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MEMBERS WHO'VE SEEN DOUG SAY DON'T MISS HIM!

Doug Ohman: Historic Churches of Minnesota

Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00

Join us at our May meeting as Doug takes us on a journey around Minnesota exploring the history of many of the state's oldest churches. He will share stories and experiences from his travels. You will meet many of the people that Doug has met in his quest of photographing nearly 2500 churches.

Doug Ohman is a freelance photographer and popular speaker who has traveled throughout the upper Midwest photographing historic architecture. His work has been widely published in magazines, calendars and books. Recently he has been working with the Minnesota Historical Society on the popular book series "Minnesota Byways".

Scandinavian Culture and News

Syttende Mai - the 17th of May

Officially known as “*grunnlovsdag*” (Constitution Day) but referred to informally as “National Day” and “*Syttende Mai*,” May 17 corresponds roughly to our Fourth of July, but has a bit more complicated history.

The Norwegians have a proud and independent past, dating before the time of the Viking era, which was about 790 to 1050 AD, when they were very prominent and greatly feared in much of the world. Unknown to many people, the Vikings established the oldest surviving parliament in the world in Iceland over a thousand years ago in 930 AD

During the Viking era, much of present-day Norway was united, changing from many local chieftains and kings to one king. After the Viking era, many regional leaders claimed the throne. There were over 100 years of civil wars in Norway. Soon German merchants largely controlled the economy. Norway became dependent on them for grain imports. Then the bubonic plague killed about half to two-thirds of the people in the mid-1300s.

Shortly after the plague, Margrete was the wife of the king of Norway, Haakon VI. She was also the daughter of the King of Denmark. When her father died, Margrete, who was already the queen of Norway, became the ruler of Denmark. Margrete’s husband died soon after, so she ruled Norway as well. Then, Margrete was elected to rule Sweden also. So, Margrete united Norway, Sweden, and Denmark with the power centered in Denmark. Sweden broke away in 1448.

Norway grew weaker and Denmark grew stronger. Norway was declared a Danish province. During the Napoleonic wars, Denmark sided with France against Great Britain. However, Britain was Norway’s chief trading partner so the Norwegians had a very difficult time, and many starved. After a time, the Norwegians began to trade secretly with the British again and began to manage their own affairs.

During those Napoleonic wars, the Swedes were allied with Great Britain and defeated Denmark. Then, Denmark gave Norway to Sweden. However, the Norwegians did not recognize the Treaty of Kiel that did this. A group of Norwegian delegates met in Eidsvoll to draft a constitution creating an independent Norway. The delegates elected

Prince Kristian Frederik to be King of Norway. That constitution was adopted on May 17, 1814, but Sweden refused it and defeated the Norwegian troops. Norway was forced to accept the King of Sweden as their ruler also.

The first Seventeenth of May celebrations in Norway consisted of festivities and political demonstrations against Swedish control of Norway. They began in 1815 in private clubs under the guidance of Marrhias Conrad Peterson of Trondheim. He was a Dane, but an ardent Norwegian in his heart and mind. In 1824, he stepped forward and proposed “*Syttende Mai*” be celebrated publicly as Norway’s Constitution Day.

In Oslo, then known as Christiania, the celebrations began in 1824 against the wishes of Carl Johan, who was king of Sweden and Norway. In 1829, circumstances allowed several important events to take place. In the Christiania harbor, a steamboat called *Constitutionen* arrived on a gorgeous sunny Sunday. The citizens were enjoying their day off and had gathered in large numbers near the harbor. The authorities grew uneasy as the crowd cheered, “Long live the Constitution.” At *Stortorget*, a city marketplace, the soldiers at *Akershus* Castle were ordered to disburse the crowd. When the crowd did not disburse, a cavalry unit attacked. The people fled. Fortunately, no one was killed, but Norway was humiliated. It was called the Battle of the Marketplace.

The first official Children’s Parade occurred in Christiania on May 17, 1870. The man behind the idea was Bjornstjerne Bjornson, a controversial patriot, author, political agitator and inspirational speaker. He wrote a poem called, “*Ja, vi elsker dette landet*.” - “Yes, we love this country.” This became the national anthem of Norway. The music was written by his cousin, Richard Nordraak.

