the coming to America of the first Norwegian immigrants. The exposition and other meetings will be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds. Churches and many organizations which aim to perpetuate the Norwegian ideals and culture will hold annual meetings at the same time.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1925

## SPECIAL TRAIN TO LEAVE HERE FOR CENTENNIAL

### Plans Made By County Committee for Participation in Great Norse Event

One or more special trains will leave Sioux Falls for the Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities June 6-9, 1925, as predicted at a banquet of the Minnehaha County Centennial committee, held last night in the Cataract.

The banquet was arranged by N. O. Monserud, county chairman, to make plans for this county's participation in the commemoration of the landing of

the first Norwegian immigrants on American soil. Advance tickets at one dollar for three days' admittance were distributed and are on sale today at different places throughout the county. The enormous undertaking, to be attended by at least 200,000 people, is being financed wholly by the sale of tickets.

#### Sing of Homeland

Patriotic fervor ran high for the home land and for the land of adoption. Songs of America were mingled with those of the Northland. The spirit of those present was epitomized by Dr. C. O. Solberg, president of Augustana college, when he said "we shall there lay on God's altar an offering for what America has done for us." In their roving of conquer to all parts of Europe the Norsemen never found such prosperity as in America. On the fertile fields of the Northwest the immigrant with scarcely ever more than \$100 in his pocket has been able to build himself wealth, and his record is "an honorable story," Dr. Solberg said.

The final speech on the program was by Governor Carl Gunderson, who said that he intends to visit the Centennial. While the Centennial will furnish occasion for reviving pride of ancestry there is something behind all this, for it will emphasize the sturdy character of the early pioneers, badly needed today, the governor declared.

#### Other Speakers

Other speakers on the program were Rev. E. J. Rothnem of Dell Rapids, Martin Bergh of Sioux Falls, Rev. T. A. Johnson of Brandon, and Rev. A. N. Brudvig of Colton. Readings were given by Peter Bernhart, Mrs. Bernhart, and Wollert Hildahl, and songs by the Mandskor quartet, composed of Carl Mannerud, Holger Larson, J. V. Jacobson, and Wollert Hildahl. Music was furnished by the Augustana college string trio, composed of Misses Marie Toehy, Frances Moore, and Aletta Jahren. As a special number Miss Toehy played a violin solo "Saeter Jentens Sondag."

It was announced by Mr. Monserud, who acted as toastmaster, that there will be a special woman's Centennial organization, and that Mrs. C. C. Bratrud has been named state chairman and Mrs. Peter Bernhart, county chairman.

#### Rates Explained

Members of the committee will decide on the time of leaving and return for special trains, and the service wanted of the railroad. J. C. Sullivan, passenger agent for the Omaha, explained rates, and said that he has reserved parking space for 30 cars from Sioux Falls in the most favorable spot in the special yards for that purpose in St. Paul, should the visitors from this county want to engage pullmans to sleep in while at the Centennial. The round trip rate will be fare and one-third, and accommodations offered were pullman, tourist cars, or day train, all at special rates.

Present at the banquet were: Mrs. Peter Bernhart, Rev. Chr. Findahl, Martin Bergh, Mrs. C. C. Bratrud, Fred C. Christopherson, Prof. Ola A. Solheim, J. V. Jacobson, Carl A. Mannerud, E. G. Holden, Peter Bernhart, Wollert Hildahl, Holger Larson, M. G. Opsdahl, Thomas Iverson, N. O. Monserud, J. C. Sullivan, R. O. Hilgren, Kalmar J. Jacobson, A. N. Graf, S. R. Odney, Carl N. Morstad, S. L. Norlin, E. J. Oyan, all of Sioux Falls; Rev. T. A. Johnson, Brandon; Rev. A. N. Brudvig, Colton; C. W. Wirstad, Corson; E. J. Berdahl, Garretson; Paul E. Ode, Brandon; Theodore Iverson, Brandon; C. A. Berg, Colton; L. K. Larson, Dell Rapids; Rev. B. J. Rothnem, Dell Rapids; O. T. Rovang, Corson; A. L. Berg, Baltic; Ben Mekvold, Renner; M. T. Austin, Colton; E. J. Oyan, Baltic; A. T. Berven, Baltic; Martin N. Graf, Valley Springs and O. E. Trauske, Corson.

## Bestul Co. Chairman Of Norse Centennial

H. J. Bestul has been appointed Moody County chairman of the ticket sales committee for the Norse-American Centennial which will be held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds at the Twin Cities, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 7-8-9th, 1925. Several men will be appointed by Mr. Bestul, to assist in the sale of tickets in this county, A. L. Gullickson being the only one appointed at this time.

The purpose of the Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America. In the rush of our present day life we fail to honor, as we should, those plain, earnest, God-fearing modest, but strong and courageous men and women, who did so much for their descendants and the land of their adoption.

The civic organizations of Minneapolis and St. Paul will cooperate with the committee in perfecting the arrangements and in making the stay of all visitors in the two cities interesting and enjoyable.

Not less than 2,700 Lutheran congregations, the Norwegian colleges, seminaries and academies; the numerous Bydelags, the lodges of the Sons of Norway and various other societies and organizations have been assigned places in the Centennial and are actively taking part in the preparations.

Chairman Bestul announces that a ticket-selling drive will be started as soon as committees can be appointed.

Roshol\* S. D. Press  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENIAL.

June 6-9, 1925 Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Minneapolis.

The month of June will witness the greatest celebration ever undertaken by the Norwegian branch of the American people. Beginning June the 6, to the 9th inclusive, they will commemorate the arrival of the first organized body of Norwegian pioneers in this country. We believe that every man, woman and child of Norse descent will wish to go down in history as having taken an active part, in this centennial, and we are going to act on the theory that they are willing to contribute their bit towards its success.

In order to insure the success of the undertaking, it is imperative that an advance sale of tickets takes place. The expense connected with an undertaking of this magnitude will be great, as anyone will understand and the ticket sale is practically the only source of revenue. The regular charge at the gates will be 50c per single admission. Arrangements have been made to sell coupon books in advance, containing tickets for the entire three days for one dollar.

The last week of April, the 23rd to 30th, inclusive has been officially designated as "Centennial Week" and every Norwegian-American should

avail himself of the opportunity to do his bit to make this celebration a tremendous success.

It may be said that it is early to buy the books, as it is hard at this time to tell if a person can take it in. This may be the case, but nobody but people of Norwegian blood will be asked to buy these books, of course anyone can buy them, and Norwegian Americans should be proud enough of this to donate a dollar or two for this cause, even if they cannot be present.

We agree that all the people cannot take it in, but those who possibly can should do so (hundreds from Roberts County are planning to go) as it will be something that perhaps will not take place again and will be the biggest doing in the history of the Norwegian-American people.

We should not be lagging in this case, but let us head the list of the 52 counties in South Dakota. Roberts county quota is 2000 tickets. Let us maintain our reputation for going over the top.

When in town drop in and get your tickets of Rev. James Falk and also at both our banks.

Other salesmen will be appointed in the different localities throughout the county to canvass the whole community. But in case you are not called kindly call at the above men-

tioned places and get your coupon book or books.

Now show that you are a good Norse-American by doing your bit in this case.

Advance ticket sale comes to a close May 15. Take advantage of sale price, \$1.00 now.

