

# See You At Civic Auditorium

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# Scandinavian American



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## Scandinavians Predominate In Northwest Fishing

### Co-Ops Reveal Scandinavian Trait

### Our New Lucia Bride



LORRAINE OLSON

Brown-Eyed Beauty Becomes Seattle's Lucia Bride of 1949

(Post-Intelligencer Photo by Clarence Rote.)

The Lucia Bride contest in Seattle has come to an end, but the Lucia festivities will not begin until Friday night in the Civic Auditorium, Seattle, when Miss Lorraine Olson, will be crowned the Pacific Northwest Lucia of 1949.

Miss Olson (No. 6 in the contest), chosen through an election sponsored by the Seattle Post Intelligencer, received 6,641 votes. Miss Pearl Lis Svenson (11) was runner up with 5,193 and third and fourth places respectively were captured by Carmella Solomon (10), 4,356 and Norma Lenz (3), 3,268.

Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olson of Chehalis, is of Norwegian descent, and was the third contestant to enter the Lucia Bride contest. It was her first popularity contest of any kind.

She is a bookkeeper at the University branch of the National Bank of Commerce. She attended the University of Washington last

year and hopes to return there next year to major in clothing design.

She is five feet, five inches tall, weighs 118 pounds, has dark brown hair and brown eyes.

A total of 33,560 votes were submitted in the contest and virtually flooded the offices of the Ballard Scandinavian Festival Committee. Much of the voting appeared to be organized.

#### Big Coronation Festival

The ten other contestants in the contest will compose the court of the Lucia Bride at the coronation ceremonies in the Civic Auditorium Friday. The public is invited to attend the event. Those participating in the program will include drill teams representing various Scandinavian lodges in Seattle, the Svea Male Choir, The Norwegian Male Choir, The Rune-

berg Mixed Choir and a choir composed of students from Ballard High School.

#### Opens Christmas Festival

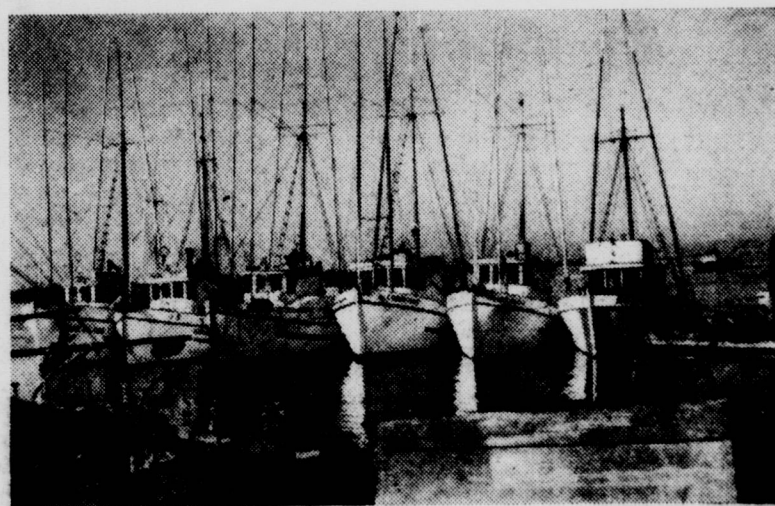
After two weeks of public ap-

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### Thanksgiving



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Scandinavians Own Most Of Seattle's Fishing Boats

By Roy Nelson

Consider the fact that the majority of our fishermen in the Northwest are Scandinavians. Consider, too, that, perhaps, in no other field of activity in the Northwest are the virtues of self-help and mutual assistance so widely perpetuated as among these fishermen.

Well, it's no coincidence. You see, in their own way they're proving that wherever a considerable number of Scandinavians work and live side by side, they

are apt to be true to the old Scandinavian tradition of banding together for the common good, one of the earmarks of modern Scandinavia with its large and efficient co-operatives.

One of the most fascinating and interesting features about the fishing industry in Seattle is the flourishing existence of large and efficient co-operatives. Let's take a look at them.

#### Co-op With 600 Members

Fishermen's Co-op in Ballard has a membership of 600. Most of the members are owners of large drag boats. President is Sverre Johansen and the manager is Henry Rostad, both Nor-

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### FERVOR AND FRIENDSHIP:

## Feelings Stirred When Famous Poet Of Swedish Descent Visited Everett

Everett had probably never before experienced anything like it. The bookstore clerks were stunned. Practically all available books on or by Carl Sandburg were sold out in a big hurry. Why? Carl Sandburg himself, had come to town.

Apparently everyone knew about it, but didn't see him around much. The Everett Daily Herald found that out. The paper tried to get an interview with the distinguished poet, Lincoln biographer and novelist of Swedish descent. He politely refused, and saw no one in particular except Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dodson, who "housed" him at their residence for several days.

Sandburg, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the Nobel prize in literature in recent years, also spent some time in Longview, Vancouver and Pullman, having lectured at colleges in those cities. But his visit to Everett was highly personal. He came here to visit a friend he had never seen before.

#### Letters from an Unknown Soldier

The friend, Kenneth Dodson, can be proud and grateful for his friendship, which was struck up



CARL SANDBURG

during the war without his knowledge. Dodson, a former sea captain, wrote a series of letters to his wife during the war, when he was feeling and seeing the effects of action in the Pacific theater. The letters, it appears, contained dramatic observations about what was going on about him and inside him at the time. His wife liked them. She made copies of them, sent the former to some relatives in Los Angeles. The relatives liked them, too.

Eventually one of them showed a copy to a visitor. The visitor became so impressed that he sent off a letter to the sensitive young man challenging fate on no man's waters. Thus, by the medium of

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