After nearly 100 years of Swedish rule and wars between Norway and Sweden, all but 184 out of 368,392 voters in Norway voted for independence in 1905; it was granted this time.

Syttende Mai is mainly the children’s day although everyone participates in celebrating the observance of Norway’s independence.

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Lodge News

Dear Members,

Spring has finally sprung, temperatures in the 60's, grass is getting green, and people are smiling. What more can a Norwegian hope for?

I want to thank those lodge members that came to our annual New Membership dinner. I believe we had seven prospective new members in attendance. I know that one of them, Chuck Draheim, became a new member that evening. Others are considering joining, and there were a few other members who asked me for applications to give to a relative who was not at the dinner. I am glad this dinner stimulated some recruiting activity. Please remember--you are all recruiters. Look for potential new members while you go about your daily life. Don't be afraid to ask a friend, neighbor, relative, or coworker to come to a meeting and consider joining Sons of Norway.

Our lodge received a lodge revenue sharing check of \$181.19 from headquarters. The amount of this check is determined based on the amount of insurance and annuity premiums paid by our lodge members as compared to those of other lodges. This check could and should be a lot bigger if all of our lodge members would at least consider looking at our insurance and annuity products in relation to their overall financial planning. It all starts with a **free complimentary financial review** by Greg Hovland. This review helps determine your needs no matter what stage of life you are in. Perhaps think of the lodge revenue sharing check as another way of raising funds for the lodge. We are always looking for ways to make more money for our lodge--right? Investing some of your money with Sons of Norway not only helps you, but it benefits your lodge too. I challenge all of you to help increase the amount of our lodge revenue check next year.

Finally, the Festival of Nations is here May 1-4. Thanks in advance to all the volunteers. A great time will be had by all.

See you at our next meeting,

- Len

We were happy to see Mildred Stanke at the membership dinner. She is recovering from a hip fracture. It was also good to see Jane Urness back on her feet after her bike accident. She was even well enough to help out at the Adopt-A-School event! Way to go, ladies!

We welcome our newest member, Chuck Draheim, who came to the Membership Dinner as a guest of Kay Sandeen and joined that evening. Chuck was born in Mora, MN and spent his early childhood there. He has lived in numerous places, and currently resides in St. Paul. He is of Norwegian and German ancestry, with Norwegian ancestors in both the Trondheim and Stavanger areas.

Chuck runs a carpentry and remodeling business out of his home and also builds theatrical sets. He found that he already knows several of our members, and is eager to get involved in lodge activities.

Be sure to introduce yourself to him at our meetings!



Lodge News

Board Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2008

Attendees: Len Carlson, Sharon Amann, Patti Carlson, Rod Hale, Sue Halvorson, Trudi Johnson-Richards, Mary Beth and David Mutchler, Steve Roste.

Old Business

President Len Carlson opened the meeting with a review of the plans for the Festival of Nations. Tickets and instructions for workers will be handed out at the April 8 meeting. The food order and the menu items and prices were set. There are still slots open for workers at the festival. 13 people have signed up for cooking day.

Plans for the order of the program and room arrangements for the April 8 membership dinner were finalized. 70 members have made reservations.

A discussion was held regarding the lodge's donation of an item for the silent auction at the District Convention.

It was decided to celebrate Syttende Mai at the May 13 lodge meeting rather than have a separate event.

Rod reported on the costs involved with the lodge trip to Norskedalen on July 12. Sign up for the trip will begin at the April 8 meeting.

A brief discussion was held regarding increased publicity for the lodge to attract new members.

To meet the lodge goal of getting better acquainted, there will be a bingo game at the June picnic.

Submitted by Sue Halvorson, Secretary

The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6 at the Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr. (W. side of Maplewood Mall) in the large conference room.

Lodge Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2008

91 people attended the Annual Membership Dinner. Our guests were Chuck Draheim, Cindy Giving, Bob Hanson, Helen Hanson, Paul Hartleben, Bonnie Spivak, and Jeane Verner. Later that evening, Chuck joined our lodge. Millie Hartleben led the members and guests in the Norwegian table prayer. This was followed by a delicious dinner catered by Magnolias.

Immediately following dinner, the Junior Lodge Peer Gynt Dancers performed. Junior Lodge leader Susan Stow gave a history of the junior lodge and chronicled their many performances in various parts of the United States. The junior lodge meets on the second Saturday of the month and is open to children 7 to 17 years old.