O. F. Hostad, Chairman.

A. Prestwick.

Theo. Gunnarson.

Com. for Roberts County.

Ortley, S. D., Optic  
APRIL 30, 1925

## NORSE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

From June 6th to 9th, this summer, both dates inclusive, the Norse-American Centennial Celebration will be held on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds in Minneapolis. This will be the greatest celebration ever held by people of Norwegian birth and extraction in America. The purpose of this celebration is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norwegian immigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of the United States.

A varied program will be rendered. This will include singers and speakers of world-wide fame. The President of the United States will be present to deliver an address; representatives from Norway will be here, representing both the Church and the State. Dr. Fritjof Nansen, world renowned explorer and philanthropist will represent the Norwegian government, and Dr. Lunde, Bishop of Oslo, and the primate of Norway, will be

here as representative of the Norwegian State Church. The University Choir from Oslo, Norway, will sing, and many of the Norwegian singing societies of the United States will take part in the program. One of the many special features will be a peasant wedding ("bondeburg") with costumes, music and games. There will be an historical pageant, athletic games of various kinds, music by noted musical organizations, and an exhibit of a multitude of things connected with Norse-American history will be displayed in one of the buildings at the Fair Grounds.

An undertaking of this nature must necessarily mean a great outlay of money, and the only source of revenue to cover this great outlay is the sale of admission tickets. The regular charge at the gates will be 50 cents per single admission, or \$1.50 for the 3 days. Arrangements have been made to sell coupon books in advance for one dollar (1.00). These books contain three tickets and will cover admission for the entire three days. You are urgently requested to buy your tickets now and thus enable the National Committee to secure the needed funds so that the coming Norse-American Centennial Celebration will go down in history as a great success and a notable event in the 20th century. Do your bit and buy your tickets now and help put Roberts County over the top. Tickets may be bought at the following places and from ticket sellers as indicated:

Ortley, Skatvold Brcs. Store.  
Summit, Summit Bank, A. Prestwick.

O.A. Hofstad, Chairman, Theo. Gunnerson, A. Prestwick, Committee for Roberts County.

The (S. D.) Record  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

### Norse Centennial

Judge Julius Skaug of M bridge has been appointed County Chairman for the Norse Committee of the State to host for the Norse Centennial celebration to be held in Minneapolis June 6 to 9.

Yankton Co.  
Yankton, S. D., Advance  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

W. O. Nelsen of Yankton and Einer Johnson and J. H. Hoxeng of Volin have been appointed as a committee for Yankton county to sponsor plans for the participation of South Dakota people of Norwegian descent in the Norse Centennial celebration which will be held at Minneapolis next June 6 to 9. Committee workers have been appointed in all of the counties of the state. H. A. Ustrud of Pierre is the chairman of the state committee, and Julius H. Johnson and O. P. J. Engstrom, both of Pierre, are secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Yankton, S. D., Press & Dakota  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

### HANGER IS CHAIRMAN FOR NORSE CELEBRATION

Frode Hanger this morning received appointment as county chairman for the Norwegian-American Centennial to be held at the fair grounds between St. Paul and Minneapolis June 6 to 9 this year. The celebration is to commemorate the landing of the first organized immigration of Norwegians in 1825, when the first boat came direct from Norway to this country. President Calvin Coolidge will be there, and various governors and senators and members of congress. There will be athletic entertainments in charge of Arnold Uss, university of Minnesota football star. Hanger expects to name sub-chairmen over the country.

Local Ticket Sellers  
Madison, S. D., Sentinel  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1925

### Norse Centennial Chairmen Meet

At a meeting of local chairmen for the Norse Centennial celebration to be held in Minneapolis June 7 to 9, inclusive, an organization to promote attendance was perfected as follows:

Hans Urdahl was chosen president and J. C. Schutz, secretary and treasurer.

Sub-chairmen were named as follows:

Lake Madison church: Charles Johnson, Lake Park church: Anton Westby, son, Martin Dahl, Mons Alme, Peter Moen.

Prairie Queen church: Olaf Overstøl, Adolph Bortnem.

Rutland: Albert Helseth, Mons Alme.

Nunda: Rev. O. G. Austin.

Trinity Church, Madison: Knute Pederson, J. A. Johnson, Carl Stensland.

Junius: Olander Olson.

Orland: Ed Erickson.

All chairmen are asked to call on J. C. Schutz, secretary, for further information in regard to the sale of tickets.

for three days on the fair ground for \$1.00. You save 50c by buying your ticket before you get to the cities. I will urge you all to show your interest in this event and purchase tickets.

B. P. Hammerstad

Howard S. D., Pioneer  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1925

## Norse-American Centennial Year

The project for a celebration of the Norse-American Centennial in the Twin Cities next June 6-9 has already met with such enthusiastic response, not only in Minnesota and the Northwest, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in old Norway itself, that the success of the affair seems beyond question.

There used to be a certain feeling of regret in Norway, when the migration of so many of her sons and daughters to America was mentioned. It seemed a great and irreparable loss to the old country. But that feeling seems to have quite vanished in the swelling feeling of pride in the New World achievements and attainments of the Norsemen. As in the old Viking days, but by the arts of peace rather than of war, the Norseman is making his way everywhere. So the response of Norway to the invitation to the celebration has been most gratifying.

But the same spirit has been shown everywhere, and the Twin City Committees are continually warmed by the cordial response of Norwegian blood in many sections. The share it has had in the making of America in the last hundred years is certainly well worth celebrating.

It is already manifest that the affair is to have the happy effect of bringing together in unwonted union the people of this widely scattered strain of blood. Differences of politics, religion, social distinction, business, what-not—all are forgotten in the impulse for a reunion of Norsemen everywhere.

A significant phase of the matter is that there is to be no campaign for contributions, no "drive" of the usual sort. The sale of tickets is counted on to finance the whole celebration, and possibly to leave a balance wherewith to begin the erection of a suitable Norwegian-American memorial. This sale has already begun here in the Twin Cities, and is to be actively pushed.

The promise of President Coolidge to come and participate, and the probability that some high representative of the Dominion Government will be here, as well as the promised coming of delegates from the Norwegian Storting and Government, give the celebration the aspect of a real world affair.

Admission tickets to the grounds may be purchased of Hon Peter Gudahl, of this city.

Madison, W. T., Sentinel  
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

## J. C. Schutz Sells 160 Norse Tickets

TO GREAT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN MINNEAPOLIS ON  
JUNE 6 TO 9

J. C. Schutz local chairman, has sent in 160 three-day tickets for the Norse-American Centennial celebration to be held in Minneapolis from June 6 to 9, inclusive. These tickets were sold at a dollar each. This morning Mr. Schutz had calls for 10 more tickets. Present indications point to a good attendance from Lake county. Many are expecting to drive to Minneapolis for one day at the celebration.

The management has filled 100,000 room reservations and will be able to take care of 100,000 more.

Haley & Laughlin have already been engaged to take a bus load to the celebration on Sunday, June 7. Other bus parties will doubtless be organized.

This Norse-American Centennial will be a much greater event than many people now realize.

The latest musical feature announced for the celebration is the presence of the President's famous Marine band from Washington, D. C.

Summit, S. D., Independent  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### The Norse-American Centennial Celebration

An urgent request comes from the National Committee in Minneapolis to the effect that all who intend to attend the Centennial Celebration at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds in Minneapolis June 6-9, both dates inclusive, secure their tickets now. Local ticket sales will close on May 15th. After that date all tickets not sold will be returned to the National Committee.

