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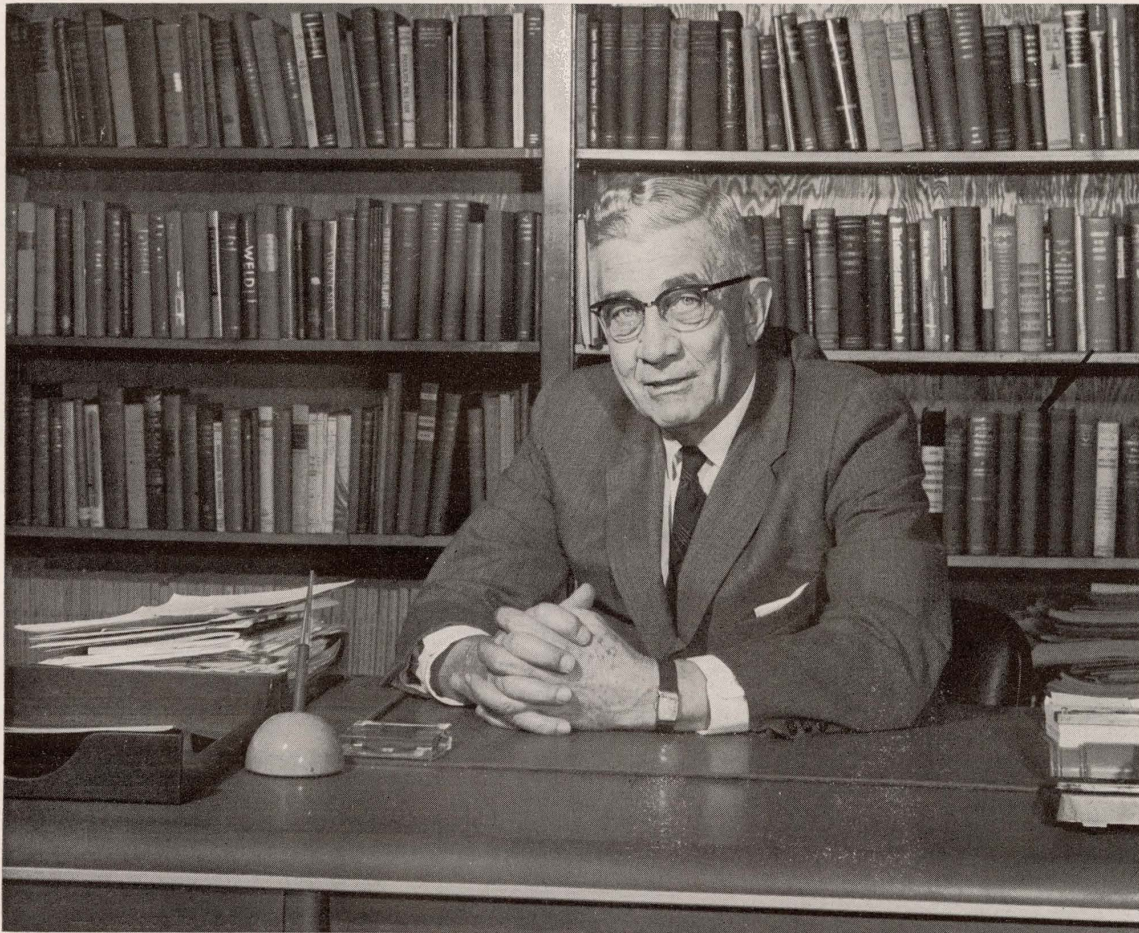
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Managing Editor Theodore C. Blegen Retires



Thirty-five Years of Service

For thirty-five years Theodore C. Blegen has served as Managing Editor of the publications of the Norwegian-American Historical Association. This period spans the life of the Association from its founding to the present day.

During this time 41 volumes have been issued by the society. The standards established by the editor in the very first volume and continued in all succeeding volumes have given these publications a high place among publications of similar organizations in this country. Their quality is such that one prominent his-

torian has called them a model for other societies to emulate.

Integrity and Accuracy

Not only has Dean Blegen steadfastly stood for integrity and accuracy in the publications of the society, he has also shown good judgment in the selection of material for publication, and has encouraged and stimulated scholars to devote themselves to the problems in the field of Norwegian-American history.