Jim Townsend, Zone 2 Director, spoke about increasing membership and the upcoming District Convention.

Len Carlson and Mary Beth Mutchler received pins for recruiting new members. Len recruited nine new members and Mary Beth one new member.

Cultural director Steve Roste gave a presentation detailing the history of our lodge and all of the member events from the past year. Greg Hovland then spoke about Sons of Norway financial products that are available to help people at various stages of their lives.

President Len Carlson acknowledged that the lodge had received \$181.19 through the new lodge revenue sharing program of the Sons of Norway. The amount of money that a lodge receives is based on the percentage of total assets that the lodge's members have in insurance and annuities.

Lloyd Fanum presented Sharon Amann with his mother's Norwegian American Centennial Cook Book containing 230 recipes for Sharon's collection of heritage recipes.

The Festival of Nations is still in need of volunteer workers.

Rod Hale said the lodge trip to Norskedalen will be on July 12 and the cost for the bus will be about \$20 per person. There was a signup sheet for those interested in making the trip.

Steve Roste presented Ed Gilbertson with a first level pin in figure carving toward the master level.

Members celebrating their birthday in April are: Sharon Amann, Lenore Jesness, Myrna Moffat, Joann Nordale, Cathie Reasoner, and Jane Urness. April anniversaries are being celebrated by Curt and JoAnn Hogenson and Zone 2 Director Jim Townsend and his wife. The door prize was won by Cathie Reasoner.

We thank our servers for the meeting refreshments: Linda and Leif Erickson, Susan and Ron Stow, and Laura and Frank Sherman.

Submitted by Sue Halvorson, Secretary

Calendar of Coming Events

<u>Monday</u> April 28	<u>Festival of Nations Cooking Day</u> Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church 1669 Arcade St. Join in making krumkake and fruit soup	9:00 AM to Noon
<u>Thursday</u> May 1 thru Sunday, May 4	<u>Annual Festival of Nations</u> Largest ethnic gathering held at the St. Paul RiverCentre. Join in the fun by help- ing out in the Norway Cafe sponsored by Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge	Various times
<u>Friday May 2</u> Thru Sun. May 4	<u>11th Annual Ibsen Festival - Lanesboro, MN</u> (See page 8 for more information and links.)	
<u>Tuesday</u> May 6	<u>Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting</u> **Note Change:: Maplewood Library 3025 Southlawn Dr. (E. side Maplewood Mall) In the large conference room	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
<u>Saturday</u> May 10	<u>Junior Lodge Peer Gynt Dancers</u> At Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1616 W. Olive in Stillwater Susan Stow: 651-439-7255	1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
<u>Tuesday</u> May 13	<u>Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge & Social Event</u> Doug Ohman: Historic Churches of Minnesota You won't want to miss this one!	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
<u>Saturday</u> May 17	<u>Genealogy Group meets at Roseville Library</u> See next page for more information. Lunch afterwards at Taste of Scandinavia on Rice Street in Roseville for anyone interested!	10:00 AM To 12:00 PM
<u>June</u>	<u>Future Sports Events:</u> Letterboxing in Chisago/Wash. County	Watch for Further information
	<u>2008 S/N Convention Dates:</u> Dist #1 - June 12-14, Mankato, MN International - August 28-30, San Diego, CA	
<u>Thur.-Sat</u> June 26-28	<u>2008 Valdres Stevne in Austin, MN</u> Genealogy, arts & crafts, workshops, etc. (See page 8 for further information.)	
<u>Sunday</u> July 13	<u>77th Annual Norway Day at Minnehaha Park</u>	

Synnøve-Nordkap Norwegian Language Classes:

1. "Norwegian in Five Minutes a Month" series - class 6:30-7:00 PM on Tuesdays before Lodge meetings. No meeting if meal is scheduled.
2. "Norsk, Nordmenn og Norge" class on Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Sun-Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave. near McKnight & Ruth Sts.
Meet twice a month - May 15 & 22
For information, contact class co-facilitators:
Sheryl Hove 651-738-4908 or Crystal Bloecher 651-774-8545

Syttende Mai Events:

Friday, May 16 -- 6:00 PM
Syttende Mai Banquet by the Syttende Mai Minnesota Committee at the Minnesota Valley Country Club, Bloomington. RSVP by May 12 - Cost: \$50
Speaker: Al Quie, former governor.
Special entertainment. Contact: Sons of Norway (800)945-8851 for info.