On our books, containing three tickets and covering admission for the entire three days attendance, sell for one dollar (\$1.00) per book. Each admission at the gates will be 50 cents. Buy your books now and save 50 cents. Coupon books are sold at the following prices and by persons indicated:

Summit, Summit Bank and A. Prestwick, Ortley, Skotvold Brothers Store, Wilmo, Rev. Geo. Nerison.

O. A. Hofstad, Chairman, Theo. Gunnarson and A. Prestwick, Committee for Roberts County, South Dakota.

Veblen, S. D., Advance  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### THE NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

This celebration as you know, will be held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds from the 6th of June to the 9th of June. Every Norwegian and descendant from the Norse should make an effort to be there. It's an occasion in your lifetime and it will be something you will always remember. I have been appointed to sell tickets for this celebration in Veblen Township and can sell you a book of three tickets good

Brookings, S. D., Press  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

Mrs. H. C. Halvorson has been named chairman for Brookings county for the women's auxiliary to the committee making plans for the Norse-American Centennial. The women will assist in ticket sales for the event in the Twin Cities June 7, 8 and 9 which will commemorate the coming of the first immigrants from Norway 100 years ago.



Baltic, S. D. Reporter  
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1925

### COUNTY CENTENNIAL LEADERS APPOINTED

Twenty-five Minnehaha county women were named last week by Mrs. P. Bernhart, county chairman, to organize the Women's Auxiliary for the coming Norse-American centennial.

The women will assist in ticket sales for the event which will be held in the Twin Cities, June 7, 8 and 9. The centennial will commemorate the coming of the first immigrants from Norway 100 years ago.

The following leaders were named: Sioux Falls, Mrs. O. Solheim, Mrs. T. Afreth, Miss Christine Olsen, Mrs. Carl Egge and Mrs. Gilbert Nordbraaten. Dell Rapids, Mrs. A. J. Nestrud, Mrs. Leonard Halverson, Mrs. O. B. Landstad and Mrs. Anna Thoreson. Baltic, Mrs. C. T. Hegnes, Mrs. A. T. Berven and Mrs. M. B. Smemoe. Crooks, Mrs. Flemming Tideman, and Mrs. Bessie Nytro. East Sioux Falls, Mrs. A. R. Singleterry. Valley Springs, Mrs. Ole Ronning. Garretson, Mrs. Erik Berdahl and Mrs. John Brown. Sherman, Mrs. Ida McKenzie, Miss Marie Lerdahl and Mrs. August Johnson. Highland township, Mrs. Sivert Megaard, Mrs. E. Hegland. Renner, Mrs. Ed Nesson and Mrs. O. T. Nesson.

ed with Norse American History. The Committee on Exhibits has sent out requests that persons having articles such as above mentioned will kindly lend them to the Committee for exhibit purposes. Anyone who should own any such articles, as above mentioned, and who are willing to lend them to the Committee will kindly communicate with Mrs. A. Prestwick, Summit, S. Dak., acting chairman for Roberts County.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Tribune  
APR 19 1925

## Utah Chairman Calls Meeting of Norwegians

As a precursor to the Norse-American Centennial of the United States and Canada to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds in June, Norwegians of Salt Lake and vicinity will hold a social Monday evening at 8:15 in the banquet hall of the Blishop's building, 40 North Main street. All of Norwegian extraction in the state are invited by O. Gulbrandsen, chairman of the centennial committee for Utah, to be present. Music for the occasion will be in charge of Willard Weihe, J. J. McClelland and A. C. Lund.

The Norse-American Centennial signals the passing of 100 years since the first group of Norsemen landed in America.

Forty thousand commemorative medals for the centennial will be struck off. It is said, congress having authorized the issue. The medal will be the size of a half-dollar piece and will show a Viking chieftain setting foot on American soil, with his small ship riding the waves behind him.

One of the unique features of the June gathering, it is announced, will be the living flag, formed by 600 St. Paul school children dressed in red, white and blue. This will be given in connection with the address of President Coolidge. The initial appearance will be in the form and color of the Norwegian flag, when a Norse national song will be sung. Immediately after, a change will be made to represent the American flag, visualizing the ease and quickness with which Norsemen are said to adapt themselves to American life and ideals.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Argus-Leader  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1925

## Names Women for Norse Centennial

Seven county chairmen have been named for the women's auxiliary to the committee making plans for the Norse-American Centennial, it was announced today by Mrs. C. C. Erstrud of Sioux Falls, state chairman. The women will assist in ticket sales for the event in the Twin Cities June 7, 8 and 9 which will commemorate the coming of the first immigrants from Norway 100 years ago.

The county chairmen named are as follows:

Mrs. P. Bernhart, Minnehaha county, Sioux Falls; Mrs. P. A. Sorum, Lincoln county, Canton; Mrs. T. E. Haugen, Day county, Webster; Mrs. P. C. Halverson, Brookings county, Sinai; Miss Jennie Dahl, Union county, Elk Point; Mrs. A. Prestwick, Roberts county, Summit; Mrs. A. Einar Johnson, Codrington county, Watertown.

Summit, S. D., Independent  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

## TOWN TALK

As previously mentioned there will be an exhibit on display in one of the buildings at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds, such exhibit to consist of furniture, tools, instruments, wearing apparel, home industrial articles and other things of historic value connect-

Rice Lake, Wis., Chronotype  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1925

# NORWEGIANS ARE DILIGENT PEOPLE

## CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY RECALLS CONTRIBUTION MADE TO AMERICA

### Wisconsin Furnished Many of the Prominent Leaders of Norwegian Ancestry

The centennial anniversary of Norwegian immigration to the United States serves to recall the pioneer struggles and the racial and cultural contributions made to America by the sturdy Norsemen. It was in 1825 that the first shipload of immigrants came to America from Norway, and by a strange coincidence they left their native land on the 4th of July, landing here October 12, 1825.

An organization has been formed in Barron county to secure the sale of at least 600 tickets for the Norse-American centennial. Rev. E. B. Swenson of Barron is the chairman, Andrew Gulickson of Cameron and Chas. Pederson of Poskin the other members of the committee. Barron county has a large Scandinavian population and is situated so near the cities that there will very likely be a large attendance from here.

While the first immigrants were said to be Quakers attracted here by the stories of English travelers, those who followed were almost all of the Lutheran faith. This has been particularly true of the Norwegian settlers in Wisconsin, which has furnished not only the great Norwegian political leaders of the Northwest, like former Senator Knute Nelson and ex-Governor Preuss of Minnesota and Governor Davidson of Wisconsin, but many noted church leaders like Dr. H. G. Stub, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, and Rev. J. Hoyne, president of the United Lutheran Church of America.

The industry, thrift and intelligence of the Norwegians made them very desirable settlers wherever they went, and Barron county owes a large measure of its prosperous development to the sturdy industry of its Norwegian population.

In Norway there were different groups belonging to the same church body, so it was natural that the early

Norwegian settlers brought with them these convictions. Some historical controversies over church doctrine, especially in the early colleges in Wisconsin, are recalled with interest by the pioneers, but happily these differences disappeared as time went on and finally in 1917 the three leading Norwegian Lutheran church bodies were united under the name of "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America." The church today has 490,000 members, 2,790 congregations and 1,300 pastors.