In addition to his long and successful career as editor of the society's publications, Dean Blegen has him-

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self written the two-volume history of Norwegian migration which is the definitive work in this field, not to mention various brief articles. His labors as editor and author, it should be noted, are in addition to his distinguished career as a teacher and university administrator.

Influence in Many Areas

Throughout the years, Dean Blegen has held a leading place in the inner councils of the Association, helping to shape its policies in organization and finance as well as in publication. There is no aspect of the society's work in which his influence has not been felt.

In all these activities he has shown tact, patience, enthusiasm, sincerity and high purpose. He has been a faithful friend, a trusted counselor and an inspirational leader.

He has now asked to be relieved of his duties. He has given assurance that his interest in the society will continue and that his counsel will still be available to the editorial board and to the society. There can be little doubt in view of his record that his assistance will be more than nominal.

The End of An Era

On this historic occasion, which brings to an end one era in the history of the Association, be it therefore resolved by the members of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, that the society express its deep gratitude to Dean Blegen for his many years of distinguished service to the society, that it congratulate him on the outstanding reputation which the society has achieved for its scholarly production, and that it wish him many more productive and rewarding years in whatever he undertakes.

—Read by PROFESSOR DAVID T. NELSON at the Triennial Meeting Banquet, April 23, 1960.

The Twelfth Triennial Meeting

The general session of the Twelfth Triennial Convention, attended by 50 members and officers, was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Solarium Room in the Curtis Hotel on April 23.

Executive Board Enlarged

Following the reports given by the secretary and the treasurer, the executive board submitted to the convention a resolution to amend the charter of the NAHA. The resolution which called for an addition of four members to the executive board was unanimously carried. Paragraph six of the Association's Charter as amended now reads:

... at the time and place of their election, said officers shall appoint seven [original charter called for three] members of the Association to serve with them for a period of three years, who, together with said officers, shall constitute and be designated as the executive board of the Association and have the general management of its affairs. . .

The Elected Officers

All of the officers who served during the past triennium were re-elected: Lionel G. Thorsness, president; Marthinius A. Strand, first vice-president; David T. Nelson, second vice-president; Magnus Bjorndal, third vice-president; Andrew E. Wigeland, treasurer; Lloyd Hustvedt, secretary; Sverre Arestad was re-appointed to serve on the executive board. Col. S. J. Arnesen, who had served on the executive board since 1945, was made an honorary member. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Birger Osland and J. Jørgen Thompson are also honorary members of the board. The vacancies created by the amendment were not filled at this time.

Professor J. Jorgen Thompson

At the time of J. Jørgen Thompson's resignation, the executive board passed a resolution that a citation to him be composed and be read at the Twelfth Triennial Meeting.

WHEREAS, our friend and colleague, Professor J. Jørgen Thompson, has been a loyal member of the Norwegian-American Historical Association since its beginning;

WHEREAS, he has served as a dedicated Secretary of the Association since 1931 and has combined with this office the position of Archivist;

WHEREAS, he has brought to his office the rare qualities of promoter, diplomat, administrator, and adviser;

WHEREAS, he has given unstintingly of his time and energy to the tasks of the Association;

WHEREAS, he has grasped the significance of Norwegian contributions to America's development and the long-range cultural mission of our organization; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to counsel us from his rich store of knowledge and experience—

WE, the officers of the Norwegian-American Historical Association do hereby express to Professor Thompson our deep sense of gratitude for the gifts and services that he has given to the Association and to the cause that motivates us in our work.

The Banquet

Fifty-five members and guests attended the banquet. Professor Clarence C. Clausen, who gave the main address, spoke on Elise Wærenskjold, a fascinating and intelligent pioneer woman in Texas. Her letters, edited by Professor Clausen, make up the con-

tent of the Association's forthcoming publication, still referred to only as "The Texas Book."

Through his interesting and witty lecture, filled with amusing but pointed and significant anecdotes, Professor Clausen led the audience, step by step, into the penetrating, active, and at times restless mind of Elise Wærenskjold.

Professor Carlton C. Qualey, a former student of Dean Blegen, a member of the editorial board, and author of *Norwegian Settlements in the United States*, gave the address in honor of the retiring editor (see next column). More than anyone else, Professor Qualey could better express the gratitude felt by all the members of the Association.