Saturday, May 17 -- 2:00 PM
Free concert by the Nordkap Choir in Newman-Benson Chapel at Lyngblomsten, 1415 Almond Ave., St. Paul-

Sunday, May 18 -- Mindekirken,
924 East 21st St. Mpls.
10:30 AM - Prelude Concert
11:00 AM - Syttende Mai Festival Service, Pastor Vik and Pastor Jens Dale
12:15 PM - Parade thru neighborhood
1:00 PM - Celebration of Heritage with folk dances and folk art demos.
2:00 PM - Vox Corda String Orchestra with string music from Norway.
Contact Mindekirken (612)874-0716

Tuesday, May 20 -- 7:00 PM
American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave. So., Mpls.
Syttende Mai Program with soprano, Melissa Culloton from Halden, Norway performing Grieg and Norwegian folk tunes. Following program, open-faced sandwiches & coffee - \$5.00
Call Louise Bakken 763-545-4827

May 16 - 18 - Syttende Mai at Stoughton, Wisconsin. Call (888)873-7912 or see www.stoughtonwi.com/syttendemai

31st Annual Hjemkomst Festival Moorhead, Minnesota

Friday, June 27 - Sunday, June 29, 2008
Beginning with flag ceremony at 10:00 AM Friday
Visit the Hjemkomst museum, see the Viking ship and walk through the Hopperstad Stave Church replica.
Enjoy full days of festivities and food.
Call (218)299-5452 or Visit: scandinavianhjemkomstfestival.org.

Upcoming Lodge Activities

Junior Lodge Update

While Synnøve-Nordkap Senior Lodge is planning “Vikings in a blanket” and quantities of Sotsuppe ingredients, Junior Lodge has been busy too. Our Festival of Nations preparation has been in the form of dance rehearsal and audition.

Seksmansril and Klappdans are the two dances we will perform. A reel for six dancers in a circle forms a challenging star position with many pattern changes. For some of our newer members, this is a completely new dance, whereas the Klappdans is an old favorite. It is usually the first dance everyone learns.

Our audition at the International Institute was Sat., March 15th between a Korean group and some Scottish sword dancers. I hope they enjoyed our performance as much as we enjoyed watching them. It is always exciting to see the costumes and enthusiasm leading up to the Festival!

The 2008 Festival of Nations theme is “Arts and architecture”. On Saturday, May 3rd our Peer Gynt Dancers will be in the children’s flag ceremony at 1:15. Stefan Nelson is the flag bearer representing Norwegian children and our lodge. At approximately 1:45 we will be performing with the Fjell og Fjord dancers from two Minneapolis lodges filling the stage with colorful bunads, music and best of all – happy children!

Ha det!

Susan Stow, Jr. Lodge Director

Genealogy Workshop Group

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 17th (Syttende Mai) @ the Roseville Library Meeting Room, 10 AM – 12 PM

Thank you to everyone that came to the Genealogy Group and made it a success! We had 12 people show up, and it sounds like everyone had a great time! We had beginners, intermediates, and descendants of Norwegian Kings and the Black Death era. The beginners have found ways to get started and have undertaken the Cultural Skills Unit. The intermediates shared stories with one another and learned about different ways to make family genealogy books. The experts shared what they had accomplished and acted as resources and helpers to the rest of the group.

Our group now has an email list to circulate information and to ask questions between meetings for those of us who are just too eager to wait a whole month. We will also be creating a list of books, locations, and websites as a reference for our genealogy group. So if you have any particular websites, books, libraries, etc. that you have found helpful, please email them to me or bring a list to the next meeting. I have purchased a modern Norwegian Travel Map that I will be bringing to the next meeting to help find locations, as well as a couple of Minnesota and Scandinavian history books. Also, I have considered the idea of having us take a field trip, possibly in the fall. If you could bring a list of places you would like to visit to the next meeting, we can start looking into costs and planning.