The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America has organized its work into six departments: education, foreign missions, home missions, charities, publication, and elementary Christian education. The work of each department is managed by a general board and each board has an executive secretary in its service. Since 1917 the church has appropriated \$8,097,417.15.

Cleetek (Wis.) Alert  
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1925

Norsemen of Wisconsin are making extensive plans to have a Wisconsin exhibit at the Norse-American Centennial which will be held in Minneapolis from June 8 to June 9, according to announcements made by Prof. Julius Olson of the University. Among the exhibits will be those showing Norwegian national sports. Another will relate to the 15th Wisconsin regiment which served with such bravery and distinction during the Civil War, and was composed almost entirely of Norwegian men. There are also books, paintings and other works of art, as well as mechanical and industrial exhibits. A committee has been organized in Barron county to send a big delegation.

Barron, Wis., News-Shield  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1925

## ENTHUSIASM FOR NORSK GATHERING

### BARRON COUNTY WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED AT ROUSING NATIONAL EVENT

Enthusiasm has marked the opening of the campaign to secure a tremendous representation of Barron county people at the Norsk-American Centennial to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, June 6 to June 9, and which will be attended by notable people from throughout the entire civilized world.

People of all nationalities in the county are joining with the Norwegian people, and the result will be the

biggest delegation of Barron county people that has ever attended a gathering outside of the county limits.

The magnitude of the affair is shown by the fact that the United States is coining 40,000 silver medals and 1,000 gold medals, from coin metal, in honor of the event, and is also issuing two and five cent stamps as souvenirs of the event.

The general Barron county committee consists of E. B. Swenson, Andrew Gulickson and Charles Peterson. The community chairmen thus far chosen are: Andrew O. Lien, Vance Creel; Peter Christianson, Prairie Farm village; Albert O. Broen, Prairie Farm township; Andrew Solberg, Arland; Nick Olson, Maple Grove; Sofus Moe, Dallas village; I. H. Baland, Dallas township. These men will appoint their own sub-committees.

Barron, Wis., News-Shield  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1925

## INTENSIVE DRIVE FOR NORSK EVENT

### EVERY COMMUNITY ACTIVE IN SELLING TICKETS FOR CENTENNIAL

A special drive in behalf of the Norsk-American Centennial was inaugurated in Barron county yesterday, Thursday, April 23, and will continue until next week, Tuesday, April 28. The centennial is to be held at the Minnesota State Fair grounds, June 6 to June 9, inclusive. In every community in the county, special effort is to be made during this special drive to sell admission tickets to the centennial. The goal in Barron county has been set at six thousand tickets.

Not only the people of Norsk ancestry, but people of other blood as well, are joining in a united effort to secure a record breaking delegation from this county, and advertise the county's progress and prosperity, in which the people of Norsk blood have taken so prominent a part.

The state fair grounds at Hamline are admirable adapted to the needs of such a meeting. For thousands will come by automobile and parking space will be required. Many will desire to camp out. And more important than all, many buildings will be required for the various meetings and conventions to be held. There will be some sixty conventions in all held during the four days meet-

An interesting feature of the entertainment is promised in the living flag, composed of 600 St. Paul school children. Their uniforms will consist of reversible colored capes, or cloaks. First the Norwegian flag will be presented in the traditional Norwegian colors. Then at a signal from the director, a change will be instantly made to the colors of the American flag by reversing the garments which the children will wear. This is supposed to exemplify the facility with which the Norwegian immigrants became good American citizens.

The closing feature on June 9, will be a historical pageant which will exemplify by stationary and moving tableaux the history of the first century of Norse-American and Norse-Canadian development.

Grantsburg, Wis. Journal  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925

### J. J. DAHLE LOCAL CHAIRMAN, NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

The Norse-American Centennial of the United States and Canada, is to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds, June 7, 8, and 9, 1925. This event is in commemoration of the beginning of the emigration of Norway's common people to America.

The tentative program for the four day event is as follows: Saturday, June 6, national convention of Bygdelags and other organizations, addresses and music.

Sunday, June 7, in forenoon, religious service, sermons, choir and band music. Afternoon, representative from Norway, and others, will bring greetings; University choir, Norway, will sing. In the evening there will be a music festival, and short addresses will be delivered.

Monday, June 8, morning and afternoon, short addresses will be given, concerning the activities of the Norsemen in America. In the evening, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, will deliver an address.

The last day of the event, June 8, facts will be given concerning Norse-American institutions, and a historical pageant will be presented in the evening. Throughout the four days, athletics, music, games and other appropriate features will be in evidence.

Rev. J. J. Dahle, Route 2, Grantsburg, has been appointed chairman for Burnett county, and has placed tickets for the event in the hands of Gust A. Olson, James H. Jensen, N. C. Unseth and Dan Nelson. Chairman Dahle says plans are being arranged to have a special train, from Grantsburg to the cities, Sunday, June 7.

EAU CLAIRE WIS LEADER  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1925.

## LOCAL NORWEGIANS BOOSTING NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZED TO TAKE CHARGE OF LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIG EVENT

Many Norwegians from Eau Claire and neighboring territory are planning to attend the Norse-American centennial to be held at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 6, 7, 8 and 9, and preliminary preparations are already under way by local committees to help carry out the general arrangements.

A member of the committee submits the following, stating the purpose of the event, its scope and how the local Norse-Americans can help:

#### Purpose of Centennial

"The purpose of this Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the pioneers of America. In the rush of our present day life we fail to honor as we should, those plain, earnest, God-fearing, modest, but strong and courageous men and women, who did so much for their descendants and the land of their adoption.

#### The Norwegian Pioneer

"We cannot honor too highly the Norwegian pioneers of America. The services they rendered are of inestimable value and importance. They were among the foremost in conquering the wilderness, in developing it into one of the most prosperous, most progressive regions of the world. With ceaseless toil and sacrifice they helped to push the frontiers of civilization from the Great Lakes to the Pacific and by their wholehearted loyalty to their adopted country, helped to save the Union during the Civil War.

#### Importance and Scope

"Some idea of the importance and scope of the exhibit features of the coming Centennial may be obtained from an announcement recently made by Dr. Knut Gjerset, chairman, Exhibits committee. There will be 22 departments as follows: Pioneer Life, Church, Schools, Farming, Press, Literature, Men in Public Service, Art, Charity, and Mutual Aid, Womens Department, Societies and Organizations, Music, Engineering and Architecture, Trade and Commerce, Norwegian Ski Sport in America, Labor, Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway, Men in the Medical Profession, Industries, Builders and Benefactors, Norse-Canadian Exhibits.

#### How to Help

"Every man, woman and child with good Norse blood wants this affair to be a tremendous success. In order to assure this an advance ticket sale is now going on. Season tickets are now being sold for \$1.00, after May 1st they will be sold for the regular price of \$1.50. All who can do so are urged to buy tickets, even though not now planning to attend, as the success of the undertaking required a considerable outlay of money. Gratitude to our adopted country as well as pride in our ancestry alone should prompt us to make this small contribution. Eau Claire County's quota is \$2,700. The ticket selling Committee for this county includes Eyvind Ager, Chairman, and the following Sub-chairmen: John Arntson, Miss Mable Bonesville, Mrs. P. L. Tronsdal, Martin Bakker, Mrs. Anna Hagen, M. O. Larson, Mrs. K. A. Jacobson, Mrs. Hans L. Boyd, Christ M. Knutsen, H. A. Langseth, John Gaustad. The Sub-chairmen have appointed their helpers and the sale is now in full swing.