Dean Blegen's response, which completed the program, bore little trace of a man retiring. Even when he looked into the past, he did so with a steady eye toward the future. He pointed to the unparalleled team work which had prevailed down through the years, to stalwarts like O. E. Rølvaag who once said, "only the best is good enough," to Knut Gjerset and his dream for an "entire shelf of books," to the persistent and optimistic Birger Osland, who felt that getting the books written was a greater problem than financing them, and who then managed to raise the needed money when the coffers were nearly empty. He pointed to the enthusiasm of the membership and to the faithfulness of the 60 persons who have remained members since 1925 and 1926. He then went on to remind his audience that the work was far from finished.

Professor Bjork

Professor Kenneth O. Bjork, who replaces Dean Blegen as managing editor, is still in Norway, and was not present at the meeting. An article on our new managing editor will appear in the next *News Letter*.

Mrs. O. E. Rølvaag

The secretary of the NAHA recently received a letter from Mrs. O. E. Rølvaag, the widow of the late author and of the first secretary of the NAHA. Though now advanced in years, she follows the activities of the Association with keen interest. One paragraph in particular must here be repeated:

It was my good fortune to be able to "listen in" as a few men sat around our dinner table and through most of the night discussing the possibility of such an organization, ways and means and possible officers. For that reason I have followed with great interest the growth and development of the organization. I am sure that *those few men* (now all gone) would have been greatly satisfied with the results.

Books for USIS

When Vice President Marthinus A. Strand heard that the United States Information Service Library in Oslo, Norway, did not have our publications, nor the funds with which to buy them, he immediately solved the problem. He personally bought a complete set and sent it to Norway.

Theodore C. Blegen

By CARLTON C. QUALEY

Address given at the Triennial Meeting Banquet,
April 23, 1960

Members of the Norwegian-American Historical Association and citizens of the state of Minnesota should feel profoundly grateful and fortunate to have been served so faithfully and brilliantly for so long by one of the ablest men of our time, Theodore C. Blegen. Had he chosen other fields of history, his renown would unquestionably have been even greater. That he has devoted his unusual gifts as researcher, writer, administrator, educator, and promoter largely to the fields of Norwegian-American history, Minnesota state history, and graduate school administration must be accounted extremely fortunate for those areas. As he himself looks back, he may wonder whether or not he made the right choices. He will probably find no answer to the question, but those of us who have benefited by his choices can only feel providentially favored.

One hesitates to use the word "retirement" to describe the change of activity that will come to Theodore Blegen this spring. It is true that he will turn over the managing editorship of the Norwegian-American Historical Association to another, and that he will cease to be Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota at the stroke of midnight June 30, 1960. But this does not mean that he will stop breathing. And as long as he breathes, Theodore Blegen will do significant things, for whatever he does will be creative and stimulating. This has ever been so, and will always be so. And even when the moment comes when he stops breathing, he will have insured himself immortality. This he has richly earned.

To those who discount background as being important in conditioning character, I would direct attention to the Blegen family of Augsburg College and of Saga Hill, Lake Minnetonka. The affection and intellectual discipline of the home of a classical scholar in an academic community was continued summers in the more relaxed atmosphere of that remarkable extension of the Augsburg faculty community on the north shore of West Arm, Lake Minnetonka called "Saga Hill." Theodore Blegen has himself described this summer colony charmingly in the December 1948 issue of *Minnesota History*. To this idyllic family life one must add a rugged physical inheritance. These circumstances of his early life were clearly major factors in the training and motivating of a scholar. There followed undergraduate studies at Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota, graduate study under an unusually able faculty of his time at the University of Minnesota leading to the doctorate in history, a period of high school teaching at Fergus Falls and Milwaukee, apprenticeship under Solon J. Buck at the Minnesota Historical Society in the arts of editing and meticulous research, succession to the position of Superintendent of the Minnesota Histori-

cal Society, college instruction at Hamline University, and later part-time instruction at the University of Minnesota leading eventually to a full professorship, a Guggenheim Fellowship year in Norway, presidency of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and deanship of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota since 1940. Accompanying him in all his efforts during his adult years, bearing two handsome children, Theodore, Jr., and Margaret, was a woman who in her own way is as able as her husband, Clara Woodward Blegen. Those who know the Blegens know full well how significant she has been in Theodore Blegen's career. It has been a fortunate partnership.