Somewhat of a consensus was made at the meeting, that Saturday morning @ 10am was a good time to meet. So I will continue to try and reserve that time slot at the library. Because I am organizing it, the particular Saturday of the month may change according to my availability. I’m sorry if I schedule it on a Saturday that you’re unavailable. I realize our next meeting is on Syttende Mai, but what better way to celebrate our Norwegian Heritage than to share our family stories and learn more about our ancestors?! I’m going to go eat at *Taste of Scandinavia* (on Rice St. in Roseville) for lunch after the meeting to celebrate. So if anyone wants to join me, they are more than welcome!

Thanks again! It was a lot of fun! I look forward to seeing you all again next month.

- Steve Røste

Adopt-A-School

Wednesday afternoon, April 2, found our Adopt-A-School volunteers once again at North Heights Christian Academy, this time teaching cooking to third, fourth and fifth graders. This was a hands-on experience as they rolled and cooked lefse, and made open faced sandwiches and rice pudding.

A big thank you to our volunteers: Shirley Brekke, Gloria Blomstrand, Donna Barnes, Ardyce Davies, coordinator Ruth Gibson, Millie Hartleben, Lynn Nystrom, Erna McGuire, JoAnn Ronning, Joyce Schweitzer, Andy and Jane Urness, and Lois Wandmacher.

A special thank you to Natural Ovens for supplying the bread for the sandwiches, and to Trader Joe's in Woodbury for supplying even more than we had requested--Jarlsberg cheese, salami, milk, celery, butter, mayo, tomatoes and cucumbers. Please support these businesses who so willingly give back to the community!

Our thanks to Millie Hartleben for the following pictures.



The Local Scene

11th Annual Ibsen Festival - Lanesboro, MN - May 2-4, 2008

A weekend of events celebrating Scandinavian theatre, art, music and dance, featuring the Commonwealth Theatre's production of Peer Gynt. See <http://www.ibsenfest.org/>.

Art: To Be A Poet is To See: Ibsen in Our Time, Culture: Find the Troll! Contest; Music and Dance: Norse Fiddle Concert & Dance; Food: Eggbake Breakfast & Bake Sale; Family fun: Kids' Crafts & Face Painting, Norwegian Crafts Display and Demonstrations, Norwegian Dance Demonstration, Troll Costume Contest & Parade, etc.

2008 Syttende Mai Celebration



The Metropolitan Joint Committee of Lodges, Sons of Norway, invites you to join the Syttende Mai celebration at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, on May 20th at 7:00 PM.

*The evening program features **Melissa Culloton**, a classically trained soprano, performing Grieg as well as folk tunes. She is a native of Haldan, Norway. She graduated cum laude with a double major in vocal performance and music education from St Olaf. She holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Minnesota. Miss Culloton's ensemble and solo appearances include Dryade in Ariadne auf Naxos with the U of M Opera, The St. Olaf Choir, Glemmen Ungdoms Kantori (Youth Choir). Other solo performances include a summer tour in Norway with the acclaimed Norske Blåseensemble (Norwegian Wind Ensemble), at MacPhail Center for the Arts, and at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis for the annual Leif Erikson Festival and Nordvendt concert series.*

Following the program, we will serve open face sandwiches and coffee. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Please make your **reservation by May 15th**, 2008, to Louise Bakken, 763-545-4827.

1st District 2008 Convention

To: All District 1 Lodge Presidents, Delegates & Newsletter Editors

From: District 1 Project/Fund Raising Committee: Arlene Field, Chair, John Drivdahl, Bob Skogman, Wendy Winkelman, Gary Anderson

We would like to request all Lodges to participate in a Silent Auction at the District 1 [2008 Convention](#). Please get this message out now to your Lodge Board and general membership about what your lodge would like to donate for the auction.

All proceeds from the auction will go to the District 1 Scholarship Trust fund.

Some examples of items we would appreciate included in the auction are:

Scandinavian items, rosemaling, hardinger, pewter, jewelry, lefsa griddles, quilts, gift certificates from national chain stores/restaurants, time shares, hotel stays, Norwegian cd's, books, and the list could go on...

We want nice items that many people will bid on. So, think hard and provide the District with one or more items for our Scholarship fund! If your Lodge would like to make a cash donation to the Scholarship fund, that would be much appreciated as well.