Lets go!

MONROE WIS TIMES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1925.

### H. H. MOE IN CHARGE OF CENTENNIAL WORK HERE

H. H. Moe has been made local chairman of the Norse-American centennial of the United States and Canada to be celebrated at the Minnesota state fairgrounds, Hamline, Minn., June 7, 8 and 9.

Mr. Moe's activities are centered in Lafayette county where there are many Scandinavian descendants. He is in charge of sale of tickets in this territory. Mr. Moe has written a historical sketch and a pageant will be presented at the convention.

President Coolidge and Prince Olaf, Norway, are among the notables expected to attend.

RACINE WIS CALL  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1925.

### Norse-Americans to Meet In Racine Wednesday Night

Because of conflicting dates, the meeting for Norse-Americans of Racine city and county, scheduled Saturday night, was postponed, and will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Y. M. C. A., according to L. A. Brown, 1124 Grove avenue, temporary chairman of the meeting. Plans will be made to boost the Norse-American centennial in Minneapolis June 6-8, and Racine officers will be elected.

RACINE WIS CALL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925.

### Racine Boosters to Work For Norse Centennial

Racine boosters of the Norse-American centennial, to be held in Minneapolis June 6-8, decided to "carry on" at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night.

The celebration will be staged in the state fair park with President Coolidge as a guest. Racine committees in charge are Alfred Gulbranson, Wallace Loomis, Henry Hokenson, R. Axland, Carl Carlson, L. A. Brown, Jr.

According to a dispatch received by The Times-Call today, Premier Mowinkel and President Lukke of Norway will be present for the celebration. The message was cablegrammed from Oslo, Norway, and states that the premier and president were named delegates at the last meeting of the Storting, Norway's legislature.

#### Purpose and Importance

"There have been two important migrations from Norway. The first began a thousand years ago, when many of the Norse warlords, earls and petty rulers refused to bend the knee to Harold the Fair Haired, who had made himself ruler of all Norway, and sailed away to Iceland with all their wealth and many of their retainers. The second began a hundred years ago, when the sloop 'Restaurationen' crossed the Atlantic to the land discovered by Leif the Lucky, and started an exodus to the broad, fertile plains of America. The first was a migration of Norse chieftains, proud, wealthy and powerful, but because of the unfavorable conditions that awaited them, they had a hard struggle to maintain themselves. The second was a migration of Norway's common people, plain and simple, without worldly wealth, but who, because of favorable conditions and faithful work, soon acquired a competence and are now numbered among the most prosperous people of the earth.

"The purpose of this Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America. In the rush of our present day life we fail to honor, as we should, those plain, earnest, God-fearing, modest, but strong and courageous men and women, who did so much for their descendants and the land of their adoption.

#### Fought for America

"We cannot honor too highly the Norwegian pioneers of America. The services they rendered are of inestimable value and importance. They were among the foremost in conquering the wildness, in developing it into one of the most prosperous, most progressive regions of the world. With ceaseless toil and sac-

RACINE WIS CALL  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925.

### LOCAL NORSEMEN TO ATTEND CENTENNIAL

Racine Norsemen are well ahead with the arrangements to attend the Norse-American centennial to be held between Minneapolis and St. Paul later in the summer, and L. A. Brown, county representative, reports progress in the efforts to raise Racine county's quota, \$650, to meet the expense.

Arrangements have been made for special rates on the Northwestern road and it is believed that several hundred Racine Norsemen will make the trip to Minnesota, where President Coolidge will mingle with the descendants of the men who migrated to the American shores 1,000 years ago. Mr. Brown has sent out notices asking that contributions and tickets be turned in not later than May 15, tomorrow.

*Trempealeau Co.*

Galesville, Wis., Republican  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1925

Judge H. A. Anderson, of Whitehall, was here Tuesday in the interests of the Norse-American Centennial to be held on the Minnesota State Fair grounds this summer. Judge Anderson is chairman for this county. Next Sunday he will address the company assembled at the Ladies' Aid meeting on Eastside. He will speak at 3 o'clock.

Galesville, Wis., Republican  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1925

### Judge H. A. Anderson Chairman For Norse Centennial

Galesville will send a large delegation to the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis June 6 to 9. King H. A. Anderson, his representatives, will be there and President Coolidge will receive the distinguished visitors.

Judge H. A. Anderson, of Whitehall, has been named by the directors of the centennial chairman for Trempealeau county to promote the advance sale of tickets. As soon as organization is effected, assistant chairmen will be appointed in every town and village in the county.

Tickets have been put up in coupon books, each book containing three tickets. The books are to be sold for one dollar each. Single tickets at the gate will cost fifty cents.

"To make this great commemorative celebration a success and worthy of the Norse-American people," says Judge Anderson, "every person having a drop of Viking blood in his or her veins ought to take a pardonable pride in assisting the promoters and directors of this prospective jubilee.

### NORSEMEN TO HOLD CITY-WIDE MEETING

Plans are under way for the holding of a meeting in one of the halls of the city for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the residents of the city and county who were born in Norway or who are descendants of the Norsemen to the purpose of the Norse-American Centennial which is to be held between Minneapolis and St. Paul in June.

Racine county's quota of the financial burden which is to be entailed by the holding of the centennial is given as \$650. It has not been raised up to this time and an extension has been granted by the committee in charge until May 15. Circular letters have been sent to all of the above residents by L. A. Brown, county chairman, and it is expected that he will be able to report a large response at the planned meeting.

### Norsemen Urged To Honor Pioneers At June Meeting

### Arrival of Small Sloop in New York Marked Settlement Here

Norse-American residents of Racine county are urged to assist in financing the centennial which will be held at Minneapolis June 7-9.

In a letter from L. A. Brown, chairman of arrangements here, the purpose of the centennial is explained.

A history of Norwegian immigration is contained in a letter received here from Minneapolis.

It follows in part:

*Racine, Wis  
Apr. 30, 1925*

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"All community organizations of every kind are earnestly requested to arrange meetings in the month of April as rallies to promote the interests of the Norse-American Centennial, and I will, if possible, attend such meetings to explain the purpose and program of this celebration."

Osseo, Wis., News  
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1925

### AID WANTED FOR NORSE CENTENNIAL

The undersigned had been appointed by the directors of the "Norse-American Centennial" chairman of Tremperleau County, to promote the advance sale of tickets for the celebration to be held at Minneapolis June 5-6-7-8-9, 1925. As soon as organization can be effected assistant chairmen will be appointed in all the towns and villages of the county.

Tickets have been put up in coupon books—each book containing three tickets. The books are sold for one dollar apiece. Single tickets at the gate will cost fifty cents.

To make this great Commemorative Celebration a success and worthy of the Norse-American people, every person having a drop of Viking blood in his or her veins ought to take a pardonable pride in assisting the promoters and directors of this prospective Jubilee.