Although his work as Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota increasingly took up his time after 1940, Theodore Blegen continued active in the direction of the publication program of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, gave important service to the Minnesota Historical Society on its council, and actively promoted historical and other studies at the University of Minnesota. Since 1940, however, his energies and genius have been devoted primarily to building up the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota, to serving the University on innumerable committees and in countless capacities, to giving major service to the Association of American Colleges and Universities and to the Land Grant College Association, and to appointments as consultant to several states on graduate education and state historical society work. During World War II he gave his country valuable service in Washington. By way of recreation he has enjoyed membership in the Baker Street Irregulars, rounds of golf with friends of the academic community, and summer sojourns in northern Minnesota. Despite periods of painful back ailment, he continued to work courageously and uncomplainingly until such time as the difficulty was largely overcome.

It would be difficult to determine in which field Theodore Blegen has made his most significant contribution. On January 29-30, 1960, the University of Minnesota and its department of history honored him with a conference on immigration history, attended by scholars in that field from all parts of the United States and from Norway. The tribute was well-deserved, and the papers presented at the Conference will be published by the University of Minnesota Press. The field chosen might, however, easily have been Minnesota state history, and could have been even more appropriately graduate education. But the field closest to his heart may very well be that of Norwegian-American history. Certainly the publications of the Norwegian-American Historical Association, forty-one volumes in the years of his managing editorship, constitute a monument of such magnitude as to dwarf achievements by others on any national group in immigration history. His own two basic volumes on *Norwegian Migration to America* are generally admired as model studies of an immigrant group.

Theodore Blegen was one of the founders of the Norwegian - American Historical Association, and,

more than any one person, gave the organization form, direction, and stimulation. In reviewing the first twenty-five years of the Association in 1950, he himself gave the most accurate analysis of the reasons for its success:

"It is remarkable, in a review of the work of this Association, for twenty-five years, to realize how much of our publication was planned in advance. Relatively little has fallen like ripe fruit into our hands, finished except for printing and binding, though we have had some good luck. Most of our production has come from stimulation and encouragement, suggestions of things worth doing, earnest urging, conferences, letters, sometimes the promise of specific assistance of one kind or another. Many things have been started that were never finished. Some things have been finished that could not be published. Many things we have dreamed of have not been done because we lacked energy or time or means or success in our hunt for others to do them or to join us in doing them. We have had profit and loss. But we have never failed to profit by looking critically at work yet to be done, by studying, not our achievements, but our failures and blind spots, by scolding ourselves about what we have not succeeded in doing.

"If I could draw any lesson from such measure of success as we may have had in this quarter century, it is that we have accompanied review with challenge, appraisal of things done with study of things to be done." (*Norwegian-American Studies and Records*, 17:150, 1952.)

In his *A Review and Challenge*, twelve years before (1938), Blegen said much the same thing, and a similar statement could certainly be made in 1960 on this thirty-fifth anniversary of the Norwegian-American Historical Association. If there has been any change in emphasis it might be in the direction of studies of the return impact of America upon Norway, and on the larger implications of our understanding of the migration of one immigrant group for the history of European migration to America in general.

The Norwegian-American Historical Association is so greatly indebted to Theodore Blegen that no words can express it. He has in large part been the Association, for he has built its prestige as a learned society. Whatever the future may bring, the achievements of Theodore C. Blegen in and for the Norwegian-American Historical Association, 1925-1960, will stand for generations to come as a model and an inspiration.

Life Membership for New College

Vice President David T. Nelson, professor at Luther College, and formerly a Rhodes Scholar to England, recently bought a Life Membership for New College Library, Oxford, England. Down through the years, Professor Nelson has provided this same library with all our books. Thus he has now safeguarded that all future publications will also be sent to the New College Library.

Treasurer's Annual Report for 1959

As the accompanying statements of income and expense, and balance sheet position show, The Norwegian-American Historical Association continues in sound financial condition with all bills paid and a modest amount of funds on hand to finance the publication of additional books and to continue the membership activities of the Association.