The delegates from each lodge can bring the items with them to the convention. If special arrangements are needed, call Audrey at 507/387-2223 approximately 2 months before the convention. (that is coming up)

Let's get started thinking, creating and doing!

Valdres Stevne

The 2008 Valdres Stevne will be held in Austin, Mn, on June 26-28th. Genealogy, arts and crafts, workshops and seminars will be part of the program. A tour of the Bear Creek Lutheran Church is planned for Thursday the 26th. Programs in the evening include Doug Ohman presenting Minnesota Byways and Multe, a Scandinavian dance band from Northfield. More information is available on the Valdres website: www.valdressamband.org or by contacting Earl Evenstad, president of Valdres Samband, at 612-861-4793, evenstad@mind.spring.com.

This and That

The Corner Library

by Trudi Johnson-Richards

The Shetland Bus is a true story of the Norwegian and British operation to run supplies, ammunition, weapons and secret agents from the Shetland Islands (Scotland) and Nazi occupied Norway during World War II. These efforts were key to the Norwegian Resistance during the German occupation. "Shetland Bus" was the nickname of a special operations group that made a permanent link between Shetland and occupied Norway from 1941 until the German occupation ended on May 8, 1945. The official name of the group was "Norwegian Naval Independent Unit" (NNIU).

This operation was initially a large number of small fishing boats and later three U.S. made submarine chasers were added: HNoMS *Vigra*, HNoMS *Hitra* and HNoMS *Hessa*. *Hitra* is still afloat as a museum ship at Haakonsværn in Bergen and in summertime cruises the Norwegian coast as a mobile exhibition.

Author David Horwath was the number two British Naval man in the Shetlands and had a key hand in each mission. Horwath was the Royal Navy officer responsible for coordinating activities with Norwegian fishermen during this time. The Shetland headquarters were in a home called "Flemington House." The boats were operated out of Lunna Ness, north of Lerwick.

The crew were men from the coast, fishermen and sailors who knew every spot in their area. They knew who was to be trusted, an important knowledge when something went wrong. They were young men, most of them in their twenties, some even younger. All crewmen were civilians, and had a wage of 4 pounds a week, free accommodations and a bonus of 10 pounds for each tour to Norway. The group made a total of 198 tours to Norway with fishing boats and submarine chasers. When the occupation ended, the Shetland Bus had transported 192 agents and 383 tons of weapons and supplies to Norway. They had brought 73 agents and 373 refugees out of Norway; 44 members of the group lost their lives.

What makes this book real is the stories about the storms that the men sailed through, the difficulties in getting their small boats across the North Sea and the narrow scrapes they had with Germans when they entered the protected waters of the Norwegian fjords. Most of their crossings were done in the dark winter months with storms and hurricanes. There were "Hardanger Cutters" with a straight bow and long stern from the Bergen area, and the more rounded "More Cutters" from the area around Alesund.

Epilogue. David Horwath (1912-1991), who loved the Shetland Islands dearly, died July 2, 1991. One of his last wishes was that his ashes must be scattered over the water in Lunna Voe. A memorial plaque is mounted on the churchyard wall at Lunna Kirk. The Shetland/Norwegian Friendship Society set up a plaque on the churchyard wall in remembrance of two unknown Norwegians who lost their life during the Shetland Bus operation.

The Shetland Bus was donated by Peter and Sharon Windey to the Synnove-Nordkap Lodge Library on December 11, 2007.

Telemark Region Bunad for Sale

The owner, Louise Butts, was given the outfit from her aunt. It includes the jewelry as well as purse, jacket, cumberbund. It is a size 14-16 with a 29" waist, bust 36". She is moving out of this area, and has decided to sell it. She is asking \$3,000 but is open to offers.

E-mail her daughter, Jean Bradford, at dotphoto@www1.dotphoto.com for pictures and more information.

Reverend Ole and Pastor Sven

Reverend Ole was the pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church, and Pastor Sven was the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road. I saw them yesterday standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that read :

"Da End iss Near!

Turn Yourself Aroundt Now!

Before It's Too Late!"

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled,

"Leave us alone, you religious nuts!"

From the curve we heard screeching tires and a big splash. . .

Rev. Ole turned to Pastor Sven and asked,

"Do ya tink maybe da sign should yust say 'Bridge Out Ahead'?"



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