All community organizations of every kind are earnestly requested to arrange meetings in the month of April as rallies to promote the interests of the Norse-American Centennial, and the undersigned, will if possible, attend such meeting to explain the purpose and program of this celebration.—H. A. Anderson,

Galesville, Wis., Republican  
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

When Galesvilleites attend the Norse-American Centennial at Minneapolis next month they will, three times a day or more, search for a good eating place. And now comes Miss Agnes Strand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Strand, former Galesville residents, who declares she will have just what the visitors from her old home town will desire. No; Miss Agnes is not running a boarding house; but it happens that Emanuel Lutheran church, which is the church home of the Strands, will have a concession on the grounds, and the purpose of this is to raise funds toward a new pipe organ for the church. So Miss Agnes writes The Republican to tell her old friends about it, and to assure them that the Senior League of Immanuel will serve them the best there is at the Luther League stand, one block from the main entrance of the grounds. And The Republican is doing just what Miss Agnes directs.

Vernon Co.  
Viroqua, Wis., Censor  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1925

## THE BIG CENTENNIAL

Norse-American Centennial to be held on the fair grounds between Minneapolis and St. Paul, June 6-7-8-9, 1925.

There have been two important migrations from Norway, the first began a thousand years ago, when many of the Norse Warlords, earls and petty rulers refused to bend the knee to Harold, the fair haired, who had made himself ruler of all Norway, and sailed away to Iceland with all their wealth and many of their retainers.

The second began a hundred years ago, when the Sloop "Restaurationen" crossed the Atlantic ocean to the land discovered by Leif the Lucky, and started an exodus to the broad, fertile plains of America. The first was a migration of Norse chieftains proud, wealthy and powerful, but because of unfavorable conditions that awaited them, they had a hard struggle to maintain themselves. The second was a migration of Norway's common people, plain and simple, without worldly wealth, but who, because of favorable conditions and faithful work, soon acquired a competence and are now numbered among the most prosperous people of the earth.

The purpose of this Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner, and pay a fitting tribute to those earnest, God-fearing, modest, but strong and courageous men and women, who did so much for their descendants and the land of their adoption.

This Centennial will be the greatest celebration ever held by Norsemen in America, and it should be of vital interest to every man, woman and child with good Norse blood, to see this affair or to make it a tremendous success. It is the Centennial of the Norse-American people. You will all want to participate even though you cannot all be present at the actual celebration. Bear in mind that we are commemorating an American historical event, in which every person of Norwegian descent is particularly and individually interested. That event marks the beginning of a new chapter in the American history. Its accomplishment will be measured by the success of the Centennial.

But to make this a success, you must be proud enough of the celebration and your race to donate a dollar or two for this cause, even if you cannot personally take it in.

A campaign for advance sale of tickets is being put on throughout the county, and every person of Norwegian descent will be solicited. If we should fail to see any of you, kindly see us, because we know that you will be more than willing to help put this across, especially when there is only asked one dollar from each. Our quota for Vernon county has been fixed at \$4000. Our aim is to reach the quota at least, or go over the top if possible. The solicitors are as follows: Edward Yttri, Liberty Pole; Anna Yttri, West Prairie; Gus Morterud, Bloomingdale; Ida Patterson, Pleasant Ridge and Brookville; Lars Rusdahl, Asbury and Round Prairie; F. A. Anderson, Kickapoo; Hans Neprud, Coon Valley and Chaseburg; Albert Nelson, West Coon Prairie; Bethel and Bethania Congre-

gations; Rev. Rondestvedt, all his call and Cashton; O. I. Holmen, Rev. Holmum's call; Harry Fothney, Chasetown and west about two miles; Ole Kjos, 1st ward, Viroqua and Belgium Ridge; 2nd Ward, Viroqua, open; 3rd Ward, H.H. Sime; Rev. Borgen's charge, Zion Emil S. Hanson. Tickets are also for sale at J. P. Vigdahl's, Viroqua, Johnson Brothers, Viroqua; and C. H. Ostrem, Viroqua.

Country not designated  
Bayfield, Wis., Progress  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1925

### Norse-American Centennial 1895-1925

Great preparations are now being made for the Norse-American Centennial of the United States and Canada at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds at Hamline, Minnesota, June 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th.

Special features during the four days will include athletics, lectures, exhibits and entertainments of an appropriate character. A Peasant Wedding (Bondebryllup) with costumes, music and games will be one of the many interesting features.

Monday evening, June 8th, the President of the United States, will give an address.

Many prominent speakers from Norway will speak on interesting subjects.

We Norsemen are particularly proud of the important part taken in the late world war by men of Norse blood and the committee is

very desirous that Norse American ex-servicemen participate in the Centennial celebration to the largest possible extent. For this reason, every ex service man of Norse ancestry is urged to send his name and address to the Norse-American Centennial Committee, 12 Washington Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota, at once. Parents, or other relatives or friends of men who were killed in action or died in service, are also earnestly urged to send in the names of such, together with the town or the address from which they entered the service and the unit to which they belonged also where and when they died.

For further particulars, call on Henry Johnson, of Bayfield, who has been appointed chairman of this district, and he has also been authorized for selling tickets for this great celebration.

Black River Falls (Wis.)  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

### The Norse-American Centennial Celebration in June

The Norse-American Centennial of the U. S. and Canada, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on June 7, 8 and 9, will be one of the greatest events in the history of the association and should be of especial interest to all people of Scandinavian descent. The purpose of this Centennial is to commemorate in an impressive manner the events which mark the beginning of Norse emigration to this continent and to pay a fitting tribute to the Norwegian pioneers of America. We cannot honor too highly the Norwegian pioneers of America. The services they rendered are of inestimable value and importance. They were among the foremost in conquering the wilderness, in developing it into one of the most prosperous, most progressive regions of the world. With ceaseless toil and sacrifice they helped to push the frontiers of civilization from the Great Lakes to the Pacific and by their whole-hearted loyalty to their adopted country, helped to save the Union during the Civil War.

This Centennial will be the greatest celebration ever held by Norsemen in America. The program will include speakers and musicians of world-wide fame. The President, or a prominent member of his cabinet, will represent the government of the United States; the Premier of Canada or a member of his cabinet, will speak for the dominion to the north, and D. Fritjof Nansen will appear for the mother country. A distinguished son of Iceland will represent the famous island where the Norsemen settled a thousand years ago and whence they sailed to America almost five hundred years before Columbus saw the western world.

In addition there will be athletics, lectures, exhibits and entertainments of an appropriate character. A Peasant Wedding (Bondebryllup) with costume, music and games will be one of the many interesting features.

The civic organizations of the Twin Cities will cooperate in perfecting arrangements and in making the stay of all visitors in the two cities interesting and enjoyable. No less than 2,700 Lutheran congregations, the Norwegian colleges, seminaries and academies; the numerous Bydelags, the lodges of the Sons of Norway and various other societies and organizations have been assigned places in the Centennial and are taking part in the preparations.

The site selected for the celebration is the geographic center of Norwegian population of American, and the Twin Cities have long been recognized as a center of Norse art, learning and culture. The Minnesota Historical Library contains the largest

collection of Norse-American literature in America.

Tickets for this Centennial are still available and may be had at Locken's Shoe Store, or from Ex-Sheriff C. C. Carlson. The sale of tickets closes on May 15th—a week from tomorrow.

Rayward, Wis., Record  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

### H. P. FULEY IS CHAIRMAN

H. P. Fuley has been appointed chairman of a committee to sell tickets for the Norsk-American centennial to be held at Minneapolis, June 7, 8 and 9. The tickets are arranged three in a book selling for \$1.00. 50 cents is the general admission to the fair grounds. They may be had from Mr. Fuley or at the Record Office.