Cash on hand showed an increase of \$1,777.29 during the year. The market value of security holdings declined by \$399 but since \$16,000 of the securities are short term, the \$5,000 U. S. Treasury 2½% Bonds due December 15, 1972/67, may be classed as an investment of the Rølvaag Memorial (permanent) Fund, it seems reasonable to anticipate that no loss on account of the decline in market prices will have to be aken, and that these securities will be collected at their full face value at maturity.

Income from Dues from Associate, Sustaining and Patron Members was \$433 greater than in the previous year. Increased interest in our publications is also indicated by an increase of \$454.85 in book sales.

Studies and Records, volume 20, 256 pages, another significant volume of historical material was brought

out and distributed in 1959 accounting for most of the publication expenses of \$3,957.94 as well as part of the expenses of the Secretary's office.

As in previous years The Norwegian-American Historical Association received, in addition to its money income, large contributions of time, effort, professional services, traveling and other expense contributions from members of the editorial board and from the officers and other members of the executive board.

A. E. WIGELAND, *Treasurer.*

Comparative Figures Income & Expenses

	1959	1958	1957
Revenue Receipts (excluding Life Membership Fees and Special Gifts credited to the Ole Edvard Rølvaag Fund)	\$ 6,731.48	\$ 6,678.94	\$ 4,702.23
Publication Expense	3,957.94	9,361.80	784.96
Total Disbursements	5,664.19	12,190.36	2,513.52

Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSETS	December 31		
	1959	1958	1957
Cash	\$ 6,605.99	\$ 4,829.70	\$ 7,491.12
Investments	21,000.00	21,000.00	23,000.00
Secretary, Cash Account in bank in Northfield	500.00	500.00	500.00
	\$28,106.99	\$26,329.70	\$30,991.12
NET WORTH			
The Ole Edvard Rølvaag Memorial Fund	\$12,307.37	\$11,562.37	\$10,712.37
Current Funds	15,299.62	14,267.33	19,778.75
Current Funds, State Bank of Northfield	500.00	500.00	500.00
	\$28,106.99	\$26,329.70	\$30,991.12

Investments

	Market Value Dec. 31, 1959	
	Price	Value
\$ 3,000 U. S. Treasury C of I 4% due 5-15-60	99%	\$ 2,988.75
5,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 11-15-61	95%	4,781.25
5,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 12-15-72/67	80	4,000.00
8,000 The Laclede Gas Light Co. 3½% First Mortgage due 2-1-65	93	7,540.00
		\$21,000
		\$19,310.00

New Life Memberships, 1959 Added to Rølvaag Memorial Fund

Nora B. Arneberg	\$100
Benita S. Bothun	100
C. Norman Brunsdale	100
Christian J. Mohn	100
William T. Evjue	100
Sivert J. Klefstad	100
Dr. E. J. Norby	100
Olaf Simonson, Memorial	45
	\$745

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended December 31, 1959

OPENING CASH BALANCE, 1-1-59.....\$ 4829.70

RECEIPTS

Life Membership Fees	\$ 745.00
Dues, Associate and Sustaining Members	4,270.00
Dues, Patron Members	50.00
Book Sales	1,446.23
Gifts and Bequests for Current Use	320.00
Interest on Investments	610.25
Total Receipts	7,441.48

Total Cash Available

DISBURSEMENTS

Publication Expenses	
Printing	\$ 2,962.83
Editorial, Typing, etc.	391.45
Author, Research, etc.	30.00
News Letter Expenses	573.66
Secretary's Office Expenses	
Publications	250.40
General	1,333.83
General Expenses	92.02
Advertising	30.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,664.19

CLOSING CASH BALANCE, 12-31-59

\$12,271.18

1959 Gifts and Bequests for Current Use

Verdandi Study Club of Minneapolis as a memorial to Martha C. Blegen toward expenses of publishing the letters of Elise Wærenskjold	\$100
Marthinus A. Strand	200
Lylah Sanders	10
Rollo Gullickson	10
	\$320

\$320

Excerpts From The Secretary's Report

Membership Statistics 1957-1960

	Associate	Sustaining	Life	Total
January 1, 1957	621	110	59	790
Added	31	5	5	41
Cancelled	70	12		82
January 1, 1958	582	103	64	749
Added	129	19	8	156
Cancelled	37	6		43
January 1, 1959	674	116	72	862
Added	44	19	7	70
Cancelled	66	15		81
January 1, 1960	652	120	79	851

Though a total of 276 new members have been added during the past three years, the cancellation of 206 is also high, leaving a net gain of 61, associate 31, sustaining 10, and life 20.

Many members from the generation when the Association was founded are rapidly dropping out and need to be replaced by younger persons. As the above clearly shows, we can never relax in our efforts to recruit new supporters.

West of The Great Divide Leads Sales

Due to the comparatively large sale of *West of the Great Divide*, and to an increased interest in the *Studies and Records* series, the sale of books during 1959 nearly equaled the combined total for 1957 and 1958. The figures below do not include books distributed to members.

	1957	1958	1959	Total
Total Orders	87	159	220	466
Studies and Records	75	21	177	273
Travel and Description Series	10	19	22	51
Norweg. Sailors, Great Lakes	2	4	6	12
Norweg. Migration: 1825-1865	9	6	10	25
Norweg. Sailors in Amer. Waters	2	1	3	6
Civil War Letters, Col. Heg	3	17	27	47
Laur. Larsen	5	2	3	10
The Changing West	1	1	5	7
Norweg. Settlements in U. S.	3	13	6	22
Log Book of a Young Immigrant	0	2	5	7
Norweg. Migration: The Amer. Tr.	6	11	10	27
A Long Pull from Stavanger	3	5	3	11
Saga in Steel and Concrete	2	5	5	12
A Chronicle of Old Muskego	1	4	3	8
The Immigrant Takes a Stand	4	2	3	9
The Diary of Elisabeth Koren	52	28	17	97
West of the Great Divide		93	124	217
	179	233	429	841

Our Current Membership Picture

The statistics below show our current membership and the year in which each member joined the Association. That 84 members have a membership dating back to the first three years of the organization is most impressive. The following 10 years, 1928-1938, provide only 60 members, and point to the heavy cancellation in recent years. Due to energetic membership drives in 1941 and in 1958, these years show a sustained membership far ahead of all other years.

Year	Assoc.	Sust.	Life	Total
1925	23	1	6	30
1926	16	7	7	30
1927	15	3	6	24
1928	4	2	4	10
1929	7		1	7
1930	2	1	3	6
1931	5			5
1932	3			3
1933	3			3
1934	3		1	4
1935	8	1	1	10
1936	5			5
1937	5		2	7
1938	17	4		21
1939	21	2	7	31
1940	15	6	3	24
1941	53	6	3	62
1942	9	1	1	11
1943	16	5	3	24
1944	7	5	3	15
1945	22	4		26
1946	9			9
1947	14	2	2	18
1948	21	4	1	26
1949	15	1	1	17
1950	16			18
1951	14		2	16
1952	7		1	8
1953	4	3	2	9
1954	12	1		13
1955	23	4	2	29
1956	35	4		39
1957	11	4	4	19
1958	111	27	6	144
1959	44	19	7	74
1960	13	5	1	19

Help Us Sell

As the inventory on page 7 shows, two more books will soon be out of print, *Frontier Mother* and *Laur. Larsen: Pioneer College President*. *Grass of the Earth* and *Norwegian Sailors on the Great Lakes* have been out of print for some time. The inventory represents a potential income of \$39,378.50. If calculated at the 25% discount given to members and to libraries the amount is \$26,258.70.

Studies and Records	
Vol. 1	213
2	95
3	126
4	276
5	249
6	249
7	51
8	230
9	300
10	392
11	395
12	120
13	159
14	166
15	171
16	230
17	316
18	430
19	485
20	450
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Inventory of Books On Hand

Ole Rynning's True Account of America	242
Peter Testman's Account of His Experiences	255
America in the Forties: Letters of O. E. Ræder	122
Frontier Parsonage: Letters of O. F. Duus	96
Frontier Mother: Letters of Gro Svendsen	18
Norwegian Migration to America: 1825-1865	327
Norwegian Sailors in American Waters	496
Civil War Letters of Col. H. C. Heg	389
Laur. Larsen: Pioneer College President	21
The Changing West and other Essays	515
Norwegian Settlements in the United States	343
The Log Book of a Young Immigrant	345
Norwegian Migration to Amer: The Amer. Tr.	1001
A Long Pull from Stavanger	460
Saga in Steel and Concrete	830
A Chronicle of Old Muskego	273
The Immigrant Takes His Stand	334
The Diary of Elisabeth Koren	247
West of the Great Divide	304
Grass of the Earth	O.P.
Norwegian Sailors on the Great Lakes	O.P.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