This occasion will bring the largest crowd to the Twin Cities ever known and a fine program has been arranged which will be printed in the Record next week.

President Coolidge will be there at 2:00 P. M. on the 8th.

Wis. State Journal  
Madison

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## Madison to Participate In Norse Centennial

By JULIUS E. OLSON

Professor Gisle Bothne of the University of Minnesota, president of the Norse-American Centennial celebration, to be held in the Twin Cities in early June, was in Madison recently to discuss with representatives of various Norse organizations of the city the plans for the celebration. It is a hundred years ago that the "Mayflower" of Norse immigration to this country sailed into New York harbor with its meager cargo of 53 souls. This event is to be commemorated, and great plans are in the making.

Professor Bothne met a number of Madison's leading citizens of Norse antecedents, members of the Ygdrasil literary society and the Sons of Norway, at the home of Professor Julius E. Olson, who is vice president of the centennial committee for Wisconsin.

Professor Bothne gave much information to show the scope of the celebration, intimating that it would likely call together the largest aggregation of people of Norse blood ever assembled outside of Norway. Among the most interesting features of the celebration may be mentioned the fact that President Calvin Coolidge has accepted an invitation to be present and give an address—which will of course be broadcast—and that the government has agreed to issue two postage stamps in commemoration of the occasion. One, a five-cent stamp, will have the picture of a viking ship,

Menomonie (Wis.) News  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1925

Fladoes is County Chairman—Martin Fladoes has been named as county chairman of the ticket sale for the Norse-American Centennial to be held in Minneapolis June 6 to 9 inclusive. He takes the place of Dr. L. A. Larson, Colfax, who retires from the chairmanship on account of illness. L. P. Myron, chairman of ticket sale in Menomonie, says that many tickets have been disposed of here and that the prospects for a good sale are encouraging. Up to May 1 the advance sale permits three admissions for \$1, and after that date the regular price of 50 cents a ticket prevails.

an evident allusion to the contact of the ancient Norsemen with the American continent, and a two-cent stamp bearing a picture of the Restauration, the name of the first Norse emigrant ship bound for the United States.

Professor Bothne further reported that through the Minnesota legislature and the department of state in Washington formal invitation had been extended to the king and queen of Norway to attend, as well as to the storting (parliament) and the national university to send representatives. A high functionary of the state church has already announced his coming, and Dr. Fridtjov Nansen, the arctic explorer and philanthropist, has accepted an invitation to speak. And even before a formal invitation had reached the university, plans had been formulated to send a mixed chorus of 50 voices to convey the greetings of the mother country. Professor Bothne supplemented this extremely interesting feature of the celebration with the announcement that the well known chorus and band of St. Olaf college, at Northfield, and the Luther college band, of Decorah, had offered their services for the three days of the celebration, thus assuring musical programs of the highest order.

The celebration will also have some features of the nature of an exposition, as there will be an exhibit of various collections of an historical character, supplemented by a pageant representing phases of pioneer life among Norsemen in America.

Professor Bothne finally announced that the Canadian government had promised enthusiastic cooperation in securing a large attendance. He added that the attendance was likely to be something unprecedented in the annals of the Twin Cities, particularly as the various church organizations will hold their national sessions immediately after the festivities, as will also the numerous district associations (bygdelags) and the Sons and Daughters of Norway.

Stanley (Wis.) Republican  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1925

## NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL GREAT EVENT

To Commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Arrival of Norse Immigrants.

Andrew N. Sneen has received 1300 tickets for the Norse-American Centennial celebration to be held at the State Fair Grounds at Minneapolis, June 6, 7, 8 and 9. Mr. Sneen thinks he may need some help in disposing of the tickets but he says that preparations already under way indicate that this will be the biggest event of the kind ever staged in America. In the first place it commemorates the landing of the first Norwegian immigrants in America. Exhibits will show the influence which the Norwegian people have had upon the social, industrial, educational and political life of America.

The event is of unusual interest to Wisconsin people for Wisconsin, more than any other state, found favor with the pioneer Norse immigrants, probably being attracted here by the lumber industry. But they later settled a large part of Minnesota. So the choice of Minneapolis as a meeting place of the Norwegian immigrants and their descendants is very appropriate.

The federal government has given recognition to the event by ordering 40,000 commemorative silver medals for the occasion and President Coolidge has promised to be present and deliver an address on June 8. And we know the President must consider it an event of great importance for he is not much given to traveling about the country and making speeches.

The state fair grounds at Hamline are admirably adapted to the needs of such a meeting. For thousands will come by automobile and parking space will be required. Many will desire to camp out. And more important than all, many buildings will be required for the various meetings and conventions to be held. There will be some sixty conventions in all held during the four days meeting.

An interesting feature of the entertainment is promised in the living flag composed of 600 St. Paul school children. Their uniforms will consist of reversible colored capes or cloaks. First the Norwegian flag will be presented in the traditional Norwegian colors. Then at a signal from the director, a change will be

instantly made to the colors of the American flag by reversing the garments which the children will wear. This is supposed to exemplify the facility with which the Norwegian immigrants became good American citizens.

The closing feature on June 9, will be a historical pageant which will exemplify by stationary and moving tableaux the history of the first century of Norse-American and Norse-Canadian development.

Railroads have made a one and one-third fare for the round trip and it is expected that this will be the largest gathering of people to be seen on the continent during 1925.

Whitehall, Wis., Times  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1925

### Rally for the Norse-American Centennial

Come to the meeting at the Village hall April 9th, at eight o'clock in the evening, in interest of the "Norse-American Centennial." There will be addresses by Judge E. F. Hensel, Ole J. Eggum and H. A. Anderson and songs in English and Norwegian by the audience. Let us have a good, big crowd. This is the first meeting of the kind in our county and we want Whitehall to set a good example.

By order of County Chairman  
of Norse-American Centennial.

Ashland, Wis., Press  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1925

### PLANS EXHIBIT FOR NORSE CELEBRATION

Aksel Holter, Makes Plans For  
Ski Exhibit at Norse Centennial  
at St. Paul Next Summer.  
Many Ashlanders to Attend.

One of the biggest celebrations the Northwest has ever attempted will be the celebration at St. Paul June 6, 7, 8, 9 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the landing in America of the first Norwegian emigrants. The sloop Restoration, left Stavanger July 4, 1825, with 13 men, women and children, and landed in New York October 9th, after a voyage lasting more than three months. The sloop was a little 45 ton sailing vessel which attracted considerable attention after its arrival, the emigrants being hale and hearty after the long experience on the ocean. These pioneers settled in Kendall town on the south shore of Lake Ontario, establishing the first Norwegian colony in America.

The President and Mrs. Coolidge will be guests of the Norsemen, making their first trip west to at-

tempt the celebration. Constitutional government will likely be the subject of the President's address.

The progress of Norwegians in America will be illustrated by an



exposition, which will contain everything pertaining to achievements attained by the hardy and industrious Norsemen since the little boatload of emigrants arrived a hundred years ago. Among other displays, an Ashland man is directing the National ski exhibit which will include a miniature ski hill to be enlivened by numerous Ashland spruce, effecting a natural landscape in the Northwoods, a attractive display sign, giving this information to the thousands of visitors.