- Mr. Birger Osland, prominent Chicago citizen and businessman, recently filled 90 years. He served as treasurer for the NAHA for many years, and is now honorary member of the executive board. The Chicago papers carried his story and wrote of his contributions to his community, state, and nation—and to the Norwegian people. Hundreds of friends and admirers brought their good wishes and greetings.
- Our president, Lionel G. Thorsness, was recently heard over Chicago station WSBC. By way of an interview on the morning program entitled, "Frukostklubben," Attorney Thorsness told the story of the NAHA.
- Governor Stratton of Illinois recently appointed Lionel G. Thorsness as a member of the Civil Service Commission. The Governor had earlier re-appointed him to serve on the Illinois Judicial advisory council.
- Wishes for a successful triennial meeting were received from General Lauris Norstad, Steven C. Rockefeller, Gabriel Hauge, Arthur Larson, and Larry Rue, European correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*.
- Recognition from areas where it is least expected is always pleasant. The Massachusetts newspaper, *The New Bedford Standard Times* (February 20, 1960) carried an editorial entitled, "A Worthy Prototype." After reviewing the objectives and accomplishments of the NAHA, the writer continued:
It may be that Southeastern Massachusetts, rich as it is in European heritage, could benefit from this example more than most sections of the country; certainly the contributions of this area's racial groups is well worth recording in all its aspects.
- Our members who are attorneys — there are at least 30 of them — might be interested in noting that

the article, "The Use of Auditors to Cut Court Congestion," appearing the the February issue of the *American Bar Association Journal*, page 179, was written by our president, Lionel G. Thorsness.

- Dr. O. Myking Mehus, Chief of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Division of the Kansas City, Missouri, Regional Office of the Veteran's Administration, was named the Federal Civil Servant of the year by the Kiwanis Council of Greater Kansas City.

THANK YOU

More New Life Members

Sivert I. Klefstad of Glenview, Illinois, became a life member, in December 1959.

Clarence C. Clausen, professor of history at St. Olaf College and a member of the NAHA editorial board, also subscribed to a life membership in December.

A brief but cheering letter from Everett M. Lee, superintendent of schools in Viroqua, Wisconsin, reads as follows:

"I am pleased to forward another order for your wonderful books. Would it be possible to become a Life Member by paying \$25.00 per year for four years?"

Mr. Lee has become a life member under this plan. It is hoped that others who may find the immediate payment of \$100.00 too high will choose to follow Mr. Lee.

Gifts

Rollo Gullickson, Chicago, Illinois	\$10.00
J. Jørgen Thompson, Northfield, Minnesota	5.00
Pastor Kenneth R. Torvik, Eagle Grove, Iowa	6.00

BECOME A BLEGEN MEMBER

In recognition of Theodore C. Blegen's thirty-five years of faithful service, and in recognition of his hopes for the future success of the Historical Association, we are sponsoring a special "Blegen Membership" and are featuring his books as bonus copies. Please enlist one of your friends, neighbors, or acquaintances as a member and provide him with the application blank entered below.

SPECIAL BONUS OFFERS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (\$5.00 per annum) will receive Theodore C. Blegen's *Norwegian Migration to America: The American Transition* as a bonus book. For an additional \$2.00 he will also receive Blegen's *Norwegian Migration to America: 1825-1865*.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS (\$10.00 per annum) will receive both volumes as bonus books.

PATRON MEMBERS (\$25.00 or more per annum) and LIFE MEMBERS (\$100.00) will receive the two books mentioned above plus two additional NAHA publications of their choice.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Being in sympathy with the movement to preserve the records and make public the historical facts pertaining to the Norwegian-American people, I hereby apply for.....Membership in the Norwegian-American Historical Association and enclose a check or money order for \$..... in accordance with the schedule of dues mentioned above.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

OCCUPATION.....

This Blank may also be used for gift memberships.

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