Many Ashland citizens will attend the celebration. Season tickets are being distributed all over the land, every county from the Atlantic to the Pacific being organized with a chairman in each, Aksel H. Holter of this city having been detailed to look after interests here besides representing the National ski association as official representative. He will also write an essay on Norwegians in American athletics, to be delivered during the festival. Every one from this county planning on attending should register with Mr. Holter before the first of May, so as to be entitled to special season ticket rate, and also in order that an Ashland community headquarters may be established at the Fair grounds, for social recreation in a family group style.

Wis State Journal  
Madison

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1925.

## Madison Has State Chairman of Norse Women

Mrs. G. H. Kiland Named Organizer For Centennial;  
Mrs. Carl Tollund Chairman Of Exhibits

APPOINTMENT has been made of Mrs. G. H. Kiland, 114 North Henry street, as state chairman of the Women's Auxiliary for the Norse-American Centennial to be held at St. Paul, June 6-9, of this year.

Mrs. Kiland has been named by the national Norse-American women's organization to take charge of organizing the Wisconsin women for the Centennial.

The Norse-American Centennial is to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Norwegians who formed the first settlement in the United States in 1825. On the program of the Centennial will be prominent Norwegian-Americans from throughout the United States who will touch in their talks on the history and heritage of the Norse race and the development of the people during the last hundred years in this country.

President Coolidge has accepted an invitation to be present at the Centennial on June 8 to extend greetings. A high representative of the Dominion of Canada and delegates from the Norwegian Storting and government are also expected to be present.

Of particular interest to women in connection with the Centennial will be the holding of an exhibition of handiwork, relics and curios of all kinds either from Norway or early pioneer days here which are of historical value as illustrating the Norse race.

The exhibit will include painting and sculpturing, weaving, tapestries, embroidery, laces, wood-carving, brasses, copper and pewter ware, national costumes, jewelry and household silver, china, old musical instruments, original scores and portraits of musicians and articles of furniture.

The work of arranging the exhibit has been given the national Norse Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Carl Tollund, 2527 East Johnson street, has been named chairman of Dane county exhibits and has charge of the collection locally.

All exhibits, accompanied by brief historical sketch stating when the articles were made or brought to this country or other interesting information concerning the design and workmanship, must be sent not later than April 25 to the St. Paul Centennial headquarters. Mrs. Tollund has been notified.

Mrs. Kiland as state women's chairman is naming a large state committee of women to arrange Norse programs in their localities and to organize women of their districts. Women's clubs, community clubs, lodges, church organizations, young people's societies and schools are being asked to have programs preceding the Centennial to arouse interest and enthusiasm in the coming gathering.

Ellsworth (Wis. Herald)  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1925

### MRS. NORSENG HEADS PIERCE COUNTY GROUP

The Norse-American Centennial which is to be held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds from June 6th to 9th promises to be the largest and one of the most significant gatherings of any kind during the current year.

Mrs. Martin Norseng has been appointed chairman of Pierce county by the National Norse Women's auxiliary which will have charge of the exhibits in connection with the centennial. A display will be made of relics and curios of all kinds either from Norway or of early pioneer days of the Norse people in this country, and the people of Pierce county are called upon to do their share in this respect.

The exhibit will include painting and sculpturing, weaving, tapestries, embroidery, laces, wood-carving, brasses, copper and pewter ware, national costumes, jewelry and household silver, china, old musical instruments, original scores and portraits of musicians, and articles of furniture.

All those who have any relic or curio which they think would be interesting, they should get in touch as soon as possible with Mrs. Norseng. A list of things of any historical interest must be communicated by the county chairman to the centennial headquarters in advance of their shipment.

The committee will pay express charges to and from the exposition grounds and insurance in transit and while at the exposition grounds. All articles for exhibit should be sent in the next few days.—River Falls Journal.

River Falls (Wis. Times)  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1925

### LOCAL PEOPLE WILL HAVE EXHIBITS AT CENTENNIAL

Word from the headquarters of the Norse-American Centennial brings the news that more room has had to be leased at the Fair grounds for the housing of the exhibits, that are coming in from all parts of the country and that the articles sent in are far more significant than ever anticipated.

Some of the local people are also going to have a hand in the exhibits. Mrs. Martin Norseng has sent in a "Huus-Postil" (home sermons) of 1765, a silver drinking horn and a silver pin antique. Mrs. C. N. Wiger is sending in a lunch cloth of original design. Homer Elertson of Tryon, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ellertson, of River Falls, is to make an exhibit of some of his paintings. A silver pin antique will be sent in by Mrs. J. Nelson. Mrs. H. A. Hagestad will send in a Norse coat of arms embroidered on wool canvas, a hand carved solid silver goblet (solv berger), and a luncheon set of Norse embroidery.

The commemorative medals authorized by the United States congress are now on sale and can be secured by sending in an order to the headquarters at the Nicollet Hotel. They cost \$1.25. Forty thousand have been issued. This is the first time in history that congress has ever authorized a commemorative medal.

According to the daily papers the national government is to send down the giant dirigible airship, the Los Angeles, and it is expected that this will be accompanied with a fleet of fifty airplanes. President Coolidge is to speak before the grandstand on Monday afternoon, June 8. The evening of that day will be designated as "Governors' Night," and it is expected that all the six governors of Norse blood in office at the present time will be present and make snort addresses. A "living flag" of four hundred and twenty St. Paul school children will also be a feature of this day. Monday June 8th, is to be known as "America Day."

Those in charge estimate that the crowds that will visit the Twin Cities on these days of the Norse-American Centennial will run up to a half million people and special trains are being arranged to carry the people from all points of the country.



Stoughton, Wis., Hub.  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1925

**First Lutheran and Central Christ Brotherhood meeting this evening at 7:45 o'clock at the First Lutheran church. At the regular monthly meeting of the First Lutheran and Central Christ Brotherhood Monday evening, Rev. B. E. Bergesen, of Minneapolis, will speak. His topic will be the Norse-American Centennial.**  
The coming celebration of the Centennial of Norwegian immigration to the U. S. will be the greatest venture ever staged by Americans of Norse descent. The celebration will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., June 6-9. Pres. Coolidge has given definite promise of being present. Rev. Bergesen is chairman of the program committee for the Centennial and will be able to give much valuable and interesting information. The public at large will be interested in hearing Rev. Bergesen's address, and is cordially invited to attend. After the program of the evening, the members of the Brotherhood of the First Luth. and Central Christ church will meet in the church parlors for the usual Brotherhood hour.

Superior, Wis., Telegram  
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**Meeting Tonight.**—All members of the Norse-American Centennial general committee are urged to attend a meeting tonight at the Concordia church parlors. Reports will be made by the finance and entertainment committee and other general reports made and plans laid for the commencing of work on arrangements for the organization in the centennial by Superior Norse. The centennial, which will open on June 6 and continue through June 9, will be held at St. Paul.

Superior, Wis., Telegram  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1925

### Norse to Discuss Plans Tonight for Centennial

Plans for Superior's part in the Norse centennial celebration at Minneapolis next June will be discussed at a meeting of representatives of all Norse societies to be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Concordia Norwegian Lutheran church. Plans for the appearance here on May 31 of the Oslo student chorus from the University of Christiania, Norway, also will be discussed.

